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AN INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY OF STATE LAWRENCE DENNEY

By Bob Neugebauer

BN. I would like to start off this morning with a few questions about the Land Board. The recommendation from Callan consultants to the Land Board was to sell off the commercial properties they have accumulated over the past years. Do you think they will actually do this?

LD. I haven't had a chance to vote on any and Land Board issues. The meeting was cancelled in January, but I think they will listen to the consultants they hired, and that they have seen the light. They will not put them on the market today, but I think over a period of time they will sell them off.

BN. We all know that you can't just dump commercial properties into the market and that it will take some time to sell these out of the portfolio, but how long do you think it will take them to dispose of all of the properties?

LD. I don't know what we have in that portfolio, but I estimate it will take three or four years before we are completely divested of the commercial properties.

BN. What about the trade of properties that took place between the commercial building in Idaho Falls and the acreage on Payette Lake which was bought by the college? There was a large discrepancy in the valuations of those two properties according to Bob Forrey who looked into the appraisals. Valuation of the Payette property was \$6 million and the appraisal on the Idaho Falls commercial building was only \$2.3 million, but the Land Board justified the trade by including the value of a 10 year lease with the federal government on the commercial building, which by the way had an escape clause in it. I've never heard of including the value of a lease when doing a building appraisal.

LD. I haven't been involved in any discussions on this subject, and I don't know what their plans are on the issue, but it doesn't look like it was a very prudent business deal to trade a six million dollar property for one worth \$2.3 million.

BN. We don't even know who the buyer and seller were since it was not disclosed.

LD. All you were getting was an intangible asset which common sense would tell you was not the best deal they could have made.

BN. Do you really think you can be effective on the Land Board with only one vote?

LD. I don't know how this Callan report came about at the same time we were all talking about the Land Board problems before the election, but I think it has changed the course of the Land Board and hopefully they are going in the right direction now.

BN. Agriculture Secretary Vilsack said in a recent article that the U.S. Forest Service is only sending out \$50 million in logging revenues to 746 counties, that's down \$250 million from last year, and Idaho's portion was cut from \$28 million to \$2 million. This is going to be a very large cut for our schools.

LD. You know I have been involved in the interim committee on getting our land back. There should be a report coming out today or tomorrow, and the biggest issue is that the committee doesn't think this fight to get our land back should continue forward. I believe we should continue to push forward and at least continue a committee to work at getting management of our lands.

BN. I know that management would be a first step, and there had been a proposal by Congressman Labrador to manage a certain portion of our land. Where do you stand on this issue?

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LD. I think that right now getting back management would be the best we could hope for, but to really do it right I think the state has to have title to the land, and I think that for several reasons. The Federal regulations put on the land make things very difficult. Everything has to have an environmental study. Take for instance the diseased timber. When we want to log that timber there is a process that could take years, and by the time you get approval the timber is worthless. Compare that with the state land where we don't have the environmental process to go through, and we have a timely sale and the next year the timber is harvested.

BN. We took a ride through the Sawtooth National Forest last summer, and the forest is in the worst condition we have ever seen it. Dead trees everywhere and so much over growth it is a wonder any of the trees can survive. This National Park has been turned into a national disaster area by the Forest Service.

LD. I agree with you, and I can get you a copy of a report that states that over 50% of the trees in the national forests are either dead or dying. The harvest in Idaho is 18 times less than what the mortality is. Why don't they just let us cut the dead and dying trees, and we could increase the harvest by 18 times.

BN. Your predecessor, Ben Ysursa, did nothing to help the situation, but the fact that you have been working with the American Lands Council and the Idaho County Commissioner, Jim Chmelik, should help turn things around in the next four years.

LD. I'm hoping we can continue to push on for active management of our forests. Also something that I will be able to do is interstate compacts with the surrounding states which have the same problems.

BN. Most of our wealth is tied up in our land that the Federal Government has basically taken possession of in terms of its use. They say it's our land, but we have no real control over it. My biggest worry is that they are going to try and take over more of our land permanently through the Antiquities Act or through other congressional legislative means like the bill that Mike Simpson is working on. I don't understand why the conservationists and Simpson are fighting to put the Boulder White Clouds Area into wilderness designation and a recreation area under the permanent control of the Forest Service after we have seen firsthand how they have let our forests burn to the ground because of their mismanagement.

LD. They have a different set of values than we have. The conservationists view of taking care of our forests means doing nothing with them. They believe in leaving it all up to nature, letting nature take its course which to me is not the most prudent thing for us to be doing. If we can remove timber mechanically instead of by fire, we have control of the outcome with their method there is no control.

BN. They say the fire we had two years ago that burned a million acres killed over 250,000 animals and was so hot it sterilized the soil to the point that nothing will grow, not to mention that our water shed has been forever devastated.

LD. What is amazing to me is the conservationists and environmentalists make no mention of the thousands of tons of CO2 that these fires released into our atmosphere. I can't understand why they are not screaming about global warming as this has made the problem worse.

BN. I wanted to talk to you about the INL, and the new shipments of uranium that the Governor and Attorney General are going to allow to be brought into the state which is against the 1995 agreement signed by former Governor Phil Batt.

LD. I'm not privy to all of the backroom things that went on there so I will give them the benefit of the doubt right now, but I think nuclear energy is the energy of the future, and one of the things I would like to see Idaho do is to use those high level radiation fuel rods and break them down into new fuel to power some small nuclear generators.

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BN. I understand the reuse of the spent fuel rods, but my problem is more about the other waste that we are storing, including 900,000 gallons of liquid waste sitting on top of the state's largest aquifer. The question is why are we accepting more new waste before we get rid of the old waste.

LD. We should have stuck with the 1995 agreement and held them to getting rid of the waste we were already storing. I don't know what that agreement entails as I haven't seen it, and I'm not sure if it was beneficial to Idaho or not. I do know that two former governors have criticized Governor Otter for accepting more waste, but I haven't really dug into it deep enough to know what the effects will be with all of that waste sitting on top of the Snake River Aquifer.

BN. It appears that money is more important than the value of keeping our state safe, and I certainly don't want Idaho to become the Yucca Mountain of our country. They need to get this waste out of here on a set timetable.

LD. Yucca Mountain is not even accepting any more nuclear waste, but they would be better able to store it than we are.

BN. We should be more concerned in Idaho because of the large number of earthquakes, in fact we have the sixth highest number in the U.S. There seems to be time in the legislature to hear "Add the Words" but we don't seem to be able to get anyone to discuss the dangers of nuclear waste. I believe the one thing that came out of that hearing was a better understanding of everyone's position on the issue.

LD. I actually was glad to see that Representative Loertsher held those hearings the way he did and didn't give those testifying any time limits to speak.

BN. There was certainly a diversity of people who came to testify. They had at least 1,500 people from every corner of Idaho. We moved here 22 years ago because of how conservative Idaho was, although we have seen an influx of more liberal and moderates moving in here, and even our legislature has lost much of their conservative thinking.

LD. We view Idaho, Utah and Nevada as rural states. They are not really rural states any more. What's happened is that our growth has been mostly in the urban areas. and they tend to be more liberal. Almost half of the population of Idaho is within 50 miles of this valley, in Utah it's all in the Wasatch Front and in Nevada it is in Las Vegas. Let's face it, our western states are slowly turning liberal even in a rural environment.

BN. The federal government has been forcing people out of rural areas for years as seen by the tremendous decrease in job opportunities in the timber and mining industries. Twenty five years ago you could find 50 and \$60 thousand a year jobs in our rural areas, but most of those jobs have been lost because of the feds environmental requirements.

Thanks very much for taking time out of your busy day to meet with us.

Gas & Oil Update from Gem County

By Jan & Wayne Montano

There have been two Gas & Oil Committee meetings that we have attended since we wrote our last article. At the January 29 meeting the committee chair read a statement that seismic testing and post extraction could not be addressed in our pending ordinance. If there are any questions please send them to Bobby Johnson at Idaho Department of Lands.

With that said seismic testing has started here in Gem County. In the west part of Gem County a company called Solen has contracted with Alta Mesa and a helicopter pad was put in on private property. The Soulen Company is owned by Lt Governor Brad Little's wife.

Several citizens had taken their concerns to the Gem County Commissioners about the helicopter pad and the amount of vehicles on the road. If one drives out Black Canyon Road (West) to the end they can see the pad and at the time we were there we saw about 18 Dawson vehicles lining the side of the road. Dawson is the company that is doing the seismic testing for Alta Mesa. The citizens were concerned about the road damage from this amount of vehicles. They asked if road damage occurs who will be paying for it? The county commissioners said they would look into this.

One citizen followed up on this last Tuesday with the Gem County Commissioners. He was told that the pad is on private land. The vehicles are causing no more damage than what agriculture vehicles would do. Agricultural vehicles are not included in the Gem County road maintenance plan. Attention Gem County taxpayers there are no protections for you in regard to seismic testing and any damage that might be done to our roads. To us this is very short sighted because if oil is found then fracking will be done and that takes a whole lot more vehicles up and down Gem County roads than for gas drilling.

At the February 10 committee meeting the committee representative for the land owners had some questions about the committee's language on water and air quality. She asked why they were going beyond the water testing recommendations made by the U.S.G.S for Gem County's Baseline Water Testing Committee. The gas and oil ordinance, so far, will require, if the land owner wants it done, they will test well water before any drilling starts. She feels that there are too many chemicals listed in the ordinance and that may stifle the company.

It was pointed out by another committee member that other areas of the country are having water problems from gas and oil drilling. Shouldn't we be prepared for that? The land representative said that comparing us to the Marcellus Schale Plain might not be right because we have a different geology and don't the companies use different chemicals? She went on to say that we shouldn't rely on amateurs, but the professionals from the U.S.G.S. This issue was tabled until they could get an expert to say what the county should test for.

Then the discussion was on air quality. The land representative said aren't these chemicals in our air now? Also she cited a letter from Alta Mesa attorney, Michael Christian, about the EPA air quality requirements and had the committee looked at it? She also said she was confused. How can you differentiate because some of these chemicals are already in our air shed? How can you test when we have inversions?

The pending ordinance does not cover any wells that would be drilled before the ordinance is in place. One of the committee members said that these pre-ordinance wells should come under the ordinance when they make any changes to the well. The land representative said what if the company wants to put a new type of technology on the well, but because of the extra cost in complying with the ordinance they may not.

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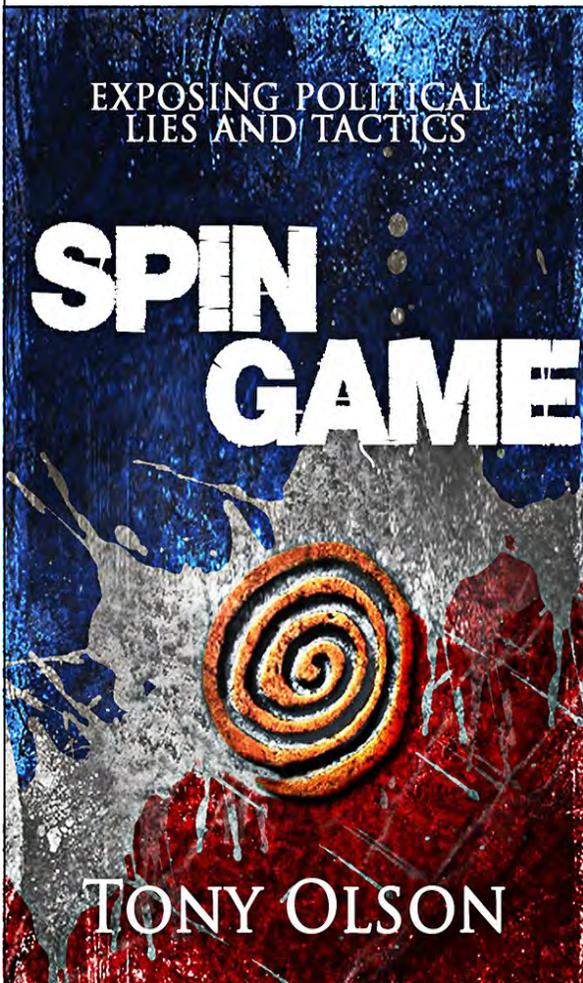
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This committee member has not been much of a contributor at the ordinance meetings. It was quite a surprise to hear her question issues that had been discussed at length by the committee at many previous meetings. Did I mention the committee land representative is Lt Governor Little's niece? It seems from what we heard at this last meeting she is not only representing the land owners of Gem county, she is representing the gas company Alta Mesa.

The House and Senate Resources and Conservation committees have passed the new gas and oil rules. At the House hearing the chairman of the committee said that they would be taking a good look at these rules and would be reading the rules line by line. There was concern about mitigation or forced pooling. A week later the committee must have been on overdrive because they passed the rules. Our State Representative, Terry Gestrin, sits on the House Resources and Conservation committee as co-chair. According to the information on the Idaho Secretary of State's web page, Representative Gestrin, in 2014 received a campaign contribution of \$250 from Alta Mesa.

It seems to us that Alta Mesa has a lot of influence with the State of Idaho. It appears that whatever the company does not like the Idaho Department of Lands and the Idaho Gas & Oil Commission in turn leans on the counties limiting what they can do to protect their citizens. Perhaps we should change the name of the State of Idaho to the State of Alta Mesa?

Next committee meeting February 24.
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THE PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENT AND ROLE OF A SHERIFF

By Doug Traubel

If you have ever felt small in the shadow of bureaucracy perhaps you asked, “What is the purpose of government?”

The answer is found in one of the four “organic laws” of the United States all of which are codified (law) found in Volume 18 of the Revised Statutes of the United States. Enacted by the 43rd Congress (A.D. 1873-1875) and published by the Government Printing Office in A.D. 1878); it is known as – The Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration is more than an historical document; it is law. It spells out for us binding fundamental truths that define the context and perspective of our nation at inception and the corresponding fundamental purpose of the Republic that emerged.

The document declares: “*We hold these truths to be self-evident...*” Self-evident means that what follows (the truths) are not to be subjected to debate or further examination: “*...that all men are created...*” This means that there is an architect and we are His creation: “*...equal and are endowed by – their creator – with certain unalienable Rights...*” This means that man did not give us our rights, but God did. Therefore, these rights cannot be separated from us: “*...to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men ...*”

So we see here the purpose of government. It is not to make sure you wear your seat belt or to protect you from obesity by banning big gulps. The Declaration tells us the purpose of government is to secure God-given rights. Whether or not you are a believer in God is irrelevant; this is part of the ethos that distinguishes us as “Americans.”

Attorney and 2004 presidential candidate, Michael Peroutka, of The Institute on the Constitution calls this historical and legal perspective, “The American View.” He acknowledges that we, “...do not live there now.”

If we are to restore our Republic, we must center up on The American View again or else surrender to the final transformation of moral relativism and state worship.

In a healthy country, it would be inconsequential how vigorously atheists rail against The American View. The only matter of relevance to an atheist’s position on the purpose of government is his unalienable right to voice his wrong opinion (as measured by the law).

Our founders told us that our republic depends on a moral and educated people. Without a fixed standard to measure by we find ourselves adrift and rotting from within. We need a restoration. This cannot be done in the cultural vacuum of moral relativism promoted by the architects of the intolerant diversity movement that has rendered us rudderless and self-destructive.

Despite what you might have been taught in public school or heard in the media, “separation of church and state” is not in the Constitution. That phrase comes from a letter penned by Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptist Church. What the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights does say is, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...”

The Constitution protects us from a theocracy; NOT from the moral compass of Christianity. The repeated and out of context references to Jefferson’s “separation of church and state” rather than Madison’s Constitution has confused us.

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It is absurd for President Barack Hussein Obama to suggest we are no more a Christian nation than we are a nation of any other faith(s). While the blood spilled by others of different faiths for America is no less real or appreciated, in the balance the crosses in Arlington National Cemetery say it all. Furthermore, our federal buildings are replete with Biblical references – including the Supreme Court. Look up photo journalist Carrie Devorah's, "God in the Temple of Government" for a snapshot of just some of the evidence. Even though CSPAN, CNN, MSNBC, FOX et al. crop out these Bible inspired images when filming the Capitol or Supreme Court, these bold monuments stand to the naked eye as a testament from our forebears about the inextricable Christian values (mortar) that are the root of our legal and cultural compass. Christian or not, in these times of deception and confusion we must center up on The American View to find clarity about who we are, what we stand for and where we are headed.

The Role of Sheriff

We must recognize that when laws conflict with the limits of the U.S. Constitution (the supreme fixed standard) they are usurpations. "...and deserve to be treated as such." — (Alexander Hamilton)

While these usurpations may look like law and are treated as law by "law enforcement" and the courts, they are what the Declaration of Independence describes as, "pretended legislation" or put another way: illegitimate. Case law, executive orders and regulatory violations are examples of this; Congress did not pass them so they cannot be law.

The proper role of the Supreme Court is to measure law NOT interpret it. They are to hold the ruler: the fixed standard of the Constitution — to what Congress passes and the President signs. In its proper and intended role, the Supreme Court would ensure that the Constitution protects us from our best intentions. The Supreme Court's purpose is to defend the Constitution not to treat it as a "living (morphing) document." But, instead it rubber stamps political agendas and makes what lawyers have come to call, "case law." Case law is a misnomer because again — only Congress has the authority to make law. What the court is empowered to do is render rulings; in other words "measure the law" and rule it constitutional or unconstitutional.

In instances where the Supreme Court settles disputes i.e. between states, their ruling is only binding to the parties in the dispute; otherwise they would be "making law" and violating the separation of powers. The Supreme Court is not empowered by the Constitution to interpret the law, only to measure it. Interpreting law places them as law maker; a constitutional role reserved for Congress exclusively. Not only can the Supreme Court not make law, neither can the President do so unilaterally. Executive orders are NOT law. Although they look like law, they are to apply only to employees of the executive branch and on areas of exclusive federal control like post offices and military bases.

Written in simple language our Constitution makes all of this clear. What turned us on our head is when the Supreme Court acted unconstitutionally and gave itself the (illegitimate) power of judicial review in Marbury vs. Madison.

The unchallenged and unconstitutional practice of judicial review creates volumes of "case law." Generations of case law argued by lawyers trained in that faulty reasoning takes us more often than not farther away from the fixed standards of the organic law found primarily in the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

Essential to the restoration of the Republic is The People embracing the fixed standards underpinning our legal and cultural foundation. Through this, we can stop further devolution into the subjective, sometimes arbitrary and always prejudicial mire of social justice over criminal justice.

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Why is the restoration of the fixed standards important? Think of builders. In ancient days, the fixed standard of measurement was cubits — the length between the king’s forearm, from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger. Over time a more precise fixed standard evolved — the ruler. A builder who receives blue prints cannot know how to interpret the intent of the architect without a “fixed standard” of measurement to guide him on the intended dimensions of the design. Our fixed standards of governance (the organic law) have been usurped by the whims of special interests and an occupation government that Professor Edward Erle of UC San Bernardino describes as, an *Administrative State*. This he says is a system where administration and regulation replace politics as the ordinary means of making policy. The Administrative State elevates the welfare of the collective over the rights and liberties of the individual.

The Administrative state has been superimposed over the Constitution; both are visible, but the former has taken over. The Administrative State was built incrementally by the misuse of the Commerce Clause; it is an occupational government. We still see the three branches of government, but it is theater.

Another essential component to restoring the Republic is that peace officers remain accountable locally and that they understand their duty (by oath) to interpose themselves between The People whose rights they protect and pretended legislation; much of it from the aforementioned Administrative State (occupation government). The Office of Sheriff is uniquely designed for this purpose.

The Sheriff is the only elected peace officer in the country. He answers to his boss: The People; not to judges, not to the president, not to the governor. In most states, it is a constitutional office. The Sheriff is The People’s guardian. The 2014 spectacle on Cliven Bundy’s ranch in Clark County, Nevada is an example of what happens when there is a weak Sheriff in office. It should have been through the advocacy and authority of the Office of Sheriff and then the State Attorney General, that Bundy’s original grievance was vetted and argued. The Sheriff’s late entry on stage caused Bundy’s argument to be unclear to the nation. This resulted in a motley band of protesters arriving — most fueled by noble intentions — with a minority in the mix looking for a flashpoint to a revolution. A Constitutional Sheriff on the front line with the facts at his side could have brought about a victory for liberty. The Sheriff’s absence not only contributed to chaos and confusion, but allowed the Bureau of Land Management to overreact unchecked with grossly disproportionate, unnecessary and illegitimate force against The People.

While the Sheriff has a role to interpose, the citizen has a role too. Citizens must understand their authority to nullify (render impotent) pretended legislation. Both interposition and nullification are powers that come from the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Interposition stems from Article VI that requires all public officials to take an oath to “...uphold the United States Constitution.” Therefore, it is possible for a peace officer to refuse to enforce “a law” and not be breaking the law by committing perjury (violating his oath), but, in fact, upholding the law. In this instance, his disobedience is obedience (to his constitutionally required oath). Ideally, backing him up is a moral and educated people in the jury who stand to nullify (an authority under the 9th Amendment albeit not expressly stated) pretended legislation. Consider the historic Rosa Parks case.

Plessy v. Ferguson (separate but equal) was erroneously treated as “law.” This “case law” was pretended legislation. It was produced by the Supreme Court, not Congress; therefore, it was not and could not be law. Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution says that “all” legislative Powers shall be vested in Congress. How much does that leave for the other two branches? Answer: None. If the responding peace officer stood on his oath and simply refused to enforce immoral and pretended legislation Rosa would not have been arrested. This is an example of interposition. The same can be applied to the enforcement of potential gun seizure “laws” and should have been done in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina when federal and local authorities unconstitutionally seized law abiding citizens’ weapons.

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Federal and State governments do not like the citizens to know about their authority to nullify because it places power where it rightly belongs: in the hands of The People where it could challenge what has to a large extent become a for-profit, power hungry court system and government.

Certainly nullification is a problem in the hands of an uneducated and immoral population for example in places like Baltimore, Maryland. In Baltimore it is often difficult for majority black juries to convict black defendants as a result of intimidation (“stitches for snitches”), shared gang affiliation, or out of some odd notion of social justice. This brand of nullification is not legitimate because its genesis is immorality. Another misuse of nullification is sanctuary cities for illegal aliens. This practice of local governments nullifying immigration law is not consistent with the fixed standards because border protection is an expressed constitutional duty assigned to the federal government.

President Obama’s and Attorney General Holder’s position on nullifying immigration law by opposing deportation, endorsing amnesty and encouraging invasion is unconstitutional and even treasonous in its scope. It is worse than an abdication of a constitutional duty; they are principals to crime by encouraging an invasion of illegal aliens such as the 75,000 + reported juveniles from Central America sent through the Mexican border in June of 2014. Our government is at war with us. Immigration is one of their weapons. It is being used as a mechanism to introduce deadly and disabling diseases once eradicated here, terrorists, criminals, economic sabotage and the dilution of the dominant culture. If we were an educated people we would be outraged and demand impeachment proceedings in order to bring the abuse of power by the executive branch to light. On top of that we would invite a military coup (d’état) to restore the constitution. We would demand to have Obama and Holder removed from office and jailed. But, predictably when the Left nullifies (illegitimately) and steps on the Rule of Law there is no accountability. The people are sheep, and the media give this rogue government a pass.

An example of an area where states could and should properly nullify federal law is the Affordable Care Act. The Supreme Court held that it was constitutional under the power of the federal government to tax under Article I, Section 8. This presents a problem because Article I, Section 7, Clause 1 known as the Origination Clause says that all bills for raising money must originate in the House of Representatives, not the Senate. The Senate is where Senator Harry Reid took House Resolution 3590, the Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act of 2009, and played a shell game. He removed the content under the “amendment” process replacing it with the Affordable Care Act. His confederates in the Senate knew that if they played by the rules the bill would never have come out of the House where as a tax it was constitutionally required to begin.

The Democrat party has moved beyond the classic arguments of liberal versus conservative surrounding how generous government should be. This is no longer JFK’s party. Marxists run the party now. **They are changing the very structure of government behind the Democrat label.** Obama sees his pen as a scepter. Madison’s safeguards in the separation of powers are not standing up to Dictator Obama. He is consolidating unconstitutional power in the oval office. Executive Amnesty, Obama Care and the twenty-four unilateral executive changes to it are examples of him circumventing the U.S. Constitution. Obama will not be impeached because the Republican Party is filled with co-conspirators.

We were cautioned about government corruption and the consequences of societal devolution by our founders. We were told that our republic depends on a moral, educated and informed people to survive. We are rotting from within. We need a restoration. This cannot be done in the noxious cloud of moral relativism and ignorance promoted by the architects of the Diversity Movement.

It is for each of us to decide — today — if we take an active role in the short time we have left and restore our constitutional republic through interposition and nullification. There is growing support for a constitutional convention, but this would open the document to more changes than we want. We simply need to enforce the Constitution we have. We need to behave like citizens not subjects! We must find bold candidates, who understand what is and is not Law; who know the purpose of government, its fixed standards, and will honor their oath.

Schooling for World Government: UNESCO's Global Citizenship Education Forum

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<http://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/education/item/20038-schooling-for-world-gov-t-unesco-s-global-citizenship-education-forum-kicks-off-2015-agenda>

With virtually no coverage whatsoever in the major media, UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) held its Second UNESCO Forum on Global Citizenship Education from January 28-30 in Paris, as preparation for its launch, several months from now, of the UN's Framework for Action on Education post-2015. This master plan is scheduled to be unveiled at the UN's World Education Forum, to be held in May in South Korea.

"We need new skills for new times — to foster greater respect and understanding between cultures, to give learners tools to make the most of diversity, to develop new values and behaviors of solidarity and responsibility, to harness the energy of young women and men for the benefit of all," [UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova told](#) the gathering of some 250 educators, government officials, and activists. "This is the importance of education for global citizenship and why this Forum is so important."

"Global citizenship must be placed at the centre of education systems," declared the headline of a press release on the forum issued by the UNESCO media office on January 30.

UNESCO's [Global Citizenship Education webpage](#) tells us: "Global citizenship education (GCED) is one of the strategic areas of work for UNESCO's Education Programme (2014-2017) and one of the three priorities of the UN Secretary-General's Global Education First Initiative (GEFI) launched in September 2012."

"Global Citizenship Education," the UNESCO site continues, "equips learners of all ages with those values, knowledge and skills that are based on and instill respect for human rights, social justice, diversity, gender equality and environmental sustainability and that empower learners to be responsible global citizens. GCED gives learners the competencies and opportunity to realize their rights and obligations to promote a better world and future for all."

That official UNESCO description of its GCED is pregnant with sufficiently troubling buzz words to set off alarm bells in even mildly alert parents and minimally informed *national* citizens: "social justice, diversity, gender equality and environmental sustainability" — all terms that have been, and are being, used to advance the UN's most noxious global programs.

Over the past two years, millions of American parents and educators have become alarmed and outraged over curricula and lessons associated with the controversial [Common Core](#) program funded, promoted, and mandated by the federal and state governments.

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Schooling for World Government: UNESCO's Global Citizenship Education Forum

Written by [William F. Jasper](#) Sr. Editor New American Magazine

Many of these newly alerted citizens are beginning to realize that the “local” or “state” Common Core program their elected and appointed officials have adopted is not local at all, but, rather, a global program camouflaged to look as if it were a locally originated product. (The familiar slogan, "Think globally, act locally," takes on newly sinister meaning in this context.)

The Common Core curriculum proceeds from the World Core Curriculum of the late New Age guru and UN Assistant Secretary-General Robert Muller (1923-2010), who was also founder and chancellor of the UN's University for Peace. In my book *The United Nations Exposed* (2001), I quoted extensively from Dr. Muller's books, particularly, *New Genesis: Shaping a Global Spirituality* and *My Testament to the UN*, in which Muller advocates world government under the United Nations, which he idolizes as, literally, a divine institution.

In *My Testament to the UN*, Muller channels his close New Age associate Sri Chinmoy, writing:

No human force will ever be able to destroy the United Nations, for the United Nations is not a mere building or a mere idea; it is not a man-made creation. The United Nations is the vision-light of the Absolute Supreme, which is slowly, steadily and unerringly illumining the ignorance, the night of our human life.

The divine success and supreme progress of the United Nations is bound to become a reality. At his choice hour, the Absolute Supreme will ring His own victory-bell here on Earth through the loving and serving heart of the United Nations.

In *New Genesis*, Muller tells us that the divine UN is leading us to "the apotheosis [deification] of human life on earth."

“New Concepts of Good and Bad”

Robert Muller fully realized the revolutionary nature of his educational mission at the UN, which he served in official capacity for over 40 years. "As on the eve of the French Revolution," he stated in *New Genesis*, "... we must outgrow the increasingly erroneous notion of good and bad as seen by a particular group ... and define new concepts of what is good or bad for the entire human family. This is absolutely essential."

The French Revolutionists to whom Muller directs us for moral guidance were, of course, as vile, violent, and degenerate a cabal of bloodthirsty criminals as ever has assembled. And the “new concepts of what is good or bad for the entire human family” he advocates can be seen in gory detail in the mass rape, terror, and genocide perpetrated by UN “peacekeepers” all over the globe. (See [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).)

Robert Muller's worshipful view of the UN is, no doubt, a principal reason why he was awarded the UNESCO Prize for Peace Education in 1989. Muller's “new concepts of what is good or bad” translated into the UN granting accreditation to the notorious Kinsey Institute last year, so it could join the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS, which was already UN-accredited) in working officially inside the UN to promote perversion. (See [here](#) and [here](#).)

The UN watchdog group Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam) has reported extensively on the UN's promotion of abortion, pedophilia, and the LGBT agenda. (See [here](#) and [here](#).)

The UNESCO document proclaims, “The State is the custodian of education as a public good,” which must proceed from “a holistic and lifelong learning approach” — one that will be UN-guided and will implement “global targets at [a] national level.”

“It has been agreed so far,” the document states, “that the post-2015 education agenda should be clearly defined, balanced and holistic, and take a lifelong learning approach. The post-2015 global education agenda should be rights-based and adopt an equity perspective, expanding the vision of access to that of access and learning through the provision of quality education at all levels, taking a holistic and lifelong learning approach. It should be of universal relevance and mobilize all countries and stakeholders, regardless of their development status. While the State is the custodian of education as a public good, the role of civil society, communities, parents and other stakeholders is crucial in the provision of quality education.”

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FEDERAL LAND OWNERSHIP ROBS IDAHO OF ITS AUTONOMY

By Jim Chmelik Idaho County Commissioner

Written in response to the February 8, 2015 article by Marty Trillhouse "Who wrote the lands task force report anyway".

Saying Idaho Deputy Attorney General Steve Strack has the final word on the legality of disposing public lands is like saying Stephen A. Douglas had the final words in his defense of slavery during his presidential debates against Abraham Lincoln.

Just as blacks were kept from enjoining in the promises made in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, so, too, today are the Western states deprived of their opportunity to share in the equality of statehood as the other 38 states have enjoyed. With such vast federal ownership, we in the West have neither the means nor the opportunity to compete, and Secure Rural Schools payments represent nothing more than keeping both the West and our sister states in bondage.

Why should the other 38 states be robbed of their industry to pay us not to produce?

Why should a federal bureaucracy 2,700 miles away dictate rules they are unable to dictate to the other 38 states?

Why do the citizens of these states have a say in how we run our affairs in the West?

When the federal government owns 65 percent of the land within your borders, you are not a state; you are a federal territory.

By definition, this ownership places you under the heavy hand of the federal bureaucracy and by default we are nothing more than serfs on the federal plantation. We have not the means to "property, industry, skill, economy, intelligence and character. No race without these elements can permanently succeed." Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, and Martin Luther King Jr., all wrote and spoke of the fundamental values of individual freedom, liberty and equality based on a transcendent principle that these truths are self-evident and that all men are created equal and these truths are granted to men not by governments but the Creator.

From Lincoln's Cooper Union and "House Divided" speeches to King's "I Have a Dream" speech, we have come to understand these fundamental principles and the right of access to these principles should be unabated by governments.

Booker T. Washington wrote: "The Negro must not be deprived by unfair means the franchise. ... He must have property, industry, skill, economy, intelligence and character. No race without these elements can permanently succeed."

King spoke in his "I Have a Dream" speech: "They were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir."

Without access to these lands, we will be forever retarded in our quest to seek our competitive advantage with the other 38 states. Likewise, our sister states cannot fully utilize their potential because they are forced by the federal government to pay the Western states not to produce, and it has become apparent that this Ponzi scheme is failing.

In this scheme, the federal government does not just create serfs of the Western citizenry but the other 38 states also become beholden to the edicts of this taskmaster. Robbing Peter to pay Paul destroys the incentive for both and, in turn, all our freedoms and liberty are subject to the whims of the federal government. Under this scheme, our founding principles of fairness and equality for all have come under attack and we have to ask ourselves a question: Is this the direction we wish to take or do we seek another course? America has proven her resiliency time and again, and once again we are faced with another opportunity to prove we believe in those values of equality, fairness, opportunity and our willingness to struggle for what is true, right, noble and just.

Just as the struggle to eradicate slavery and the battle for civil rights made our county better, so, too, will this struggle to bring about equality among the states make us stronger. Future generations are counting on us to stand for these principles that so many Americans have fought and died for.

In the words of Pope John XXIII: "Let us consult not our fears but our hopes and dreams. Think not about our frustrations but our unfulfilled potential. Concern ourselves not with what we have tried and failed to do but rather what is still possible for us to do."

COMMON CORE AND YOUR CHILD

by Anita VanGrunsven

There has been a lot of discussion about Common Core recently, both in Idaho and across the nation. Since its introduction, parents have risen up to object to strange math problems and questionable writing assignments sent home with their children. One notable commentator is Michele Malkin, a frequent guest on TV shows and the parent of children in Colorado schools. Here is an article where she urges parents to protect their children from the coming spring testing: (<http://michellemalkin.com/2015/01/28/choose-to-refuse-say-no-to-parccsbac-testing/>)

Several states have now passed laws directing their state department of education to withdraw from Common Core. This is a bi-partisan issue as both the Idaho Republican and the Washington Democrat parties have, at their state-wide meetings this January, passed Resolutions directing their legislatures to do the same. Idaho Representative Ron Nate has submitted legislation to the education committee removing Idaho from the SBAC testing component. Dr. Thomas of the Madison School District, just named 2015 Idaho Superintendent of the Year, is a leading spokesman in the effort to rid Idaho of Common Core. I have an email from him that I will forward to anyone who asks.

Idahoans for Local Education (<http://idahoansforlocaleducation.com/>) has a website devoted to the truth on Common Core. Much of what you read on the official state website is demonstrably false and they prove it. An Idaho teacher has written two impassioned letters (<http://idahoansforlocaleducation.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/A-Letter-on-Common-Core-and-Associated-Testing-2.pdf>) informing parents of the full scope of what the government has planned -- including computerized records on each individual student from kindergarten to age 20. For what purpose, a parent might ask?? This starts with the computer-based tests they will be taking later this month.

New York has been involved in Common Core for two years longer than Idaho and we can learn from their experience. 557 principals signed and published this letter to parents: (<http://www.newyorkprincipals.org/letter-to-parents-about-testing>) In eleven numbered paragraphs it details their objections but, for brevity, I'm listing only two of the titles: Ambiguous Questions Appeared throughout the Exams; and Children have Reacted Viscerally to the Tests. They additionally describe "**Here's What We Do Not Know:**" How these Tests will Help our Students; How to Use these Tests to Improve Student Skills or Understanding; The Underlying Cause of Low Test Scores; What to Expect Next Year; How Much this is Costing Already-Strained Taxpayers. Why would you continue to test over those objections? Please read the letter! It's important and very well written.

In New York, thousands of parents have opted their children out of the tests. It is possible in Idaho, too, but you need to start now. The Idahoansforlocaleducation website has the form you need. Expect to be told you can't do this -- but you can! The law is on your side! Call or email me (grassroots@ctcweb.net) if you want copies of the letters, the form, or have questions

Financial Extortion via Title IX

By Chris Pentico

On April 4, 2011, the Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Education sent out a “Dear Colleague” letter to any educational institution that receives financial aid. This means over 90% of the grade schools, high schools, and colleges nationwide received this “guidance” letter; this guidance letter does not have the power of law. One problem with the “Dear Colleague” letter is that it advocated standards that violated the usual interpretations of *Davis v. Monroe County Board of Education et al.*, a 1999 U.S. Supreme Court decision.

I am going to commit an “argumentum ad verecundiam” here and let the faculty from the Harvard Law School make some of my arguments after setting the stage with past events. (In other words, I am cheating a little bit and relying on their credentials.) You may enjoy the link <http://www.examiner.com/article/education-department-says-harvard-violated-title-ix-by-not-parroting-bureaucrats> for some of their legal arguments.

There are two reasons I am giving some deference to the ivory tower of academia called the Harvard Law School. First, they tried to do the right thing and protect the rights of the accused. The second reason is they are a law school. They actually have some experiences with law enforcement and the judicial system; most university administrators do not have this. The Boston Globe does list the changes Harvard were forced to accept. (<http://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2014/10/14/rethink-harvard-sexual-harassment-policy/HFDDiZN7nU2UwuUuWMnqbM/story.html>) The absence of any adequate opportunity to discover relevant facts, know the charges being presented, confront witnesses, and mount a defense in an adversary hearing makes a mockery of constitutional rights. Emily Yoffe does a good job on expressing what happens when you use these standards based upon an University of Michigan situation. (http://www.slate.com/articles/double_x/doublex/2014/12/college_rape_campus_sexual_assault_is_a_serious_problem_but_the_efforts.html) There should be cause for concern.

To involve Title IX, a claim of sexual misconduct must be so severe, pervasive, and objectionably offensive that it undermines the victim's education experience. This is a result of the Davis case. You cannot use the “preponderance of evidence” standard as proposed in the “Dear Colleague” letter. Under the Office for Civil Rights proposed standards, there is a lowering of standards that threaten due process (14th Amendment), freedom of speech (1st Amendment), potentially double-jeopardy (5th Amendment), and potentially the right to a speedy trial (6th Amendment). This puts almost every school and college in the United States at greater legal jeopardy for being sued.

A pattern can be shown starting with the University of Montana - Missoula in 2013. The Harvard Law school is the most recent victim of financial extortion where the Office for Civil Rights unilaterally is declaring their letter as the new standard with the power of law. The point of the aforementioned Harvard article link is that it gives us a guide to some of the legal challenges that could be made through the court system and should cause problems for the Office for Civil Rights.

You may also be asking why should the Harvard matter be important in Idaho or some other state? The White House created a task force with a hit list. Try this link for a copy of the targeted colleges and universities: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/05/01/college-sexual-assault_n_5247267.html. There are many other news websites that contain the same information. For Idaho, the University of Idaho is on that hit list. Your university or college may be there as well. If your college or university is not on that list, it does not ensure they are safe as well.

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I question the White House's professional ethics in this matter. I questioned a friend that is an IRS agent that audits government entities a few years ago. I asked what could he discuss involving his investigations. His answer was he could not discuss a matter of a specific entity (usually a school) unless it was already in the public press. In fact, he couldn't even discuss if an entity is being investigated. There are some good reasons for this. The fact an investigation is occurring biases perception when wrongdoing may not have occurred. The second reason I question White House professional ethics is they did not provide specific charges on what was being investigated. Knowing who is and what is being alleged is essential to putting up an appropriate defense.

So you should be asking why the Department of Education just doesn't order learning institutions to comply with their wishes? They do not have the authority to do such. Title IX only gives them the authority to withhold federal funding; this came about as an extension of Congress' spending authority.

It is actually more important to ask what is the Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Education trying to impose via their "Dear Colleague" letter. The Office of Civil Rights is actually advocating the "preponderance of evidence" standard and is forcing colleges to give up the "clear and convincing evidence" standard. The essential difference between "preponderance of evidence" and the "clear and convincing evidence" standards is that you lack the beyond a reasonable doubt standard for "preponderance of evidence." To put it another way, the "preponderance of evidence" standard will have a group of administrators believe someone is probably guilty just over a 50.01% threshold, and they will be justified to act. "Preponderance of evidence" is the judiciary's lowest standard of proof.

Because a student has a property interest in his or her education, that student cannot be deprived of this interest without due process of law. To do such, would violate the 14th amendment. This creates the situation of "whipsaw" liability, where the school or college faces lawsuits from both the alleged harasser and the alleged victim. The school or college administrators would have a financial incentive to protect the alleged victim to keep federal funds by expelling or suspending the alleged harasser; this inherently biases the process.

With respect to free speech, the Office for Civil Rights is advocating "polite" speech without regard to protected speech. They do not define "unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature." This puts into question if the following actions are now prohibited:

- Using masculine terms for a generic pronoun.
- Overhearing music or a joke that contains content of a sexual nature.
- Students asking other students on dates.
- Controversial artwork and theatrical productions (*e.g.*, Vagina Monologues).

A professor assigning a book or showing a movie where content of a sexual nature is included. There are many more examples. By the way, you may wish to check your state laws on the controversial artwork. Some states actually have college exemptions for what is normally considered pornographic.

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- Here is what you can do:
- Ask your local school boards, state boards of education, college administrators, and state boards of higher education are they using the “Dear Colleague” letter or the *Davis v. Monroe County Board of Education* case to create standards on how they handle sexual misconduct. Also ask “Why?”
- If you are a college student or a parent of a college student, have your state legislators contact the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE). They are a non-partisan non-profit organization concerned with 1st, 5th, and 14th Amendment rights for college students and can help legislators in drafting laws to protect you or your kids. If you are a college professor, contact the American Association for University Professors. The following other organizations have also shown an interest: The Alliance Defense Fund, Feminists for Freedom, John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy, National Association of Scholars, American Council for Trustees and Alumni, The Heartland Institute, Accuracy in Academia, David Horowitz Freedom Center, and the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression.
- Ask your legislators for a right to counsel law for nonacademic matters like what is being proposed in North Dakota (<http://www.thefire.org/bipartisan-student-right-counsel-bill-introduced-north-dakota/>). Some public colleges have a notorious habit of drawing out matters way too long, especially if they have an administrator that figures out the college or one of their staff actually made a bad decision or did something wrong. Also remind them cover ups get them into deeper trouble; this could actually breach qualified immunity under the 11th amendment and make them personally liable. Dishonesty has always been grounds for corrective action. This is a “due process” matter with implications that goes beyond sexual misconduct. *Goss v. Lopez*, a 1975 U.S. Supreme Court decision, actually requires precautions against unfair or mistaken findings of misconduct and arbitrary school suspensions and expulsions.
- Education is usually considered a local or state matter. Have your legislators push for a “clear and convincing evidence” standard for schools and colleges as part of state law or their administrative rules. This will force a confrontation for the Office for Civil Rights to explain in federal court why they are ignoring a U.S. Supreme Court decision and usurped Congressional power.

Welcome Mr. Netanyahu. **By Tom Brennan**

Welcome to the United States, Mr. Prime Minister. Or should I say, welcome back. You have honored this Nation with your previous visits and your studies here in Boston and your career there as a consultant as well should make you feel at home. Please let us express our thanks for answering the invitation of the Speaker of the House, Mr. Boehner to give us your expert advice on how to deal with the imminent danger this Nation faces from the war declared upon us by The Caliphate (ISIS) and The Islamic Republic of Iran.

Like most Patriots I am still shocked by the insults, backstabbing and disgraceful attitude of the current Administration and its boot-licking mainstream media. Please be assured that in no way do these narcissistic, egotistic and cowardly individuals represent us in any way. The American people are much smarter than the current regime and its attendant Ivy League PhD attendants such as Professor Gruber from MIT.

Most Americans after witnessing several Jihadist beheadings, murders and rages can only marvel at the strength, resilience and resolve of yourself and the people of Israel. We anticipate your experienced and wise counsel on how to prepare for and repulse the all too much expected Jihad on our own soil. In the 1930's as European Jews sought to flee the oncoming nightmare that culminated in the horrors of Auschwitz, many were refused shelter here because an anti-Semitic Democrat Party had to be catered to by a desperate Administration. (<http://news.nationalpost.com/2015/01/30/charles-krauthammer-european-jew-hatred-is-back/>) Even today as the last of the generation that survived the extermination camps goes to “sleep with their fathers”, the current Administration sends the “JV” to attend ceremonies at the observance of the time when the Liberators of another generation of Americans, the “Greatest Generation” freed the survivors and endured the shock of what they saw and witnessed. Again, our apologies for a mindless and arrogant group of increasingly irrelevant individuals.

We also continue to court, cow-tow and bow before a Saudi Government whose Wahhabi version of Islam is at the extreme end of the spectrum and public floggings and beheadings mirror those of The Caliphate in Syria/Iraq. Even the Government itself reports on how brutal our “ally” is. Still the President finds a four-hour, multi-million dollar pilgrimage to bow before the new King a priority instead of any mention of the Auschwitz ceremony. (<http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2015/01/30/a-disconnect-in-honoring-saudi-arabias-king-abdullah/>)

Iran surges towards its first nuclear warheads and our Government buys them time. Thinking and rational persons wonder and worry about why we allow a Government that has sworn to exterminate the United States of America and then Israel to produce the weapons that will kill us. Only fools can believe the lies and idiocy that flow from State Department “spokespersons” who seem to not be able to recognize the obvious. You know better and we know you.

So, welcome Mr. Netanyahu, you are among friends. Thank you for not wasting precious time meeting with an immature President who shows as much disrespect for the Congress of the United States as he does for you. We're all in the best of company. And if you could find the time to make a short visit to Idaho, I'm sure you'd be very welcome here.

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**AN OPEN LETTER TO THE SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES
COMMITTEE MEMBBERS FROM JOE MORTON**

Dear Honorable Senate Resource & Environment committee members,

My Name is Joe Morton – I live in Emmett, Idaho on land that has been owned by my family for over 30 years – I speak on behalf of the many who cannot attend this meeting today.

I have to believe that the vast majority of your constituents who elected each of you to office expect you to look out for their basic rights above the privileges of a few corporations. If you approve these Rules as drafted, your constituents will discover that you have ignored THEIR claims in favor of subsidizing Alta Mesa, a Houston Texas business --- and that their out-of-state land men who have entered our state will continue to be allowed to use deceptive, predatory tactics, on elderly people to secure mineral rights --- and then force 45% of those who rightfully own their minerals to give up their gas & oil at ANY market value.

On Friday January 29th, 2015 Natural Gas was traded on the **Henry Hub** price chart at \$2.89. In September of 2005, the exact same Natural Gas which Alta Mesa seeks under our homes was sold for \$14.84. This represents a DECREASE of over 500% in the past decade. (These statistics are from the U.S. Energy Information Administration website.)

Idaho Statute Title 47-330, is about the Oil & Gas Conservation Fund. It clarifies that the gas or oil is to be taxed based on the published **Henry Hub spot price**.

Alta Mesa has registered 15 producing wells in Payette County with a status of “Shut in pending a pipeline”, 1 well (State #1-17) producing since July 2013, and 2 active permits “NOT DRILLED”. The operation of State #1-17 in the City of New Plymouth has netted the state of Idaho a total of \$1676.79 in tax revenue in the 1 1/2 years and since beginning of production. http://tax.idaho.gov/reports/EPB00073_12-31-2014.pdf

At the same time, smaller amounts of money given to New Plymouth and Payette County have been quickly eaten up by road mitigation expenditures.

This state's low severance tax rate of a mere 2.5% is not going to fairly offset the EXPENSES incurred by cities and counties hosting gas development. Nor is it going to provide the huge benefit to the State treasury that the gas industry has been touting.

The theory that oil and gas is a natural resource in which the public has an interest and that this collective interest is greater than that of any individual landowner, is false when the expense incurred is being carried on the backs of the citizens.

If you who are elected officials do not FIRST address Idaho Statute 47-330, the sole purpose of which is for industry to pay for the expenses of administration of the Oil & Gas Act "for the PRIVILEGE of extracting oil and gas in this state" --- and consider the PEOPLE of this state BEFORE the affairs of FOREIGN corporate entities --- then I submit to you that you have NOT served this state AND ITS PEOPLE as you were elected to.

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Forced pooling constitutes a hardship on property and mineral owners who do not wish to lease now or have industrial gas activity on their land. Their legal OWNERSHIP of mineral rights is supposed to guarantee them the right of say --- but these rules on "Integration" allow OTHER people to determine what happens on MY property. ONE large acreage owner will be able to essentially TAKE the property rights of many landholders LIVING ON their smaller properties --- that is WRONG.

This situation not only stamps on people's rights, it places their mortgages, insurance, and property values in jeopardy --- at the whim of the gas industry. It's one thing if a person WISHES to lease and take their chances; FORCING people to lease puts the STATE in the role of exposing citizens to such risks.

I respectfully ask that you STOP the process of approving these rules as written. Send this Rule back for the purpose of revising sections 130 & 131, with the stipulation that it be revised to give the citizens of ALL districts in the State of Idaho fair representation of private property & mineral rights. As a taxpayer of this state, I respectfully ask that you also prioritize your effort during this legislative session to revise the severance tax law so that it is fair and just, providing adequate monies to the counties and cities that are adversely impacted by the exploration and extraction process.

I also ask that you take steps to regulate out-of-state unlicensed land men who are now free to use predatory practices to secure mineral rights

Please reflect on the following when voting on rules for oil & gas today.

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." (Romans 15:1)

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Morton
5722 Silverleaf Ext. Emmett, Idaho 83617

AN ALTERNATIVE TO OBAMACARE **ALTRUA HEALTHSHARE by Randall L. Sluder**

Altrua HealthShare, or simply Altrua, is a recognized Health Care Sharing Ministry (HCSM) under the Affordable Care Act. That means that members are eligible for exemption from the shared responsibility payment (tax) mandated by the Affordable Care Act. Altrua is a nationwide faith-based membership of individuals and families who share in each other's medical needs by heeding scripture calling on believers to bear the burdens of others. *Galatians 6:2 (NIV)* "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Each month, members of Altrua voluntarily send their monthly contributions to be placed in an escrow account from which members' eligible medical needs are shared according to the member guidelines and escrow instructions. All medical needs are processed according to the official member guidelines. No eligible medical need has gone unshared by the membership since Altrua started.

Altrua HealthShare was first established in early 2000 under the name, Zion Share, which had its corporate offices in Utah. Zion Share was formed to offer a dedicated and viable health care alternative to the members of the LDS church and their families. When the original founder of Zion Share decided to pursue alternative business opportunities, the company changed its name, moved its corporate offices from Utah to Texas, and underwent a corporate structure change that involved the leadership, board of directors and a new Executive Director. Shortly thereafter, while remaining the health care sharing alternative of choice for the members of the LDS church, Altrua also welcomed individuals and families of other faiths to become members as well.

Every day thousands discover Health Care Sharing Ministries as an alternative to health insurance. Sharing ministries similar to Altrua have been around for nearly thirty years, and billions of dollars of health care needs have been shared in by fellow members. Health Care Sharing Ministries are NOT insurance but in several ways operate similarly. Sharing ministries are biblically based and members are called to abide by a certain set of standards established through the member guidelines and the application of a Statement of Faith or Statement of Standards particular to each individual Health Care Sharing Ministry. As a member of a Health Care Sharing Ministry (HCSM), one is considered by the medical profession to be a self-pay patient. Self-pay patients typically enjoy lower costs than are charged to health insurance companies. HCSM members do not participate in subsidizing or paying for certain lifestyles that continue to add to the rising costs associated with insurance companies. Members of a sharing ministry remain self-pay but benefit from having other members who believe in caring for one another through the Health Care Sharing Ministry.

Unlike some of the other Health Care Sharing Ministries, Altrua does not require a pastor, elder or representative from one's local church to sign an acknowledgement verifying church attendance or the validation of the medical need being submitted to the membership for sharing. Members of Altrua do not have to wait on other members to send their individual checks to them for the sharing in their medical needs. The members of Altrua can rest assured that each eligible medical need submitted to the membership will be shared in accordance to the members' escrow account instructions and the member guidelines.

Altrua HealthShare and its membership opportunities are developed and based on biblical guidelines established for living a healthy and honorable lifestyle according to godly principles. Altrua is not bent towards one denomination, religion or walk of faith. Altrua leaves the convictions of each individual to honor the Statement of Standards for becoming a member

Altrua HealthShare is NOT insurance; however; members of Altrua are eligible for exemption from the Affordable Care Act better known to Americans as Obama-Care.

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AN ALTERNATIVE TO OBAMACARE **ALTRUA HEALTHSHARE by Randall L. Sluder**

How It Works:

Members submit a monthly contribution. Member contributions are placed into an escrow account, from which members' medical needs are shared according to the membership guidelines and escrow instructions. The Member Guidelines explain what medical expenses are shared through this cost-sharing, faith-based program.

When a member receives medical services from a hospital or medical provider of the member's choice, the member will present her/his Altrua HealthShare ID card. The provider should then submit the medical need directly to Altrua HealthShare. Altrua will process the need according to the membership guidelines and escrow instructions.

Becoming a member of Altrua:

An individual or family fills out an application for membership and signs the application stating that they will abide by the Statement of Standards. The applicant sends in the application along with the annual membership contribution. Applications are processed and contact is made if any additional information is needed. Once an application is approved the applicant receives a membership welcome packet with additional information, membership cards, and a request for the first monthly contribution. If for any reason an applicant is not accepted into the membership, the annual membership contribution is returned right away. New members of Altrua are not limited to certain times of the year in which membership is available.

Statement of Standards:

Because of my biblical convictions, I choose to live a clean and wholesome life, and share the following standards and convictions with members of Altrua HealthShare:

I believe in keeping my body clean with proper nutrition and consuming foods in moderation. I believe that the use of tobacco, illicit drugs, and excessive alcohol consumption is harmful to body and soul. According to the word of God sexual relations outside the bond of marriage between a man and a woman are morally wrong.

I believe that abortion is wrong, except in special circumstances such as rape or serious injury to the mother, and then, only after careful consideration by all concerned.

I believe that I am obligated to provide and care for my family and that abuse of any kind of a family member or anyone else is wrong.

Membership Types and Contribution Amounts:

Altrua offers three different types of memberships, Gold, Silver and Bronze. Each of these three membership types are designed to fit the exact need that an individual, couple or family may be looking for as a member. There are options that can be added to each type as well that may be of interest.

Contribution amounts vary by age and family status.

Membership Types and Average Monthly Contribution Amounts:

Gold- Single: \$204.00, Married: \$367.00, Family*: \$438.00

Silver- Single: \$182.00, Married \$326.00, Family*: \$393.00

Bronze-Single: \$145.00, Married \$283.00, Family*: \$338.00

**Family size is up to 5 family members. Additional children can be individually added to family for an additional monthly contribution.*

PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE

By John Malloy, Post Falls

Idaho's Legislature is poking around the fringe of an application for a Constitutional Convention (Con Con) by considering in the State House Affairs committee, RS23423, the "Idaho Limited Convention Act."

On February 2, the committee voted to print it for presentation to the House.

Note the Statement of Purpose:

This legislation provides procedures for selection and exercise of authority by Idaho delegates [the cart] to an Article V Convention [the horse], if called by states. This bill does not call for a convention. Under Article V a convention can be called with the requisite number of applications from states, whether or not Idaho has joined in that application. The legislation allows Idaho to be prepared to represent its interests should a convention be convened with or without its application.

[parentheses mine]

To some, this might appear as a back-door attempt to grease the skids for a follow-up application by our state for an Article V Constitutional Convention.

To some, it might seem like a waste of valuable time, considering that no one really knows what procedure would be established by Congress, should Congress eventually be required to call the convention.

Upon the committee's action, every member of the whole legislature was emailed correspondence presenting arguments against a Con Con. Many legislators responded, expressing thanks for the information. One legislator who recognized that much of the information was a product of, or influenced by, the John Birch Society (JBS) responded thus:

"Thanks for this info... Do you know what JBS is doing to move the ball forward and fix the situation Congress and our Judicial system are currently in. (sic) We can no longer just "say no"."

Though edited for clarity and general applicability, the following reply was sent to the Honorable Legislator:

"Thank you for your reply.

The JBS is doing what it has always done, promoting adherence to the original Constitution in its original intent. This takes education. The JBS is informing voters (and legislators) of the current dire situation and offering Constitution-based solutions. Also, through its own "Freedom Index", and by sharing the Idaho Freedom Foundation's "Idaho Freedom Index," it is educating constituents regarding the voting records of our Congressmen and our state legislators. The JBS believes that an informed electorate is essential to the mission's success.

Apparently, you are familiar enough with the Assembly of State Legislatures, and other promoters of a Constitutional Convention (Con Con, and all of its "roses by any other name"), to have embraced their catchy slogan, "We can't just keep saying, 'no.'"

At the JBS, we have embraced our own catchy slogan:

"We love the Constitution so much we want to preserve it!

They 'love' the Constitution so much they want to change it."

Maybe you have to "keep saying 'no'" because you're answering wrongly-presented questions

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PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE

By John Malloy Post Falls

How would you answer these:

Does the Constitution enumerate only certain limited authority and responsibility to Congress?

*Are all other issues, beyond those that are enumerated for Congress, reserved for the States
(or the people)?*

Is there currently any spending by Congress on things outside the scope of their enumerated powers and limitations?

Would living by the rule of law (the Constitution) eliminate huge sums of Federal spending?

Would living by the rule of law reverse the ubiquitous intrusions by the federal government into the business of the States and the lives of the people?

Is Congress already ignoring, to a large extent, our current Constitution?

Would the federal government likely similarly ignore any product of a Con Con?

I hope it felt good to have kept saying, “yes,” to all of these.

If you didn't answer “yes” to all of these, then you are among our targeted audience.

*Remember that the federal government was created by the states and answers to the states, not vice versa. Through the Constitution, the States have told the federal government what to do. You and your fellow legislators have the authority to tell the federal government what **not** to do.*

*You have the opportunity to stand strong in defense of the Constitution that made this country the greatest the world has ever seen (which, by the way, is what you swore an oath to do when you accepted the office to which you were elected). **Or, you can take the lead in rendering yourself and your fellow legislators irrelevant.***

In 1788, James Madison, speaking of an Article V convention, said it “would no doubt contain individuals of insidious views, who, under the mask of seeking alterations popular in some parts ... might have the dangerous opportunity of sapping the very foundations of the fabric [of the Constitution].”

I urge you to disassociate yourself from “individuals of insidious views.”

Of course, there is a time and a place to “just keep saying “no’.”

Like every time Congress, the progeny of the States, tries to impose upon its creator, the States, something beyond the authority granted to it by the States.

But we can talk about that later.

THE CON-CON CON GOES ON

By Rich Loudenback

Quoting Joe Wolverton, II, J.D. of The New American magazine, "The various purportedly unrelated efforts by self-professed conservatives, socialists, and progressives to call for a new constitutional convention are moving forward. Many otherwise well-meaning state legislators are falling for their common line that such a convention is the only way to save the Republic.

"The self-professed conservatives, on one hand, insist that if a new convention isn't held, the growth of the federal government will go on forever until all power is consolidated in Washington, D.C.

"Their socialist and progressive collaborators, however, are pushing for an Article V convention as a means of finally changing all the things they believe are wrong about our form of government.

"Rhetoric and political leanings aside, the result of either scenario is a new Constitution. Of course, the Convention of States (COS), the Compact for America, and other Article V proponents on the right, argue up and down that they are not calling for a new constitutional convention. Then, as if that weren't enough, they criticize those of us who oppose their movement for being "false constitutionalists," and for believing that the Constitutional Convention of 1787 was a "runaway" convention.

"Do you really believe all these different drives for whatever kind of and name convention that would follow Article V rules are just coincidental? You should be asking yourself a few questions." - unquote

SEVEN COMMON SENSE QUESTIONS ON ARTICLE V CON-CONS

1. Do the Congress, the President, or the Supreme Court follow the Constitution?
2. If the Constitution were amended for the better, why would the three branches follow the Constitution any more faithfully than now?
3. Is the problem the Constitution, or is it the voters who elect those who are supposed to follow the Constitution and do not?
4. Can a Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA) work if its provisions can be waived by Congress for various emergencies such as military conflicts, high unemployment, poor economy, etc.?
5. Can a BBA work if the Federal Reserve is allowed to continue to print money out of thin air?
6. If the Constitution is not the problem, why not follow it instead of amending it?
7. What would prevent the liberal-left from using an Article V constitutional convention to impose their own agenda?

REVEALING FACTS ON APPLICATIONS AND RESCISSIONS

You should know that since applications have been recorded and tracked there have been over 400 various applications for an Article V convention. 49 of the 50 states have at one or more times filed for an Article V Convention. Idaho has been listed for calls 6 times all the way back to 1910 and a most recent rescission in 1999.

Since 1988, 17* states have rescinded all of their constitutional convention calls. Rescinded Con-Con calls: AL 1988, LA 1990, OR 1999, ID 1999, UT 2001, ND 2001, AZ 2003, VA 2004, SC 2004, GA 2004, MT, 2007, OK 2009, WY 2009, NH 2010, SD 2010, and TN 2010. *Actually FL had rescinded its Con-Con calls in 1988, but passed a new BBA Con-Con call in 2010.

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Given the numbers of applications it's amazing that we've been blessed with forthright rescissions prevailing in most instances due to awakening to the reality of the fatal danger a Con-Con would pose to our Constitution once it's called.

THE CON-CON CON IN A NUTSHELL

1. Why should anyone believe new amendments will be followed any more than current law?
2. We already have laws and rules for balancing our budget. We don't need a new Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA).
3. The BBA scheme allows Congress to spend money on **anything, no matter how unconstitutional**, so long as the amount does not exceed the limits set in Section 2 of the BBA.
4. 34 States can apply for a convention but only the U.S. Congress has the power to call it and establish the rules.
5. Those rules deal with delegate selection, pay, location and date.
6. Once convened the Con-Con is **free to create its own agenda including HOW they will ratify**.
7. The 'Single Issue' pitch cannot be guaranteed, the Con-Con can deal with whatever and as many **issues** as it wishes.
8. Ratification can be $\frac{3}{4}$ of the states' (38) legislatures **OR/** in '**special ratifying conventions**' in the $\frac{3}{4}$ states thereof. **Which do you think they'd choose?** Legislatures might debate forever. Ratifying conventions are a rubber stamp. [*Utah's legislature would not have repealed Prohibition. The rules for Article 5 were used to pass it through a ratifying Convention.*]
9. Beware of false Constitutionalist. The Federalist Papers are not **government** documents. Our Constitution reigns.
10. Read Article V. It's very short, explicit and again does not connote a single issue ability.

***17 states have rescinded their applications to a Con-Con since 1988, of which Idaho was one in 1999**, after awakening to how fatal a Con-Con could be and the real root interest (\$) behind them.

Salivating, originating forces of the many different calls really just want the door to a Con-Con opened, understanding full well once they've convened they can change anything and everything. **These are very devious people with clandestine designs for our future who are being followed by the naïve and over trusting.**

Legislators should not fall for poker face promises & hyped un-researched proclamations. They need to do the research, the hard work themselves. They owe it to us, their constituents that hired them, and all our grandchildren. **Aren't you curious why there are so many different organizations all calling for single issue Con-Con's?** As Vince Lombardi would say, 'What the Hell is going on here!'

THIS IS THE SINGLE BIGGEST THREAT THAT CAN TAKE DOWN AMERICA OVERNIGHT. **No other issue facing us can take down our beloved country as we've known it literally overnight like this one.** Legislators should not be taken in by professionally prepared hype based on 'doctored' information presented as fact. Legislators need to 'patriot up,' do the hard work and do right by their oath to follow and protect our wonderful Constitution.

Join the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance



Your membership makes a difference!

The ISAA is a member-driven organization fighting for our Second Amendment rights in Idaho. The support of our members is critical to supporting our efforts, such as:

- the Preemption Project to remove illegal "no guns" signs and illegal city and county ordinances that penalize law abiding gun owners, and
- Constitutional Carry legislation being introduced in the 2015 state legislature.

Membership levels available:

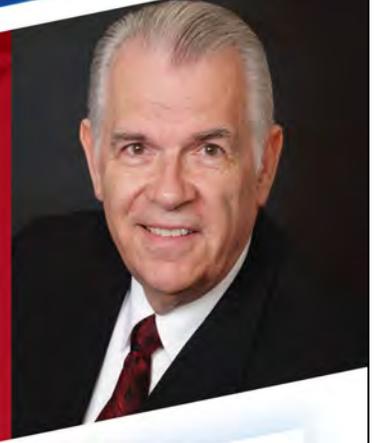
- 1 Year - \$25, Includes Window Sticker
- 2 Year - \$40 (save \$10), Includes Window Sticker & Hat
- 5 Year - \$90 (save \$35), Includes Window Sticker, Hat, & Challenge Coin
- 5 Year Founding - \$150 (Only 100 Available), Includes Window Sticker, Limited Edition Hat, Limited Edition Numbered Challenge Coin

Sign up online at idahosaa.org/membership/



Come join us to support our Constitutional Carry (permitless carry) legislation. This bill allows everyone who is not prohibited by state or federal law to carry openly or concealed without a permit.

We will meet at the Center on the Grove at 3:30pm and march to the capitol building for a short rally



WHAT IS THE REAL PRICE OF FREE TRADE?

Free trade agreements have been sold as the solution for increasing trade between countries and maximizing economic opportunities. However, the actual results show something entirely different.

Join Arthur R. Thompson as he discusses the real price of free trade and questions why current free trade agreement discussions are involving subjects outside of trade, including climate change, sustainable development, homeland security, the military and international courts.

Mr. Thompson is CEO of The John Birch Society, former owner of a manufacturing business, and author of "International Merger by Foreign Entanglements."

03/18/2015 – 07:00PM
Boise Hotel and Convention Center
3300 Vista Ave. Boise, ID.

Ticket Price: \$5.00
For More Information call:
Tom Munds: 208-861-6405
Or email: tmunds@jbs.org

03/19/2015 – 07:00PM
King's Little Theater
2100 Parke Ave. Burley, Idaho
Ticket Price: Free (Donations welcome)

For More Information call:
Rita Ramsey: 208-678-3729
Or email: rramsey@pmt.org

The John Birch Society

JBS.org

HELPING HAND FUND

5K RUN/WALK

WILL BE HELD AT
JULIUS C KLEINER PARK
SATURDAY MAY 2, 2015



JOIN US FOR THE HELPING HAND 5K RUN, PET WALK & PET FAIR!

The Helping Hand Fund will bring you an exciting day on May 2nd, 2015. The second annual Helping Hand event will be held at the beautiful Kleiner Park from 9:30 am - 12 pm.

The days events will feature a "Beat the Doc" 5K run, a 1 mile Pet Walk, and a Pet Fair with fun contests for people and pets, demonstrations and vendor booths.

Proceeds from the walk will benefit the Helping Hand Fund, Meridian Valley Humane Society (MVHS), and Helping Idaho Dogs. All three organizations are not-for-profit and benefit pets and people.

Please review our Sponsor Package with the many exciting benefits for your company,

If you have any questions, please contact myself, or one of the charity leaders below.

BENEFITS OF BEING A HELPING HAND RUN, WALK & PET FAIR SPONSOR

Our goal is for each sponsor to connect with the pet owning public as you help make our event successful. We will be offering a variety of marketing approaches to make your investment in the event pay off for your business.

ADVERTISEMENT & PRESS RELEASES

There will be press releases and community calendar listings of the event

We will showcase the event with PSA and ads

ONLINE ADVERTISING

A web page is set up at www.idahohelpinghandfund.com listing sponsors and event information. Walkers will be accessing this site for sign up as well.

POSTERS & EVENT BROCHURES

We will have brochure handouts with major sponsors listed along with their logo. These will be distributed at local stores and gathering places.

VENDOR BOOTHS AT ALL SPONSOR LEVELS

All levels of sponsorship can have a vendor booth at the event.

There will be a raffle of an iPad and participants will have to visit booths for a stamp to be eligible for the raffle.

TARGETED HOME OWNERS RELEASES

We will have mass e-mails sent to various Meridian Home Owner Associations telling of the event and featuring the sponsors



DR. BOB BEEDE, *Co-Chair*
KIM MULVAHILL, *Co-Chair*
Helping Hand Fund
208.888.2910

DEBBY DECKER, *PRESIDENT*
Meridian Valley Humane Society
208.412.6779

CAROL JENSEN
Helping Idaho Dogs
208.850.3936



SPONSORSHIP CONFIRMATION



COMPANY NAME:
(exactly as it should appear in print)

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

We/I would like to sponsor The Helping Hand Fund Fun Run and Walk at the following level:

- TOP DOG (\$5,000)** Yes, we want to provide and host a vendor booth for the event approx. 10' x 10'
- HEART OF GOLD (\$2,500)** Yes, we want to provide and host a vendor booth for the event approx. 10' x 10'
- BEST IN SHOW (\$1,000)** Yes, we want to provide and host a vendor booth for the event approx. 10' x 10'
- CHAMPION (\$500)** Yes, we want to provide and host a vendor booth for the event approx. 10' x 10'
- EVENT PATRON (\$250)** Yes, we want to provide and host a vendor booth for the event approx. 10' x 10'
- VENDOR SPACE (\$125)** Yes, we want to provide and host a vendor booth for the event approx. 10' x 10'
- NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS (\$75)** Yes, we want to provide and host a vendor booth for the event approx. 10' x 10'
- Please contact me for Raffle Prize Donation (\$25 or more in product or gift certificates)
- Please contact me for Promotional Material for Walk Packet

If you selected a vendor rank above, please describe booth content:

VALUE OF CONTRIBUTION:

1) Cash \$ _____ 2) In-kind (fair market value) \$ _____ Please list/describe item or service in detail: _____

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Check enclosed (payable to Helping Hand Fund, a 501 (c)3 fund)
- Credit Card
name on card _____
card # _____ exp _____ security code _____

DESIGNATED CHARITY

*(Helping Hand Fund, M/H/S or
Helping Idaho Dogs)*

*Please remit contribution and signed contract to:
Helping Hand Fund | 800 W Overland Rd, Ste 2 | Meridian, ID 83642*

Return signed form and logo/artwork by February 1, 2015 for inclusion in printed materials.

Email high resolution vector or native format logo/artwork to: Idahovet@iacl.com

Questions? For more information, contact:

Dr. Bob Beede at 208-888-2910 or Idahovet@iacl.com or Kim Mulvihill at 208-888-2910 or mkmtlvahill@yahoo.com

SPONSOR: We/I agree to the terms indicated above.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE HELPING HAND FUND FUN RUN AND WALK

THE MERIDIAN VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY



MY NAME IS JORDY I'M LOOKING FOR A HOME I'm a CIHUAHUA mix and only 6 years old. I love people and like to snuggle. Because I'm so small I don't require a lot of maintenance just a lot of loving. Please come down to the shelter and check me out.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING JORDY CONSIDER CALLING THE MERIDIAN VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY 191 S. LINDER RD. CALL 208-794-0944

The Meridian Valley Humane Society is up and running again at a new location at 191 S. Linder Rd.

Many of you may remember that in 2013, the city of Meridian made a decision to contract with the Idaho Humane Society to provide animal control and sheltering for the City of Meridian. The old Meridian shelter closed on September 30, 2013 and the remaining dogs were transferred to the Idaho Humane Society. The volunteers of the Meridian Valley Shelter still had a dream to continue to help homeless dogs find their new homes/families. A dedicated group of these volunteers formed a new Board of Directors and became an independent canine rescue focusing on dogs whose owners are no longer able to care for them.

Debby Decker, President of Board, is in the forefront of this new shelter and seems to have matters well in hand at the new Meridian Valley Humane Society. The new shelter has been up and running for about a year, and they are handling between fifteen and twenty dogs at a time.

Currently the dogs come from owner relinquishments, and outlying communities that have no shelter where police departments keep animals for only five days and then euthanize them. They are now serving all of the Treasure Valley, including people from Oregon.

Their expertise is getting to know the animals likes and dislikes and then matching them with families looking for dogs. They have had great success with finding a "forever home" for the dogs. They feel the "dog chooses his family".

They are run totally on donations with no government support. They have no volunteer vets on staff, but they do get group discounts from the vets they use. They have been running some offsite events to help fund the shelter. The next one will be on Oct. 24. Debby Decker said it has been a "blessed year" for them with people being very good about donating. They are a 501c3 so all donations are tax deductible.

COMPASSIONATE CARE AND PASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS. Their paycheck is hearing updates from people who adopted one of their dogs. They are in need of more volunteers. Their website shows various opportunities for volunteering with an application on the website.

<http://www.meridianvalleyhumanesociety.org/>

ANNOUNCING THE NORTHWEST LIBERTY ACADEMY!

...teaching the principles of a Free Society and Free Enterprise

Our Mission

To teach the principles of a Free Society and Free Enterprise beginning with the Founders acknowledgement that men are by nature free and derive their natural rights from God, not government, that the proper role of good government is to protect the "inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness", and that Free Enterprise is the right of the people to engage in a free and moral exchange of ideas, goods and services.

Idaho State Capitol



2015 Liberty Symposium
June 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th
State Capitol- Boise, Idaho

Classes offered for Students ages

- 12-14 yrs.
- 15-18 yrs.
- Adults, no age restriction

- Meet elected state officials and get a *personal tour* of all three branches of government from the Idaho Statehouse to the Supreme Court!
- Meet top business leaders and learn about our mentorship program!
- Learn what it takes to develop and start *your own* business enterprise!
- Learn about ethics, leadership, communication skills and so much more. . .

Also offering Adult Classes ages 19-119, no age restriction!

We have heard from many adults who believe their educational experiences were far from complete. This is *your* chance to "fill in the holes" with some **Austrian Economics and Free Market Principles** from the brilliant likes of Hayek, Von Mises, Rothbard and others. Learn historical perspectives from Frederick Bastiat, Alexis de Tocqueville and some other historical figures you might not have learned about.

For more details on program, costs, and scholarships contact us at:

info@nwlibertyacademy.org

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2015 Essay Contest

"Eternal Vigilance" and the Oath of Office

Write an essay on what you think Thomas Jefferson meant by "eternal vigilance", and why the Oath* of Office is considered a sacred trust.

The *winners will receive a scholarship* to the Northwest Liberty Academy to be held at the Idaho Statehouse in Boise, June 17,18,19 & 20th.

Deadline for essay submission is May 15, 2015.

Winning Essays will be announced and read at the 2015 NW Liberty Academy.

- Rules -

1. There are three age categories: 12-14 yrs., 15-18 yrs., & 19 and older (no age restriction)
2. Essays are limited to no more than 500 words
3. Submit essays by email to: elizabethallanhodge@gmail.com
4. The scholarship includes student tuition, materials, bus transportation during academy, hotel and meals. It does not include transportation to and from Boise.
5. Deadline for essay submission is May 15, 2015.

The essays will be collected and an independent panel will pick the "best of the best".

*as originally defined by Noah Webster 1828

Check us out at: <http://nwlibertyacademy.org/>

Questions? Contact us at: info@nwlibertyacademy.org

if the citizens neglect their duty and place unprincipled men in office, the government will soon be corrupted; laws will be made, not for the public good, so much as for selfish or local purposes; corrupt or incompetent men will be appointed to execute; the public revenues will be squandered on unworthy men; and the rights of the citizens will be violated or disregarded."

-Noah Webster, 1832, History of the United States

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It is with great enthusiasm that Alan and I invite you to join us on a quest to further our understanding and knowledge of Liberty and Free Enterprise. For over 25 years we have been involved in various efforts to further the case for both of these ideas.



Our mentor, the late Ralph Smeed opened a door back in the mid 70's by introducing me to such great works as *The LAW* by Frederick Bastiat, and *Mainspring of Human Progress* by Henry Grady Weaver, while offering a scholarship to seminars sponsored by FEE (Foundation for Economic Education) where I would first read "I, Pencil" by Leonard Read. At the time I was serving as a young Christian Education Director for a local church in Caldwell, Idaho.

My parents had grounded me in certain principles regarding liberty and enterprise, but I would not come to appreciate their efforts and wisdom for years to come. I remain grateful to them and to God for placing me under their instruction.

For the past two years, Alan and I have been traveling throughout the northwest meeting with individuals and speaking at public and private schools, churches, service organizations and business conferences. We have addressed over 10,000 fellow Americans. We were constantly struck by the number of people who were kind enough to come up to us and thank us for talking about our "Republic" and the opportunities afforded to us as citizens. We were equally taken by their request that we include classes for Adults along with younger and older youth. To that end the Northwest Liberty Academy was founded. Based on moral and economic principles of a free society with emphasis placed on the *proper role of government* and the preservation of our inalienable rights to life and liberty including the right to peacefully *engage in a free and moral exchange of ideas, goods and services*.

With blessings from God, we look forward to the work set before us and invite you to join us in this great adventure!

Elizabeth



ALAN HODGE, NWLA CO-FOUNDER

For the past two years, Elizabeth and I have traveled throughout the northwest speaking on topics related to our Republic and the moral and economic implications of a free society. It has been during that time that I began to hear from others who, like me, believed there were gaping holes in their education.

While touting the virtues of Keynes and Galbraith, never once in my time at the university did I hear the names, Hayek, (recipient of a Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences) or Von Mises (noted Austrian Economist), and Milton Friedman (recipient of the 1976 Nobel Prize in Economic Services) was given passing mention as a mere "eccentric." The entire Austrian School of Economics was totally ignored.

Over the years I have grown wary of conventional wisdom regarding the whole "left, right paradigm". I had a front row seat in the political grand stand during Elizabeth's tenure in the Idaho House of Representatives. I personally witnessed her frustration that, while politicians uttered empty platitudes of free enterprise and limited government, many members of both parties voted for more government intervention in our lives and less economic and personal freedom. That was all brought home when a former colleague told Elizabeth "You can do anything you want here, your constituents will never know." Elizabeth's incredulous response of "But I'll know", held no sway.

It is with much excitement and pleasure that we decided to step out in faith with the Northwest Liberty Academy. We look forward to the journey.

Yours for liberty,
Alan

N  rthwest Liberty Academy!
2015 Symposium SPEAKERS



Connor Boyack, Author
President Libertas Institute



Kris Anne Hall
Kris Anne Show, "Liberty First"



Scott Hodge
President Tax Foundation



Jason Riddle
FEE, Foundation for
Economic Education



Lawrence Denny
Idaho Secretary of State



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Justice Daniel Eismann
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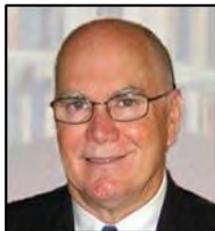
Sen. Chuck Winder
Idaho Senate



Rep. Vito Barbieri
Idaho House



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Idaho House



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Alan Hodge, Co-founder NWLA

The Gem State Patriot would like to introduce our readers to a new web site we are partnering with.

“TVOI NEWS THE VOICE OF IDAHO”

Their mission is to bring common-sense back to our government and elected officials.

TVOI News is a brand new online alternative news and entertainment site whose mission is to shine a light of journalistic truth through unbiased well documented news as well as local entertainment including talk shows, mini series programs and music/talent shows.

TVOI

The Voice of Idaho

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Serenity by the Sea is located in the beautiful gated community of Nantucket Shores in Pacific City, Oregon. Nantucket Shores sits above the ocean and has spectacular ocean and mountain views



Serenity accommodates up to 10 guests. It's ideal for Family Vacations, Retreats, Conferences and Honeymoons. We're offering a 15% discount (excluding July and August) for Gem State Patriot readers. For further details go to <http://www.vrbo.com/preview/165064> or call Patty at 503-936-9247. We have been here three times and enjoyed every one. Bob & Judy Neugebauer

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