



THE GEM STATE PATRIOT



All Around Idaho Inc. Publication
Volume 16 , July 1, 2014
©

Knowledge is Power as Silence is Consent. We will
bring you the knowledge so you can rise up and
restore freedom and liberty back to our country.

Welcome to The Gem State Patriot, we are a not-for-profit newsletter.



“INSIDE THIS ISSUE”

PAGE 2,3	Patriot Academy Graduation and Winning Essay by Elizabeth Harris.
PAGE 4	Is Idaho's Standard Concealed Carry Permit Going Away by Greg Pruett.
PAGE 5,6	They Call It Black Friday for a Reason by Brent Regan .
PAGE 7	The Credentials Committee of 2014 Republican Convention by Gresham Bouma.
PAGE 8,9	There's a New Kid in Town by Darr Moon.
PAGE 10	Kevin Miller 580KIDO for the Boise Rescue Mission.
PAGE 11	E-Mail Letter from Governor Otter.
PAGE 12	Reply to Governor Otter's Unity E-Mail by Robert and Barbara Forrey.
PAGE 13,14	Rebuke of Governor Otter's E-Mail by Tea Party Bob.
PAGE 14	Introduction to a Democrat by Robert Forrey.
PAGE 15	Rino Hunting—Remember the State Healthcare Exchange .
PAGE 16	Knock Knock Butch-Please Reread the Proper Role of Government by Wayne Hoffman.
PAGE 17	Eviction Notice to Lobbyists: Reprint and send to your legislator.
PAGE 18,19	Food for Thought by Darr Moon / Thank You Letter from Senator Fulcher.
PAGE 20,21	Operation American Spring by Warren Grover.
PAGE 23,24	Common Core Ties to Federal Funding by Austin Hill/Idaho Reporter.
PAGE 25-28	Consequences & Motives by Rich Loudonback.
PAGE 29-35	Advertisements and Meeting Notices.

Please direct any comments or requests for subscriptions to this newsletter to:
Bob Neugebauer: Publisher E-mail - nugie@cableone.net Phone - 208-887-2144
Steve Ackerman: Editor E-mail - sackerman@cableone.net Phone - 208-860-8055

PATRIOT ACADEMY 2014 GRADUATING CLASS

IDAHO STATE CAPITAL STEPS



Why a Republic vs. a Democracy?

By Elizabeth Harris

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the **Republic** for which it stands ..."

Freedom, Justice, Integrity. Words associated with the lighthouse of Nations, The United States of America.

In our pledge of Allegiance and our Constitution, a vital word is used to define America. *Republic*. We are a Republic, a nation where there is a separation of powers, where every man has a voice and the responsibility of using it, a Nation that's founding was ignited, not by the sole minds of men, but by the inspiration and guidance of Almighty God.

Continued on page 3

Why a Republic vs. a Democracy?

By Elizabeth Harris



Why a Republic vs. a Democracy? Because with a Democracy, men can be subjugated to other men, but with a Republic, man is given the Liberty to govern himself under the divine laws of God. Able to make full use of his talents, able to protect and nurture his family, able to practice freedom of religion and free market. Because America, if governed as a true Republic, shall be blessed by our Creator and can and will stand as the greatest nation in history

Our Founding Fathers believed that human nature is basically weak, sinful and corruptible. Our Republic is a form of government where power is separated, making it difficult to pass laws and make changes. This keeps the majority or even a powerful and evil minority from making the decisions that dictate a nations fate. A Republic is rule by law, making men accountable for their actions. A Democracy is rule by feeling. The men who sacrificed much to found

America understood this and guarded against it mightily. John Adams said, "Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide."

Power. Craved and sought after throughout history, Power, instead of being the salvation of nations, has instead often been their downfall. Is power really so easily corrupted? Yes! Men like Patrick Henry, Benjamin Franklin and George Washington, recognized this. They saw first hand how the power of a few evil leaders could enslave an entire nation, even across the vast ocean between two lands. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. This is a fact. No man or even group of men can rule with absolute power and keep perfect harmony and justice. Historian Lord Acton said, "Authority that does not exist for Liberty is not authority but force." A Democracy seeks to rule men, a Republic seeks to allow them to defend their God given rights and liberties, thus empowering them to govern themselves. This is true freedom, this is when a nation can be powerful without a corrupted leader dictating its ruin.

America, Land of the Free. Why? What allows us to be free? It is not our military strength nor the politicians in Washington DC passing laws and creating policies. It is the wonderful fact that our nation was created to be accountable, not to men, but to God and his divine law. James Madison, Father of the U.S. Constitution, said "We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to The Ten Commandments of God." Strong words, words that in my generation, are often attacked or dismissed. But those words are the life and breath of America. They are the very reason that we are considered one of the greatest nations in all of history. Our Founding Fathers understood that without a moral duty to God our creator, without the guidance of His laws, America would fall under its own weight and power. Thus they created our Republic, to allow us to govern ourselves, not with the power of government, but with the power of the Almighty.

Why a Republic vs. a Democracy? Because with a Democracy, men can be subjugated to other men, but with a Republic, man is given the Liberty to govern himself under the divine laws of God. Able to make full use of his talents, able to protect and nurture his family, able to practice freedom of religion and free market. Because America, if governed as a true Republic, shall be blessed by our Creator and can and will stand as the greatest nation in history.

This is the second time Elizabeth Harris has won the Patriot Academy Best Essay Award.

IS IDAHO'S STANDARD CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT GOING AWAY?

By Greg Pruett

This is the question many asked when the Enhanced Permit was proposed in 2013. The concern was that once the Enhanced Permit was passed, some politicians and law enforcement officials would try and get rid of the standard permit in the name of "efficiency" and in order to "save money". Subsequently, the Enhanced Permit would not be enhanced enough and the training and financial requirements would be increased. If you are not paying attention to this issue then it is time to wake those up who are not and let them know what is going on.

Our ultimate goal should be and always has been, Constitutional Carry, which is your right to carry without a permit. While we continue to fight for the restoration of the 2nd Amendment here in Idaho, we must also prevent further degradation of it. We must fight those who wish to further restrict our right to keep and bear arms. Those who wish to get rid of the standard permit are doing so for several reasons, and none of them are good for Idahoans. A recent meeting with Sheriff Raney, Sen. Hagedorn, and firearms instructors discussed just this possibility.

Politicians and law enforcement officials who sign off on getting rid of the Standard Permit are fighting for gun control. There is no sugar coating it. If the Enhanced Permit is the only option, then less Idahoans will be armed to defend themselves as the Enhanced Permit requires more money and more training. While more training is something we could all use a little more of, it cannot be government mandated. Government mandated training is an infringement on your right to defend yourself. They will in essence gain further control over who is being armed, unless you are a criminal of course.

Firearms instructors who sign off on getting rid of the Standard Permit are excited about the proposal because it means more money in their pockets. There are some instructors who do not want to see this happen but we have talked to many instructors who love guns and yet do not understand the true meaning of the 2nd Amendment. More money means more business. Additionally some instructors already feel that the Enhanced Permit just is not enhanced enough. More training needs to happen which in turn will cost Idaho citizens even more money and discourage them from defending themselves.

So where do we go from here? We must rally around Constitutional Carry. Without it, we are in trouble of going down the route that no one in Idaho ever thought we would see. As we do that, we need to fight any effort to get rid of the Standard Permit. It may be the last line between major gun control in Idaho and your ability to defend yourself.

STOP THESE BUREAUCRATS NOW!
CALL, WRITE OR E-MAIL TELL THEM NO TO CHANGING OUR
CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS

SENATOR MARV HAGEDORN

<http://legislature.idaho.gov/about/contactmembersform.cfm?ID=25>

5285 W. Ridgeside St. Meridian, 83646 / Ph. 208-334-2475

SHERIFF GARY RANEY

graney@adaweb.net / 7200 Barrister Dr. Boise ID. / Ph. 208-577-3303

THEY CALL IT BLACK FRIDAY FOR A REASON

By Brent Regan

“We should pass a rule that the convention cannot be held on a Friday the 13th during a full moon.”

The Idaho Republican Party State Convention was historic and provided yet another example of how the relationship between citizens and their government is changing. One only has to look to the national debt to see that government is growing geometrically and with that growth comes increasing instances of abuse. Abuse of privacy (NSA), abuse of power (IRS), abuse of the truth (Benghazi, PPACA), abuse of veterans (VA), abuse of immigration; the list is seemingly endless. The abuses have triggered a response among the people that is manifesting in several ways. Dissatisfaction with Obamacare, a contracting economy, the president's falling approval, the Bundy standoff, primary losses of establishment incumbents, and the meltdown of a political party convention. These are all symptoms of dissatisfaction with government. Citizens are tired of the abuses, tired of the lies, tired of the corruption, tired of the cronyism and are animated to action when the opportunity arises.

I was a delegate to the convention and a member of the Credentials Committee, which gave me a clear view of the sausage factory. Prior to the convention, delegates to the convention for each county are chosen by that county's central committee. Republican Party rules require that anyone who is eligible and wants to attend the convention can be nominated. The precinct committeemen then individually elect delegates and alternates from the pool of nominees.

The Credentials Committee typically deals with simple things usually involving clerical errors and to make sure all the delegates who were properly elected can participate in the convention. This time the Credentials Committee was also presented with challenges to the delegations from Twin Falls, Bannock, Power and Ada counties. These challenges related to the process of delegate election and it was the task of the committee to determine if the delegates from those counties were properly selected and then report our findings to the general assembly the next day. All delegates, except those whose credentials were in question, would then vote to accept or reject our recommendations.

The committee considered each challenge in turn, hearing testimony, debating and then voting. In the end the Credentials Committee voted to recommend that the Power, Bannock and Ada County's delegations credentials not be recognized as they were improperly selected. In one case the selection did not happen within the specified time and no reasonable explanation for the failure was given. In another there was no election, as required. In the case of ADA County, it was clear from testimony that the delegates were selected in a discriminatory process, contrary to party rules. Testimony was given that the Ada County delegation consisted entirely of people who supported Butch Otter in the primary. This fact was not refuted but simply dismissed as if it were a happy coincidence. Further proof of the bias came in the form of a “compromise” where a fraction of the party members who were denied the opportunity to be nominated to be a delegate would be seated. This “deal” was overwhelmingly rejected by the Credentials Committee.

To be clear, Russ Fulcher, primary candidate for governor and, to the best of my knowledge a Republican in good standing, was denied the opportunity to be nominated to be a delegate to the convention. If one is serious about party unity, your first action should be to embrace your vanquished opponent and demonstrate that unity as leader.

Continued on page 6

THEY CALL IT BLACK FRIDAY FOR A REASON

By Brent Regan

It was clear to me from the testimony that the Ada County Central Committee had attempted to “stack” their delegation in order to have a large voting block of 102 delegates. To do this they had to violate both the spirit and the letter of Republican Party rules. I suspect that ADA County, being the largest delegation, believed they were ‘the elephant in the room’ and that the Credentials Committee would not dare to deny them admission. What apparently they did not appreciate is that the room was full of elephants. The vote was 35 to 6 to recommend rejection of the Ada County delegation.

The next day the convention immediately devolved into a long series of parliamentary procedural moves designed to forestall the inevitable. I say inevitable because the votes that were taken clearly showed that support for Ada County was not in the majority. Those that sought to exclude some from the convention were themselves to be excluded.

Mercifully the allotted time expired and the convention adjourned shortly after three PM and, while little on the agenda was accomplished, this was one of the most significant political conventions in Idaho history. Until now, the desire to accommodate the powerful trumped the rules. Past bad behavior, even with the solemn promise to be ‘good’ in the future, only promoted more bad behavior. “We have always done it this way” was a common mantra among the banished.

This convention has sent the clear message that there are rules and if you break them you do so at your own peril regardless of who you are or who you know. This is a core concept of our Republic that traces back to the Magna Carta. I suspect the ripples of this action will reach far into the political realms. Rules are more easily embraced when the consequences of breaking them are tangible.

While the near term effects may be painful, like a surgery to repair an injury, the long term holds benefits if we accept the lessons presented. Remember that if the Ada, Bannock and Power County complaints had been without merit, the outcome would have been completely different.

If party unity is the goal, perhaps the quickest path is for the chairmen of those counties to issue apologies for the problems that arose and to request that the Executive Committee of the party work to clarify and tighten the rules to prevent future problems. The calls for unity are hollow if that unity is not built upon a solid foundation of Republican virtues.

I was very proud of our Kootenai County delegation and the majority of the other delegates that joined us to stand for the rule of law, fairness, liberty, honesty and equality of opportunity and I commend all of the delegates for their willingness to engage in the labors required of freedom.

As for party unity, I am willing to stand with anyone who is willing to stand with me on the Republican Platform and work together to preserve and protect the legacy of freedom entrusted to us for generations yet to come.

It was a convention to remember, the likes of which I doubt we shall ever see again....with luck.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE OF 2014 IDAHO REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

By Gresham Bouma, Latah County

As a member of the recently transacted Credentials Committee, I want to share my own account of what happened at our Convention. In days leading up to the Convention we began to get e-mails for committee members with attachments complaining of abuses of the delegate selection process. Some of the complaints seemed a little obscure and improperly defined, and I was not at all sure that there were any violations that had enough evidence to justify discipline at the convention. I concluded after a lot of reading that I would only be able to deny seating to delegates if there were clear violations of the spirit and intent of the rules surrounding their selection. If the process leading up the delegate selection did not live up to the requirements to have an open meeting where delegates were nominated and elected, then it was my opinion that the rules had been broken. And before discipline as severe as not seating would be justified, the violations would have to be fairly flagrant as well as causing significant harm to the offended party.

It was only after having heard testimony from both sides in every case that our committee took action with, in every case, a large majority. Ada County is probably the most illustrative of what went on in the counties in question so I will use them as the case in point. It became apparent after much testimony that a slate of delegates had been developed outside of the meeting, and this slate had been purged of people who did not meet certain requirements. It is hard to know what exactly those requirements were, but it appeared that people who did not support the current governor in the latest primary were not welcome on the list although many of them had expressed a desire to be delegates before the meeting. Others had expected the opportunity to become delegates at the reorg meeting since the original agenda included a process where Ada County was to break out into districts within the county and nominate and elect delegates within those districts, a fair and reasonable method of addressing the large size of the task of selecting over a hundred delegates. In Ada as well as the other counties where a pre-planned slate of delegates was presented, there was also the practice of placing and/or electing individuals with the right leaning as delegates at both the county level and the district level, thus blocking the "opposition" from being able to run for the delegate position. In my opinion practices like these pervert the very purpose of the reorg meeting. In summary: at the reorganization meeting in Ada County the original agenda included a plan to nominate and elect delegates to the convention in a fair and open process. That plan was rejected so that a pre-laundered list could be substituted for that process. But that was not good enough for the "winners" and they also put some of the same delegates in at the district level, thus filling up those slots so that they remained empty of the "wrong" sort of people.

I believe that when you act to deprive someone else of their rightful opportunity, you deserve to lose that same opportunity, so in my opinion those people who conspired to do these things lost their right to be seated at the convention. They had not only defrauded the "opposition", but had also done the same to people (delegates) on their own side who would have otherwise gone anyway and been seated. They harmed both friend and foe with their shenanigans.

I don't know about you, but I think that the precinct person position is one which should not only be there to promote the party locally, but it also fulfills another important function. It should represent the people that elect it and their interests. It promotes the interests of the grassroots of the party and gives those interests a voice at the convention through the platform and resolutions adopted. I think that the governor's office and the legislature wield enough power in their offices, and should not use the office of precinct person to extend power over the party. I hope that the party remains a voice for the people and not merely an extension of power for whoever the sitting governor is. I hope that what happened at this convention results in a renewed commitment to having open reorg meetings where candidates are nominated and elected in a reasonable manner. Where slates of candidates are elected, the process of developing those slates becomes very important as well as the circumstances surrounding their imposition on any protesting minority. While many will blame the Credentials Committee for derailing the Convention, the train came off the tracks at those county reorg meetings where the system, and therefore people, were abused. I hope that future Credentials Committees will act with the same commitment to integrity since that is the only road to unity. Unity will never be achieved by turning a blind eye to flagrant violations of the rules and what they are intended to uphold.

THERE'S A NEW KID IN TOWN

by Darr Moon

The Idaho Republican Convention in Moscow last weekend culminated in flames as the split between ideology and rules of the convention came under fire. The dust up was more than mere philosophical disagreement, it was a knife fight from which deep wounds were inflicted on both sides that will take time and care to mend if they mend at all. Many new faces were present at the convention as first time delegates, I for one. These delegates ventured from all across Idaho concerned about the direction that the Republican Party is heading having seen our Red State declarations of Conservatism turn purple trending to blue as party candidates, the Governor, the Land Board, the Attorney General and the Superintendent of Public Instruction all in turn supported Liberal positions against the party platform bringing ObamaCare, competition of State owned business with private industry and the roll out of Common Core education mandates from on high in Washington D.C. to Idaho. They don't want to hear it, but *There's a New Kid in Town* rings in my ears as I reminisce about the Eagle's popular song of years gone by which brought so many new kids in town to Moscow.

The outcome of the primary election sent many including myself to seek representation in what looked to becoming a bipolar Republican party. One where elected representatives talked about values and issues I supported but then for whatever reason conceived a love affair with the attractive but cleverly deceitful liberal positions supported by the most liberal of administrations in Washington. Several new faces were seated in the precinct elections bringing this cadre of concerned Republicans to the arena of ideas at the county level. Once there though, and after being duly welcomed to the fold, many county chairmen across the state either by long time convention or through misunderstanding of the rules presented pre-ordained slates of delegates and alternates to be seated at the State Convention. The slates of delegate positions were filled with familiar names of those who supported established candidates including legislators, their wives and friendly lobbyists. The means to this end strategy left positions taken and held out of reach to many who wished to go to Moscow even while some delegates slated would not be making the journey. If not for some who boldly persisted and insisted that slate ballots are illegal according to existing rules several new faces in the delegation at Moscow would not have been seated. In some counties (Ada, Bannock and Power) apparently several delegate contenders never had a chance.

The tactic has clearly been the norm as reported by many veterans of the system. Without experience in such skullduggery and being surrounded by hostile forces I can see that only the determined and knowledgeable newbie persevered. Such was the case I witnessed at a County Committee meeting. Hearing that Ada County railroaded a pre-determined slate of delegates to the convention the word on the street was that the Convention would become fertile battle grounds for a showdown for political advantage. The warring factions left none surprised as controversy after controversy was debated, deliberated and supposedly resolved in committee hearings before presentation to the general assembly on Saturday. I was quite impressed in fact as to the arguments presented and deliberated while auditing the Rules and Credentials Committee hearings. I saw no malfeasants or ungentlemanly conduct that would dissuade my perception of fair resolution. My two young adult sons also present will no doubt be more astute to the trials and travails of political discourse and the consequences thereof. I saw the Committee process pleasing to my sensibilities of passionate discourse which actually changed my position on at least one issue debated. The pleasure soon turned to pain as Saturday morning and the slug fest came.

The General Assembly started with what must have been hours of late night strategy sessions as those political junkies steadfastly polished in rhetoric and firmly familiar with Robert's Rules Of Order came out swinging leaving me wondering at which moment I should stand, sit or squat.

Continued on page 9

THERE'S A NEW KID IN TOWN
by Darr Moon

Thankfully Representative Labrador, who had his hands full, dutifully researched and clarified the motions, questions and points of order so that a laymen such as myself could follow. What did follow though was unfortunate and if true also smears a black mark upon the integrity of this party's investment in justice and fair play. The call for the unseating of delegates from Ada, Bannock and Power Counties was challenged on the basis that the Executive Committee stacked the Committees with delegates favorable only to their supposed positions. I do not know if this is true but certainly if rules were broken and wrong doing is discovered I'd be most upset and probably would look to other political means to establish justice in Idaho as we all know it.

In the end with nothing further resolved at the close of the Convention I'm left wondering if the whole debacle wasn't a fortuitous gift, an opportunity for all Republicans to seek a second chance to reconcile outside the heavy emotions left in Moscow. No house can stand such division and if such division is to continue for lack of respect for the rule of law, the established rules for gentlemen like behavior and the notion to seek truth and justice then I say let the house burn down. I'll have no further part of it. But if such lessons are shown to be that by Constitutional means of redress through jurist prudence and fair play that divided parties can be reunited under a flag of virtuous conviction then I say a new seed of resolution should be planted. I hope a more eloquent and enlightened Party of Lincoln can spring forth. Idaho and many Republican constituents await this most important determination.

Darr Moon
Custer County Committeeman, Stanley Precinct

www.MomZGarage.com

Classics, Antiques, Muscle Cars, Streetrods & Customs



Restorations, Modifications, Repairs & Custom Builds

Corey S. Watson 208-350-1310

PO Box 488, Star, ID 83669 corey@momzgarage.com (Tammy) 208-350-1223

Kevin Miller

The best talk in the Treasure Valley 580 KIDO

KEVIN AT THE GARRITY WALMART FOR THE BOISE RESCUE MISSION



**LISTEN TO KEVIN MILLER 580-KIDO
5 TO 9:00 AM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY &
5 TO 8:00 AM ON SATURDAYS**

**If you live out of the area, you can tune Kevin in on your computer
Just click on the links below and listen to current or past shows.**

Today's Show

<http://tsm-listen-live.s3.amazonaws.com/players/580kido/index.html>

Podcasts

<http://580kido.com/category/podcasts/>

E-MAIL LETTER FROM GOVERNOR OTTER TO A CONSTITUENT



Dear Barbara,

Let's stop looking for reasons to disagree. Let's stop looking past good Republicans in pursuit of perfect Republicans.

Idaho Republicans have been incredibly successful at winning elections for the past 20 years. That is due in large measure to the great work of volunteers like you and the unanimity of opinion we have enjoyed on most major issues of the day. Now that unanimity is very publicly unwinding – not for the most part in regard to public policy, but rather over our own party processes.

Our differences are relatively small and transitory. Our similarities are great and transcendent.

As Senator Risch put it so well at our recent convention in Moscow, if you really want to understand the differences between Republicans and Democrats, go to Washington, D.C. But those differences hit closer to home the more we play into the hands of those with values and priorities so starkly at odds with ours in Idaho.

Our differences with President Obama, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi and the rest of the D.C. Democrats are monumental, and growing. The differences between Republicans here at home by and large are ones of approach, strategy and tactics. For the most part, we have the same goals: Less government, lower taxes, less regulation, more freedom. Our differences are matters of degree, not substance. But they must not be allowed to fester. They must be resolved, because none of us in Idaho will be better off with Democrats in office.

I encourage you to join me in agreeing to let our Central Committee resolve this dispute over the chairmanship. Let's please focus on the core mission of the Idaho Republican Party – electing Republicans. That's the only way we all win, and remember that there's no substitute for victory!

As Always – Idaho, “Esto Perpetua”

C.L. “Butch” Otter

Governor of Idaho

AN OPEN REPLY TO GOVERNOR OTTER'S UNITY LETTER

Dear Governor Otter:

In your letter of 6/27/14, you stated that "Idaho Republicans have been incredibly successful at winning elections." That is true, but what have they done after they are in office?

They purchase commercial businesses in competition with private enterprise. They look for ways to "operate a profit oriented business within a government agency." They destroy the state and local control of education and turn it over to so called "common core." (As if all of our children must think alike.) They dispose of school endowment property without conducting an auction as required by our state constitution.

You continue, in your letter, that "our differences are relatively small." This is not true when our "differences" are measured by the current Republican Platform.

(a) "We believe free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation and state opportunity, economic growth, and prosperity."

(b) "We believe the size and cost of government must be reduced."

(c) "We believe the unnecessary growth of government has a negative impact on both the conduct of business and our individual lives." Every time the Idaho Land Board obtains another commercial business property it increases the size of government and reduces the property tax base.

The Republican Platform goes on to say...

(d) "We endorse the review of all government programs and encourage their assumption by private enterprise."

(e) "A competitive market, free of undue government competition, restriction, coercion, or interference, is critical to Idaho's economic well-being."

You asked me, in your letter, to "stop looking past good Republicans in pursuit of perfect Republicans." I am very willing to do that. I must say, however, that your votes on the Land Board, of which you are chairman, do not rise to the grade of "good", and they certainly are not in concert with our Republican Platform.

Your letter quotes Senator Risch saying, "If you really want to understand the differences between the Republicans and Democrats, go to Washington, D.C."

We really don't have to go that far. You and the members of Idaho's Executive Branch are giving us a good dose of Washington, D.C. right here in Idaho through Obama Care, Common Core, workforce development programs, and the Land Board's "Asset Management Plan."

Many long-time Idaho faithful Republicans are beginning to feel that we wouldn't do much worse with a Democrat in the Governor's Office.

My family and I have been among your strongest supporters throughout your political career but our votes and support are yours to lose unless we can see the old "Butch" that we miss so much. And you don't have to be perfect, but to get my vote again, you will, at least, have to be good.

Respectfully,

Robert and Barbara Forrey

A REBUKE TO GOVERNOR OTTER'S UNITY LETTER PAGE 11

I find this letter from our Governor very disingenuous and leaves me wondering why if the establishment said they would trash the conservative candidates before the election they all of a sudden wish to reunite. Butch says Idaho Republicans used to be incredibly successful at winning elections, but there is a faint smell in the air of fear by the establishment that this may not be an easy year for their machine to run over the competition. I don't know about you, but why would someone kiss and make up after being smashed in the face with lies and lobbyists money during the primary. The distance between establishment and conservative goals has drifted further and further apart in the past 7 years with Butch at the helm. The establishment has tried to run over our conservative candidates with their moderate follow the leader types for the past 2 elections. They have now found out in this last primary that we are not going to take it anymore and are going to instead fight back with a grass roots movement to unseat more moderates in each successive election.

It's interesting to note that Mr. Popkey had the right idea when he noted in one of his articles that 58 of the 102 delegates selected by the Ada county establishment had some sort of tie to the administration and virtually all of the delegates were pro Otter. We caught them using marked cards in a political poker game, and they didn't like it one bit when we called them down on it. How can they expect us to play another game with a bunch of cheaters and expect them to act differently?

The Governor talks about Senator Reich's comment "if you really want to understand the differences between Republicans and Democrats go to Washington, D.C." We don't have to go to Washington to understand the difference, we can see it very clearly right here in our own state. By the way isn't Jason Reich the Senator's son who is trying to bend the rules and remove Barry Peterson from office. What's there to understand? They got caught with their hand in the cookie jar and paid no attention to the rules, now they want a "DO OVER".

When the Governor writes about our differences here at home by and large being ones of Approach, Strategy and Tactics, I think we would have to totally disagree. Our problems have become very fundamental over the past 7 years with the Governor and his crony lobbyists groups pushing through a State Healthcare Exchange and opening the door to more federal intrusion into our state. Tom Luna putting common core in our schools along with all of their wifi scandals, was not exactly a difference in Strategy or Tactics, it was an out and out wholesale intrusion by the federal government into our education system which will eventually cost our children and our taxpayers more than just money and lower scores.

He states that our differences are not just a matter of degree. They are more a large a matter of substance. You, Mr. Governor, have opened up the flood gates to more federal ownership of our state by accepting federal grants for the healthcare exchange and allowing a top down takeover of our educational curriculum. By the way, why is it that we are using a California company to build our Healthcare exchange, and why is it that we contracted the installation of our school wifi to a company in Tennessee when 2 companies in Idaho had lower bids, and why did the contract for state wide connection go to Quest when Syringa had a lower bid. Even the Feds didn't like that move as they pulled 14 million dollars in funding from the state.

This letter you wrote is just one more piece of propaganda that you would like the people of Idaho to believe, but you have pulled the wool over our eyes once too often, and we now know that you are not the Governor we voted for in 2006 and 2010. You have allowed more federal intrusion into our state, you have allowed lobbyists to influence your decisions and you have done nothing meaningful to grow our State economy. All in all I would call your time in office a failure. You won this last primary by the smallest margin of any Republican governor in the United States and that should be telling you that you have drifted far away from your constituent's wishes.

Continued on page 14

A REBUKE TO GOVERNOR OTTER'S UNITY LETTER PAGE 11

For some reason we are left with the impression that you no longer "GIVE A DAMM" about the hard working people of Idaho. All you seem to care about is starting new commissions to keep your cronies and lobbyists happy as you continue to tax us and spend our money as if it was yours. You don't want to reunite the party, you want to run the party for your benefit and that of your crony lobbyists friends. You don't want to help the people of Idaho you want to help the Idaho Association of Cronyism and Influence. If you really wanted re-unification, you would be trying to meet with the other side and offer an olive branch instead of throwing hot potatoes at us every chance you get.

We wish you good luck in the November elections; you're going to need it.

INTRODUCTION TO A DEMOCRAT

By Robert Forrey

I believe it is very important for voters to know the candidates prior to voting. With this in mind I arranged for a meeting with Mr. A.J. Balukoff, the Democrat candidate for Governor, in the upcoming general election.

As a dedicated Republican and a friend of the TEA Party, I must say that my first impression of this gentleman was positive. He is a good listener with a keen sense of humor and a down-to-earth friendly demeanor.

Mr. Balukoff showed an interest in the activities of the Idaho Land Board under the leadership of Gov. Butch Otter, using school endowment money to acquire commercial, industrial and residential properties in competition with private business. As the Chairman of the Boise School Board, A.J. understands that every time the Land Board obtains another property it is removed from the property tax role and the school tax base is reduced.

There is no doubt there are some issues we disagree on but my impression is that Mr. Balukoff is the kind of man with which one could have a reasonable, friendly discussion. In other words, to disagree without being disagreeable.

If any of you and your friends would like to meet A.J. Balukoff, without making any commitments, I can arrange for a get acquainted meeting.

Robert Forrey
Former Boise School Board Member
Former Legislator

RINO HUNTING REMEMBER THE STATE HEALTH EXCHANGE



RINO HUNTING IN THE LEGISLATURE ONLY 49 TO GO

Thanks Governor Otter

&



REPRESENTATIVES WHO DIDN'T REPRESENT YOU

Clark Kauffman R Dist 25

Lance Clow R Dist 24

Neil A. Anderson R Dist 31

Gary E. Collins R Dist 13

Richard Wills R Dist 23

Scott Bedke R Dist 27

Steven Miller R Dist 26

Wendy Horman R Dist 30

Rick D. Youngblood R Dist 12

Darrell Bolz R Dist 10

Douglas A. Hancey R Dist 34

Brandon Hixon R Dist 10

Fred Wood R Dist 27

Stephen Hartgen R Dist 24

Jeff Thompson R Dist 30

Julie VanOrden R Dist 31

Luke Malek R Dist 4

Maxine T. Bell R Dist 25

Christy Perry R Dist 11

Dell Raybould R Dist 34

Frank N. Henderson R Dist 3

Frank N. Henderson R Dist 3

Paul Romrell R Dist 35

Robert Anderst R Dist 12

Kelley Packer R Dist 28

Marc Gibbs R Dist 32

Neil A. Anderson R Dist 3

SENATORS SOLD OUT FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER

Bart M. Davis R Dist 33

Cherie Buckner/Webb D Dist 19

Dean L. Cameron R Dist 27

Jeff C. Siddoway R Dist 35

Jim Guthrie R Dist 28

Lee Heider R Dist 24

Michelle Stennett D Dist 26

Shawn A Keough R Dist 1

Bert Bracket R Dist 23

Dan J Schmidt D Dist 5

Elliot Werk D Dist 17

Jim Rice R Dist 10

Les Bock D Dist 16

Patti Ann Lodge R Dist 11

Roy Lacey D Dist 29

Brent Hill R Dist 34

Todd M Lakey R Dist 32

Fred S. Martin R Dist 15

Jim Patrick R Dist 25

John H. Tippetts R Dist 32

Marv Hagedorn R Dist 14

Steven R. Bair R Dist 31

KNOCK, KNOCK BUTCH: PLEASE REREAD “THE PROPER ROLE OF GOVERNMENT”

I'll give some praise to Gov. Butch Otter and new Department of Labor Director Ken Edmunds for finally acknowledging what should have been said years ago: The state government's Workforce Development Fund is a multimillion-dollar failure.

It's time to pull the plug on that ill-conceived wealth redistribution scheme that is contrary to everything Otter once said he believes. First, some history: In 2011 and early 2012, we started asking questions about the worthiness of the state Workforce Development Fund, which is funded through unemployment insurance taxes and had received more than \$62 million to operate. Armed with anecdotes about state-funded companies closing—and in some cases never even opening—we wanted to know whether the program and its stated goal of providing job training and economic incentives for businesses was measuring up.

The answer we got from the state Department of Labor was saddening, but not all that surprising: The agency didn't really know, even though the program came into existence in the 1990s. Credit the department for at least spending the summer of 2012 to try and find answers. Criticize the department and the Otter administration for whitewashing and ignoring the results: The Workforce Development Fund was only 40 percent effective, according to the agency's analysis, released in October 2012.

The Department of Labor director, Roger Madsen, responded by telling the media, “This program has proven its worth” and has “been one of Idaho's most valuable economic development incentives for more than a decade.” The Legislature, which is supposed to offer oversight of programs like these, and perhaps would be understandably apoplectic about the state's “most valuable” incentive being 40 percent effective, went into hibernation, occasionally rousing long enough to comment on how the Legislature should really look into the issue, but then returning to its slumber.

Edmunds, who joined the department in November, recognized the problem and set about a path to fix it. Going forward, Edmunds and Otter announced, the program would have more safeguards, more transparency and defined metrics and qualifiers for reimbursing companies that use the fund. Additionally, Otter did something neither he nor Madsen had done before: The governor admitted the program's failings.

Unfortunately, the state government will still sit in judgment of businesses, trying to figure out which companies deserve state help and which ones do not; which sectors of the economy should be elevated and which to ignore; what levels of compensation are reasonable and which are not.

Under the newly constituted Workforce Development Fund, the proprietors who eke out a living, for example, making salsa in Wallace will be forced to subsidize the more-favored companies, in Boise or Twin Falls or elsewhere, making software or yogurt. Because the government says that is right and proper.

The salsa business that might have used its cash to train its own employees or give raises or buy new equipment will instead be compelled to redistribute that money to companies that should or can't survive on their own. In his preface to Ezra Taft Benson's essay, “The Proper Role of Government,” Otter, then a congressman, wrote, “I am often asked about my philosophy of government. Fortunately, the political and economic principles I hold most dear can be found in these very pages.”

Here's a line from those pages Butch said he loves so much: “[A]ny attempt through governmental intervention to redistribute the material rewards of labor can only result in the eventual destruction of the productive base of society, without which real abundance and security for more than the ruling elite is quite impossible.” The correction of the Workforce Development Fund's longtime mismanagement doesn't cure the fact that the program is built on concepts injurious to freedom and free markets. Even if Otter and Edmunds have the formula correct, I find it impossible to celebrate a program that will still take money from those who have earned it and give it to those who have not. And so should Gov. Otter.

By Wayne Hoffman, President, Idaho Freedom Foundation

**SUPPORT TONY SNESKO IN HIS FIGHT TO RID OUR STATEHOUSE
OF LOBBYISTS. CONTACT YOU LEGISLATORS NOW AND TELL THEM YOU
WANT THE LOBBYISTS REMOVED FROM OUR STATE CAPITAL
CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW AND INSERT YOU LEGISLATORS NAME**

<http://legislature.idaho.gov/about/contactbyname.cfm>

EVICTIION NOTICE

**FROM THE CITIZENS OF IDAHO
TO ALL CORPORATE LOBBYISTS
AKA “LEGISLATIVE ADVISORS” WHO
LEASE SPACE IN THE PEOPLE’S HOUSE.**

**We, the citizens of Idaho,
demand that these leased office spaces
be vacated and returned to us,
the citizens of this great state,
by the first day of the next legislative session.**

Signed,

We the People

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Darr Moon

Dear Patriots,

It's that time of year again when parenting takes a back seat to the goody wagon sponsored by your federal government and all the do-gooders who wish to free America of hunger. I thought childhood obesity might be more the battle zone for the current regime as tall sodas and sugary drinks are outlawed in some parts. I see parents being further placed out of the loop, rather co-opted out of their responsibility to raise and care for their children by federal programs with lots of money and crummy ideas.

We live in an age where youngsters are provided for with all sorts of accolades with little effort on their part as not to upset their sensitive sensibilities. We don't want to harm their self esteem or prod them into things that might seem difficult. So they are coddled to the point of neurotic incompetence and prepared for a life of incapability. Kids can't play in the dirt anymore. That's just not good enough, they need structured play provided by specialists of social interaction. No fights or fusses either, that could lead to bullying and we all know how tragic that can be having listened to all the Public Service Announcements. There's just nothing a parent can do that a socially conscience practitioner of child psychology can do better. This is why they must get those pesky parents to butt out and leave the work of child rearing to the specialists. Keep them institutionalized so they think the same and act the same and draw within the lines.

You can't give anyone anything that is appreciated if it is not earned. Old wisdom lost to a new age of relativism and social group think. Sorry, I can't go there, I won't go there. Children are as strong as we let them be. Exploration of the young mind is best left to the natural world of wonder we live in, not the highly animated or overly computerized virtual world most now live in. Again I'm disappointed to see the summer food program capture an even larger crowd of "needy" children than the year before. The drama I describe below is playing out in most every town in Idaho. Take a drive about your local city park or school playground about 11:30 am and you'll see this Orwellian stage play well orchestrated to deprive responsibility for one's self to the obsessed collective.

I thought it must be summer carnival time or a school sponsored field trip as I looked out my Rupert office window at our lovely Square full of children. No, no special entertainment or fund raiser, it was the free lunch program come to town. Doing a land office business it looked as the line of children passed the central fountain while waiting for the catering staff to pass out bologna and cheese sandwiches to all those hungry munchkins. What a shame I thought in this country of good and plenty that so many youngsters should go hungry and need fed while schools out. Or do they? If the cupboards are bare at home their driveways must certainly not be judging from filled parking stalls with all sorts of nice new cars where mom or dad wait while the little ones line up for their free bite of entitlement.

I remember some 50 years past my mother telling me to eat my vegetables as she reminded my sister and me that kids in India go hungry. I was taught not to waste and to clean my plate. The lesson served me well as I still can't shake the spare tire for wasting not; a spare tire though I've completely paid for. Please don't harpoon me here by my own good virtue to suggest that I am against feeding the hungry. Certainly not, but I would wager the picnic lunch business would soon come to a screeching halt if by chance one had to earn a meal by doing a certain amount of lawn raking and garbage picking along the curbside. There is nothing to be gained if nothing is earned, a lesson that will eventually come to be known under less fortunate future circumstance for these summertime students.

Continued on page 16

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Darr Moon

The real problem as I see it is that another generation of Americans are learning to become dependent on a “free lunch” system without consideration of the unintended consequence. There is in fact no free lunch as economist Milton Friedman said. Sadly these very children will be slipped the bill when and if they become tax payers. The bill for the free lunch, the socialized medicine, the endless wars, the bailouts of all sorts, subsidies, grants and entitlements of all kinds - with interest, will be a pretty penny by then. In fact if they knew how badly they are currently in debt, they’d probably lose their appetites. Let’s not let bellies rumble as the virtuous pillars of society crumble.

I was hoping that some greater lesson might come from the feed a kid for a day thing. Maybe we could teach them to fish. I watched the procession grow smaller until they all went home and wondered all these years after my childhood days if somewhere in New Delhi a mom might be instructing her children to eat their rice and curry because sadly, children in America go to bed hungry.

OPEN LETTER OF THANKS FROM

Russ Fulcher

TO MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW IDAHOANS:

I have been blessed with the opportunity to meet and work with so many wonderful Idahoans over the course of the 2014 Idaho gubernatorial campaign. Over the last eight months you helped me. You encouraged me. You confided in me. You trusted me. You taught me. You changed my life for the better.

Although our campaign for the office of Governor came up just a little short, the ideas we promoted resonated across the state, and those ideas will live on. Your efforts were not in vain.

Please accept my most sincere gratitude for your prayers, support, and countless volunteer hours. And know that this is not the end...it is just the BEGINNING!

-Russ Fulcher

OPERATION AMERICAN SPRING

By Warren Grover

I was asked to write an article giving my impression of Operation American Spring (OAS). But first, let me tell you why I decided to drive from Meridian, Idaho, to Washington, D.C., to take part in this event. In the Treasure Valley of Idaho, there are many conservative groups which are focused on one or more of the issues we are currently facing in our country. Some of these groups include Oath Keepers, the Idaho 912 Project, the Ada County Militia, the John Birch Society, and Act! for America. As a member of these groups I agree with their goals and understand the focus they have on issues. However, one common strand that connects these groups is the constant asking of the question: “How do we get more Americans to wake up to what is happening to our country and to become involved in taking back our country from those who are working to destroy its morals, its culture, and our Godly heritage.” In my opinion, something was needed to gain the attention of more like-minded patriotic Americans than was being done. Thus, when I heard about OAS and its goals, I decided we needed more action to accomplish this goal—talking among ourselves in our groups was not getting the job done. With my wife’s agreement, we decided to take part in OAS and invited our pastor to join us—and he readily accepted! We need more church leaders in this country willing to step up and step out in leading Christians to take a stand against the lawless, immoral administration that is leading the U.S. to destruction.

So, the three of us soon found ourselves in our ten-year-old motor home on the long drive from Idaho to Washington, D.C. We arrived a few days prior to May 16th to have time to recuperate from the journey, to reconnoiter the D.C. area, and to pray against the evil that permeates the city by means of elected and appointed officials who have forgotten that is a country of laws—laws that are based on Christian principles written by the Godly men we call our “founding fathers.”

The first day of the OAS event was May 16, 2014. The plan was to gather at the Washington Monument at 8 a.m. and to grow in crowd size throughout the day as others arrived. The three of us left our RV at 5:30 a.m. to avoid the rush-hour crush on the Metro train system and to insure our arrival on time. Unfortunately, the train system was too efficient and we arrived on the National Mall at 7 a.m. Also, the weather was not conducive to an outdoor event with heavy rains, strong winds, and flooding. Some groups were, in fact, not able to make the first day due to flooding throughout the D.C. area. By the time we waited in the rain for others to arrive, we were soaked and cold—maybe poor planning on our part?

When we made our way to the Washington Monument Friday May 16, we had been joined by others there to start the event. We had the privilege of meeting and talking with retired Colonel Harry Riley who envisioned OAS and put out the call for patriots to attend. Even though he is a retired military man, Col. Riley called for a non-violent event; he said to come armed with “the spirituality of Ephesians 6 and the U.S Constitution. What so many in this country have forgotten is that “we the people” are the government. We elect people to represent us in guiding our country, and they are to work for us and to listen to our thoughts and wishes. However, our leaders—at least many of them—have become an elite ruling class who feel they are above the rest of us citizens and, in fact, many of them seem to feel and act as if they are above the law.

Our current federal administration is rife with scandal; ignores the Constitution; and is creating chaos in many areas of our culture with immoral, illegal, and ungodly actions. The question arises: So what has OAS done to change any of this?

Continued on page 18

OPERATION AMERICAN SPRING

By Warren Grover

We have not, up to this time on the sixth day, achieved the number of participants envisioned by Col. Riley—he asked for millions of Americans to come and stand with him in protest until many of the corrupt leaders were forced to step down and to face charges for their illegal, unconstitutional acts. Yet, the call has not gone unanswered as we have met patriots from all over the U.S. who have taken the time and spent the money necessary to be here. In talking to them, we find that, like us, they have many like-minded Americans “back home” who are praying for them and supporting them in many ways.

Estimates of the numbers present on any day have ranged from several hundred to a few thousand. While far short of millions, the ripple of discontent has started; from those present in D.C. to those back home praying for us, the movement must and will continue. This coming weekend thousands of bikers are to descend on D.C. as part of “Rolling Thunder.” This will be Memorial Day weekend and will bring more individuals to participate in OAS as they have the time to do so. Col. Riley is asking that OAS continue on a daily basis until its goals are achieved.

I believe that other factors will encourage patriotic Americans to join in this effort. We now have a House Select Committee looking into the Benghazi scandal; another group recently announced that they are close to releasing information on President Obama’s background that will shake the country beyond belief; the federal administration continues to ignore the Constitution and our laws; people are finding out the true cost and nature of Obamacare; federal age stockpiling weapons and ammo—enough to kill all U.S. citizens; our military is being gutted to levels unseen for decades; free speech and freedom of religion are under attack; and the power and influence of our country around the world is on the wane. We must ensure that we share these factors with our friends and family so that they in turn see what must be done, and OAS provides an avenue to which we can all turn to show what we Pictured above: Operation American Spring Prayer Rally at Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC, Sunday, May 18 “want” done.

While based on the example of the Arab Springs that have occurred in several countries, notably Egypt, there is a vast difference between our country and its citizens than in the Arab world. Many of those countries have lived with strife and civil disobedience for decades—we have not. For the most part, civil disobedience is something which most of us are unfamiliar with and the idea of standing up to the “government” is foreign to most of us. However, as I stated earlier, we must remember that “we the people” are the government and we have every legal right to stand up against our elected and appointed officials when they take the illegal, immoral, and unconstitutional steps that they have done and are continuing to do so. In fact, it is the duty of those who have truly sworn an oath to the Constitution to take this stand.

Finally we need more church leaders to speak to these issues and to take the bold steps necessary to return us to a nation under God! Operation American Spring is not yet the millions of people called for; but if each and every one of us take to heart the things that are happening to our country and our way of life, OAS will not just be in Washington, D.C., but will spread across the land as we repent, turn to God, and reclaim the Christian country that was founded well over 200 years ago. Thank you Col. Riley for making this call—it is one we must all answer!

For more information about Operation American Spring, view their website:

<http://www.oas2014.com>

Recommended by The Gem State Patriot Staff

EmbroidMe

**EMBROIDERY, SCREEN PRINTING
PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS,
PERSONALIZED GIFTS**

**Garrick Jacobi
Vice President/Sales**

**10804 W. Fairview Ave. Suite # 102
Boise, Idaho 83713**

**Phone 208-322-2222
Cell 208-559-0643
Fax 208-322-4041**

www.embroidme-boiseNW.com

COMMON CORE TIES TO FEDERAL FUNDING POP UP IN CALIFORNIA AND INDIANA

By Austin Hill of the Idaho Reporter



Rep. Judy Boyle, right, R-Midvale, a member of the House Education Committee, says Common Core is

According to Idaho's top public education official, the Gem State would face no cuts in federal funding should it choose to end its participation in the nationwide Common Core academic standards agenda.

However, in states where policy-makers have either abandoned or augmented their participation with the national standards agenda, the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) has used a federal law from last decade—the “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB) Act—to threaten those states over the appropriation of millions of federal education dollars.

“We did not receive federal dollars from Washington when we adopted the Common Core standards,” said Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna. [In an exclusive interview with IdahoReporter.com in February of this year](#), Luna added that “we would not lose federal funding if we chose other standards.”

Yet in both California and Indiana, the USDOE has leveled threats in the face of those states altering their intended paths with Common Core. Last year when California considered the possibility of suspending student testing for a year (Common Core entails annual assessment testing), [the USDOE reacted by threatening](#) to withhold some \$15 million in administrative funding from the state.

Tina Woo Jung, spokesperson for the California Department of Education, told IdahoReporter.com that the tension with the USDOE has now been resolved and that California never lost any federal monies.

The USDOE's responses to both California and Indiana involved the threat of actually requiring the states to adhere to the NCLB, or face the loss of federal money. While California's concerns seem to have dissipated for now, Indiana's situation is much more uncertain.

Signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2002, the NCLB began requiring individual states to define and achieve their own grade-level academic standards in order to receive federal education money. The law also expanded the federal role in K-12 public education in annual testing, report card standards and teacher certification criteria, among others.

Continued on page 21

Reprinted with permission of The Idaho Reporter.com

COMMON CORE TIES TO FEDERAL FUNDING POP UP IN CALIFORNIA AND INDIANA

By Austin Hill of the Idaho Reporter

Amid growing frustration with the law, earlier this decade the Obama administration began extending NCLB waivers to individual states, relieving them from some of the requirements of the law.

But a NCLB waiver is now at the epicenter of problems for Indiana: While in March of this year the current Legislature and governor determined that Indiana would opt out of the Common Core agenda, the state had previously agreed that it would participate in the nationwide standards initiative as a part of their negotiation for a NCLB waiver. Now that Indiana has abandoned Common Core, it finds itself at odds with terms to which it committed with the federal government.

“We brought this on ourselves,” explained Dr. Brad Oliver, a member of the Indiana state board of education. He told IdahoReporter.com that since January of 2013 Indiana has fallen out of compliance on nine different commitments it made to the federal government in exchange for its NCLB waiver, and while participation in Common Core is only one of them, the state’s choice to abandon the agenda is nonetheless a problem.

“We have to get back into compliance with the agreement we made or about \$260 million a year is at stake in federal Title 1 education funds,” said Oliver. “It’s not that we would necessarily lose all that money, but we could lose the flexibility we currently have in how we spend that money. We have got to act quickly and carefully so we don’t end up with more problems with the federal government.”

Idaho [officially received a waiver from NCLB compliance](#) in October of 2012. According to Camille Wells, spokesperson for the Idaho Department of Education, the Gem State did not agree to join the Common Core agenda in exchange for receiving an NCLB waiver. She explained that by the time Idaho made application for a waiver from NCLB, the state had already adopted the nationwide Common Core standards, adding that “other states, such as Alaska and Virginia, have been granted waivers without adopting the Common Core state standards. Therefore, it is possible Idaho would have been granted a waiver without adopting these standards.”

Idaho nonetheless relies quite heavily on federal Title 1 education dollars. In fiscal year 2013 it received more than \$52 million in Title 1 monies, and in fiscal year 2012 that figure was more than \$57 million. So if Idaho chose to detach itself from the Common Core agenda, would it face threats similar to those leveled against Indiana and California?

“My understanding from Superintendent Luna is that the Common Core academic standards fit the criteria that was necessary for us to get a NCLB waiver,” said Sen. Steve Thayne, R-Emmett, a member of the Senate Education Committee. “If we did choose to leave Common Core, we would presumably have to negotiate with the USDOE to make sure that the standards we used to replace Common Core met the criteria of the NCLB waiver.”

“Based on what is happening in Indiana, I suspect Idaho would face a similar threat,” said Rep. Judy Boyle, R-Midvale, a member of the House Education Committee. “I think part of the question for Idaho, is how much longer we will allow our state to be blackmailed by the federal government. The situation in Indiana also demonstrates that Common Core is, in fact, a federal program, and not a ‘state-led initiative’ as some have claimed that it is.”

Reprinted with permission of The Idaho Reporter .com

CONSEQUENCES AND MOTIVES

By Rich Loudenback

Feeling Put Upon?

What are the motives for such as: • The 30 hr work week? • Lax border control and immigration enforcement? • Outrageous entitlements to illegal aliens? • The avalanche of thousands of illegal alien children arriving almost overnight? • Not approving the Keystone Pipeline? • Taking money out of Medicare to help pay for Obamacare? • Thousands of crippling new regulations being forced upon industries and businesses? • The dumbing down of our schools? • So many un-warranted entitlements being pushed on un-expecting citizens? • And on and on...

Those are some of the innumerable new issues that are ruining Americans and America, which are the consequences of the fundamental changing being put upon us. This fundamental changing of America has created a general malaise, a bunker mentality, lost and fading hope among good Americans who know what has made us great. **We've had too much hope and are sure getting the change.**

America's Suicide?

In his new book, *'America: Imagine a World without Her,'* acclaimed author Dinesh D'Souza, states, **"The American dream is shrinking because some of our leaders want it to shrink. Decline, in other words, has become a policy objective. And if this decline continues at the current pace America as we know it, will cease to exist.** In effect, we will have committed national suicide.

America's suicide, it turns out, is the result of a plan. The plan is not simply one of destruction but also one of reconstruction—it seeks the rebuilding of a different type of country, what President Obama terms "the work of remaking America. While Obama acknowledges the existence of the plan, he is not responsible for the plan; it would be more accurate to say that it is responsible for him. **The plan preceded Obama, and it will outlast him. Obama is simply part of a fifty-year scheme for the undoing and remaking of America, and when he is gone there are others who are ready to continue the job.** What makes the plan especially chilling is that most Americans are simply unaware of what's going on. Their ignorance, ...is part of the problem." Our freedoms, financial well-being, job market, security and national mindset are being devastated. Why is this happening?

ROOTS OF THE MOTIVES,

'In Their Own Words'

- **"We shall have world government whether or not you like it, by conquest or consent."** - Statement by Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) member James Warburg to The Senate Foreign Relations Committee on February 17th, 1950
- **"The Council on Foreign Relations is "the establishment."** Not only does it have influence and power in key decision-making positions at the highest levels of government to apply pressure from above, but it also announces and uses individuals and groups to bring pressure from below, to **justify the high level decisions for converting the U.S. from a sovereign Constitutional Republic into a servile member state of a one-world dictatorship.** - *Former U.S. Congressman from Indiana (D) John Rarick 1971*

Continued on page 23

CONSEQUENCES AND MOTIVES

By Rich Loudenback

- **"The main purpose of the Council on Foreign Relations is promoting the disarmament of U.S. sovereignty and national independence and submergence into an all-powerful, one world government."**
- *Former CFR member for 16 years, Rear Admiral Chester Ward* • The New World Order will have to be built from the bottom up rather than from the top down...but **in the end run around national sovereignty, eroding it piece by piece will accomplish much more than the old fashioned frontal assault.** - *CFR member Richard Gardner, writing in the April 1974 issue of the CFR's journal, Foreign Affairs.*
- **"We are grateful to *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Time Magazine* and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their promises of discretion for almost forty years. It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subject to the bright lights of publicity during those years. But, the work is now much more sophisticated and prepared to march towards a world government. The supranational sovereignty of an intellectual elite and world bankers is surely preferable to the national auto determination practiced in past centuries."** - *David Rockefeller, founder of the Trilateral Commission and CFR member, in an address to a meeting of The Trilateral Commission, in June, 1991.*
- **"To achieve world government, it is necessary to remove from the minds of men their individualism, loyalty to family traditions, national patriotism, and religious dogmas."** - *Brock Chisholm, Director UN World Health Organization Director General, Quoted in: Llewellyn B. Davis, B Davis Llewellyn (1991) Going Home to School, p. 69*
- **"In searching for a new enemy to unite us, we came up with the idea that pollution, the threat of global warming, water shortages, famine and the like would fit the bill."** - *"The First Global Revolution", A Report by the Council of the Club of Rome by Alexander King and Bertrand Schneider 1991*
- *Member of the National Security Council under President Carter, CFR member writing on foreign affairs, Robert Pastor in an article titled 'North America's Second Decade,' in the Jan-Feb 2004 issue of its flagship journal, Foreign Affairs:* **"NAFTA was merely the first draft of an economic constitution for North America."** Now they are being a bit more candid: NAFTA was merely the *first draft* of an on-going "dynamic, permanent process." **The border demolition is part of the next draft, which is intended to deal with political and security issues.**

There you have it. These fundamental changes that are hurting us and costing so much are intentionally designed to bring us more in line with the economic median of Mexico and the rest of the world. Among nations, as much parity and normalization as possible are needed to facilitate the successful blending of former nations into regional and global governance by unelected global elitists.

Our choice: **Continue freely fighting to restore 'messy' America through our elected representatives via education and votes or give in to the 'absolute dictates' of un-elected world elitists who believe they know best for us and certainly what's best for themselves.** *In the words of Fox Business News commentator Stuart Varney, "We do not want to be transformed into a passive, insolvent, submissive society."*

Continued on page 24

CONSEQUENCES AND MOTIVES

By Rich Loudenback

OUR 3 BIGGEST ISSUES

As concerned as we are about each and every change being forced upon us and as much as we must challenge and litigate, if necessary, whenever possible, on all important issues, there are actually just 3 distinct issues we must fight and stop for sure or they will take us down as a free sovereign independent nation almost overnight.

FACTS YOU CAN COUNT ON

1. Illegal Immigration/Immigration Reform

We don't need immigration reform, we need immigration laws enforced, our borders secured. And we **must desist** from giving our hard earned tax money so charitably handed out to illegal's!!! **The only rational that makes sense as a motive for this nonsense of softening borders is to prepare for the eventual removal of the borders, transitioning us into the 'birthing' of the intended 'North American Union.'**

The motive for all the handouts to these illegal aliens and the avalanche of thousands of illegal children arriving here almost overnight is the same as all the many other entitlements created by this wonderful people loving administration in Washington craving aggrandizement and obviously, votes. **Our 'socialization' is being furthered through these entitlements to adjust 'income inequality' through redistribution of wealth schemes while at the same time taking us down economically bringing us closer to parity with Mexico, making the new 'Union' more comfortable. Really!**

As far back as 2001, a September 7 editorial from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution called for North American integration, **"The ultimate goal of any White House policy ought to be a North American economic and political alliance similar in scope and ambition to the European Union."**

Former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski expressed his view of regionalism at Mikhail Gorbachev's October 1995 State of the World Forum, **"We cannot leap into world government in one quick step. The precondition for eventual globalization for genuine globalization is progressive regionalization."**

Quoting from a man of great depth who summarizes this issue exactly, Arthur Thompson, CEO of The John Birch Society, **"It is time to show that we mean business and that *the freedom of the American people and the sovereignty of this nation* will once again be protected. If we do so, we will also punch a hole in the plans to create a North American Union.**

"Proper solutions to illegal immigration also require certain knowledge on the part of an American: the meaning, necessity, and right of sovereignty; the economic dangers and debilitating effects of welfare; the cultural Balkanization of our country that can be used as a divide-and-conquer tactic by the Conspiracy; and the resolve to get the job done without generating malice toward the Mexican people.

"These considerations also require understanding why false solutions such as national ID cards and fences constitute dangers to American freedom. We must always oppose solutions that will lead to more control over Americans."

Continued on page 25

CONSEQUENCES AND MOTIVES

By Rich Loudenback

2. Free Trade Agreements

I don't like having to report this because for the most part I have been a supporter of U.S. Senator James Risch, but he replied to an e-mail from me on April 17th thusly, "I fully support the ongoing TPP negotiations and free trade in general..." I'm stunned!

Does he not know what these are really about, or worse, does he? If exalted U.S. Senators don't know what's going on, what's to save us? We must inform fellow citizens, but mostly, we must educate our elected representatives who are either listening to the wrong people or not paying attention.

Real FREE TRADE is as it should be, FREE. These masked agreements are chock full of restricting and illegal regulations that, like our experience with NAFTA, are ruinous to our interests, freedom and sovereignty. What do climate change, sustainable development, internet regulation, homeland security, the military and international courts have to do with trade? Nothing, but it's all part of the pending FTA's.

Critical for our attention RIGHT NOW are the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). America will likely be dissolved if the two giant FTA's come to fruition as intended. How's that for a motive? **Members of congress are being shut out of negotiations, no press or public participation is being allowed yet corporate lobbyists, other nations and their corporate lobbyists are having full access. The only information to date has been leaked.**

Currently 12 nations including Canada and Mexico (think NAFTA/NAU) are in TPP negotiations and **they are demanding they be exempt from our environmental and financial regulations and intend to dramatically change U.S. Copyright and Intellectual Property Laws. As if that isn't enough, Obama is negotiating a trade pact that would constitute a judicial authority higher than even the U.S. Supreme Court that can overrule U.S. law on behalf of foreign companies.** The motive is to ultimately dissolve us as a nation.

3. A Constitutional Convention or the Con-Con Con

In the first place who believes Washington would adhere to new amendments any more than they follow law and the Constitution now? There have been many guises presented as reasons to open a Constitutional Convention. The most effective one in recent years has been the call for one to create a Balanced Federal Budget Amendment. **An unbalanced Federal Budget is NOT the result of a Constitutional flaw. It is the result of a Congress which refuses to obey Constitutional restraints upon its spending of Federal Funds.**

And now, another proposal is going around calling for a convention for a "28th Amendment" that would abolish the ability of the Senate and House to exempt themselves from any legislation such as Obamacare.

Violation of the public trust should be considered the most heinous of crimes. As men of integrity, Legislators themselves should debate the 28th Amendment. **And legislators benefiting themselves through exemption to law should be overwhelmingly voted out of office by the beleaguered.** A Constitutional Convention is not necessary!!!

Also, there is no guaranty that such a convention won't be a runaway convention and that three-fourths of the states will have a chance to ratify, since a convention can set up special ratifying conventions just like our founders did in our one and only such convention ever held. Does anyone really believe these people of nefarious motives today would leave to chance that three-fourths of the states' legislatures would ratify? Really???

We don't have a Constitution problem; we have an adherence and enforcement problem. Our wonderful Constitution has brought us and ignoring it is taking us away. The motive for a Con-Con is to definitely take us down. Some politicians would ask you, 'Are you going to believe your lying eyes or believe what I tell .you?' We must know the truth, spread the word and vote. You're fired!



IDAHO FREEDOM FOUNDATION

*A Summer Evening
At The Lake
with*

Daniel Hannan

(Member of European Parliament)

\$30/person, \$50/couple

A dessert buffet will be served



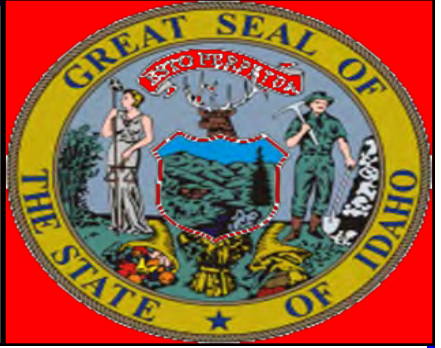
7 p.m., July 23

The Coeur d'Alene Resort

*Calling on Americans to hang onto our
Constitution, he has a deep admiration of the United States.*

*If you value your freedom in Idaho, you won't want to miss
this opportunity.*

*For more information, call Maureen at 208.258.2280,
or visit IdahoFreedom.org.*



4TH ANNUAL IDAHO LIBERTY SUMMIT

SAVE THE DATES

September 26 and 27th., 2014

Coeur d' Alene Inn and Conference Center

September 26th, all day Constitution Class with Kriss Anne Hall

Dinner with a Guest Speaker (to be announced)

September 27th Speakers and Buffet Lunch

For further information please contact

Pam Stout at pamwbst@aol.com

BOISE TEA PARTY IS NOW ADA COUNTY TEA PARTY



**IF YOU WERE A PREVIOUS
MEMBER AND WISH TO CONTINUE YOUR
MEMBERSHIP IN ADA COUNTY TEA PARTY
JUST E-MAIL US AT**

membership@adacountyteaparty.org



**PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE AND VISIT OUR
NEW WEB SITE JUST CLICK ON THE LINK**

<http://adacountyteaparty.org/>

**FOR MORE INFO CALL TAMMY SULLIVAN WATSON
208-350-1223**

“We Will Not Conform”

Are you ready to join us in Idaho’s fight against the Common Core?

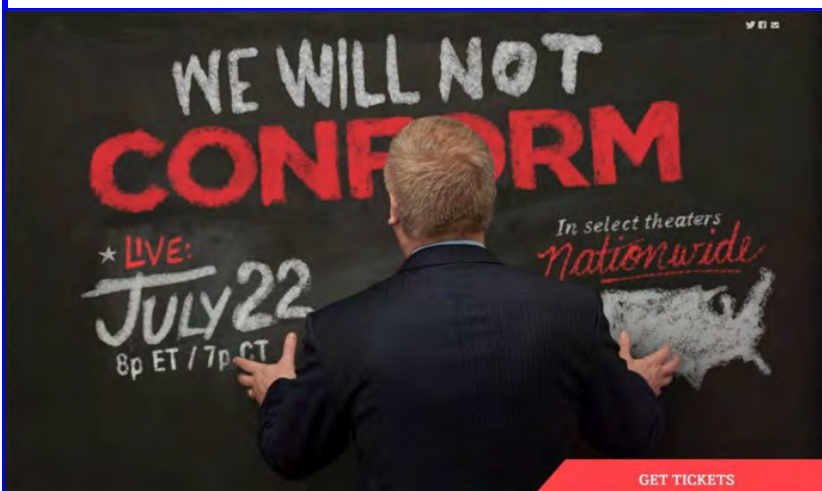


Find out what others across the nation have done to defeat it in their states, and let’s get to work as we prepare for the next legislative session!

Check the ticket link to see if there is a viewing near you, and join us or a nationwide work session with Glenn Beck, FreedomWorks and national education activists on:

Tuesday, July 22nd, 6:00pm – Live Simulcast

Tuesday, July 29th, 7:30pm – Encore Presentation



Click on the image for tickets. If you’re in the Boise area, please stop by our Idaho information table outside each of the individual theaters to see how you can help!

Questions? Contact... Stephanie at wzimmerman@gmail.com OR Valerie at info@912projectidaho.com

Recommended for a smooth ride by The Gem State Patriot Staff

AIRPORT **METRO** SHUTTLE
795-7777



2\$ Pickup 2\$ a Mile

Ask about flat rates over 30 miles

Boise Eagle Meridian Nampa Caldwell Eagle
Sun Valley Ontario Oregon Mountain Home etc.

208.795.7777

<http://boise-airporttaxi.com>

SCHEDULE OF ORGANIZATIONAL EVENTS

July 7th. Gem County Tea Party will hold their monthly meeting. For more information please contact Wayne or Jan Montano at 208-398-8722

July 22, 2014 at 6:00pm Project 9/12 invites you to a Live simulcast at either of the Boise Edwards Cinema locations for a nationwide work session with Glenn Beck, Freedom Works and national education activists. There will also be an Encore Presentation on July 29 at 7:30pm

July 29, 2014 7:00pm at The Coeur d' Alene Resort, The Idaho Freedom Foundation Presents A Summer Evening at the Lake with Daniel Hannan (Member of European Parliament). Calling on America to hold on to our Constitution. He has a deep admiration for the United States. If you value your freedom in Idaho you will not want to miss this. For more information please call Maureen at 208-258-2280 or go to www.idahofreedom.org

Sept. 27, 2014 Idaho NF Walk, Place: Kleiner Park Meridian. Come and support this worthy cause that helps thousands of children each year that are affected with Neurofibromatosis. This years event will have a Super Hero Theme. Dress up as your favorite character or put together a team of superheroes or villains and fight in the battle to end NF. Register to walk at www.nfwalk.org/idaho2014

Sept. 26, 27 2014 The 4th Annual Idaho Liberty Summit, to be held in Coeur d' Alene Idaho at The Best Western Coeur d' Alene Inn and Conference Center.
September 26 will be an all day Constitution Class.
September 27, will be guest speakers and a buffet lunch. For further information please contact Pam Stout at pamwbst@aol.com.

WANTED NEWSLETTER WRITERS

**THE GEM STATE PATRIOT IS LOOKING FOR WRITERS/REPORTERS.
WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT IMPORTANT
NEWS ON ISSUES AFFECTING YOUR COMMUNITY.**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR GRASS ROOTS WRITERS THAT CAN HELP
KEEP US INFORMED ON IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN THEIR
COMMUNITIES THAT WE CAN PASS ALONG TO OUR READERS.**

**WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR YOUR OPINION ON ISSUES FACING
OUR STATE AND OUR COUNTRY.**

**IF YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR WRITING PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
SEND US AN ARTICLE OR A LETTER TO THE EDITOR ON AN ISSUE
YOU MIGHT BE CONCERNED WITH.**

SEND YOUR STORIES TO bob@gemstatepatriot.com

**PLEASE GO TO OUR WEB SITE AND SIGN THE PETITION TO DEFUND THE
STATE HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE <http://gemstatepatriot.com>**

HERE ARE LINKS TO CONTRIBUTORS OF THIS NEWSLETTER

The Idaho Business alliance <http://idahobusinessalliance.com>

The 9-12 Project <http://912projectidaho.com>

The Free Enterprise Pac <http://freeenterprise.org>

Idaho Carry Open & Concealed <http://idahocarry.org>

Idaho Freedom Foundation <http://idahofreedom.net>

Idahoans for Local Education <http://idahoansforlocaleducation.com/>

Idaho Chooses Life <http://idahochoosesthechoice.org/>

**Please take some time to visit the Gem State Patriot website TV section.
<http://gemstatepatriot.com/blog/category/gem-state-patriot-tv/>**

PATRIOT COMPUTER SERVICES

Recommended by The Gem State Patriot Staff

**PLEASE CALL — 208-649-4184
ASK FOR NATHANIEL LONGSTREET**

**Their capabilities include installing new networks servers, PC/workstations,
and POS systems for the IT needs of small to medium businesses.**

**They will also do in-home repair and/or pick-up and repair home PC's
Laptops or Desktops.**