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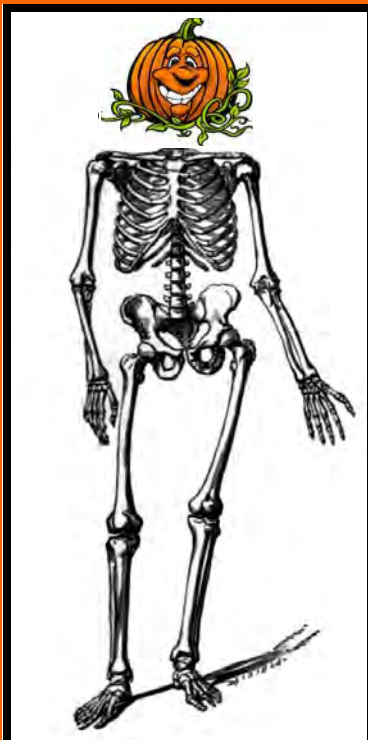
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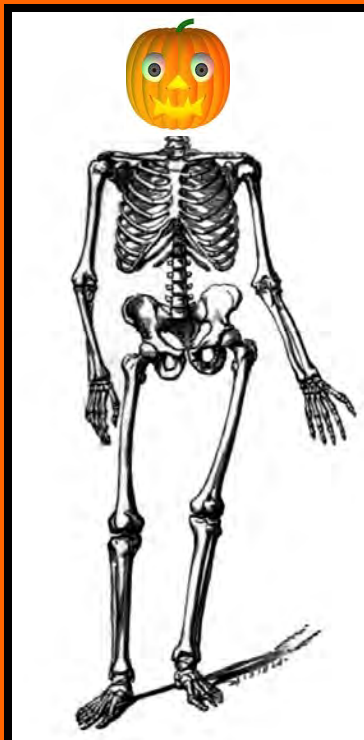
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**ELECTION TIME WHEN THE ALL THE SKELTONS
COME OUT OF THE CLOSET
TRICK OR TREAT THAT IS THE QUESTION
PLEASE VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4TH**

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THE NOVEMBER 4TH GENERAL ELECTION

IMPORTANT BALLOT INFORMATION YOU SHOULD READ

There will be a question on the general election ballot November 4th, 2014 concerning a constitutional amendment H.J.R 2. It contains a ballot question, a statement of its meaning, the purpose and result to be accomplished as well as statements for and against the proposed amendment. The Statements for and against H.J.R 2. have been developed as prescribed by law by the Legislative Council.

THE QUESTION

“Shall Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended by the addition of a new section 29, to confirm that the legislature may authorize executive rulemaking; however, the legislature shall not relinquish oversight, which such oversight is done by approval or rejection, in whole or in part, of an executive rule; and to provide that the legislature’s approval or rejection of such a rule shall not require the approval of the governor?”

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL’S STATEMENT OF MEANING, PURPOSE AND RESULT TO BE ACCOMPLISHED OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

This ability to approve or reject executive rules is an important aspect of the separation of powers, because these rules have the force and effect of law. Existing law allows Idaho state agencies to make rules that implement or interpret statutes passed by the Legislature. The Legislature currently oversees that rulemaking process by accepting or rejecting adopted rules. The proposed amendment confirms and protects the Legislature’s practice to authorize executive branch rulemaking, and to accept or reject adopted rules.

STATEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1. Legislative review of executive rulemaking is necessary to ensure that Idahoans have a responsible state government. Executive rules are written by the executive branch state agencies. These rules describe how laws passed by the Legislature will be interpreted and implemented. These rules impact the lives of Idaho citizens, as state agencies regulate businesses, licenses, benefits, and fees. The Legislature’s oversight of agency rules can limit agency overreaching into the rights and lives of Idahoans and its businesses.
2. Legislative review of the executive rulemaking is necessary to ensure the separation of powers between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of Idaho government. Executive branch agencies write and adopt rules. Legislative review of agency rules ensures agency restraint and adherence to the law. Placing the Legislature’s review authority in the Idaho Constitution protects that authority and the rights of Idaho citizens.



THE NOVEMBER 4TH GENERAL ELECTION IMPORTANT BALLOT INFORMATION YOU SHOULD READ

STATEMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1. Legislative review of executive rulemaking may infringe on executive branch power by the Legislature. By providing that the Legislature shall not relinquish its executive rulemaking oversight, the proposed amendment potentially could impact the ability of the executive branch to direct and manage the affairs of the state.
2. The proposed amendment is unnecessary. Legislative review is currently authorized by statute and affirmed by the Idaho Supreme Court. As a result legislative authority is adequately protected.

HJR 2 – YES OR NO?

By Chris Troupis

I have to admit that I knew very little about 2014's HJR 2 when I was first asked what it meant and whether it was good or bad. So, before I gave a response to the question, I read the proposed amendment. Then I read the information in the Secretary of State's pamphlet explaining it. Even though it wasn't written very clearly, I understood the importance of it because of my familiarity with the legislative process of reviewing and approving agency rules at the beginning of each session of the Idaho Legislature. All of our state agencies adopt myriads of rules throughout the year, and those rules affect all of us in a great many ways. As just one example, at one time, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare instituted and implemented an obscure rule that virtually gutted protections for young girls contemplating an abortion. I firmly believe that rules created by non-elected bureaucrats answerable to no one should never have the force of law. Without legislative review and oversight, the rule I mentioned above would still be in force, but because the impact of that rule was subjected to legislative review, it was rejected.

HJR 2 doesn't change the legislature's yearly process of reviewing and approving rules. But it protects the legislature's right to do so from unwarranted interference by the judiciary or an overzealous agency. Based on these facts, and on the principle that the legislature should have a veto over agency rules that constitute *de facto* lawmaking, I concluded that HJR 2 was a good idea. When I checked its legislative history, I found out that I was in good company. HJR 2 was **unanimously approved** by our Legislature – no small feat indeed!

Parenthetically, I should mention that even though I felt that the legislature's authority and duty to review and approve rules ought to be in our Constitution, I also concluded that based on the explanation given by the Secretary of State of the meaning and effect of HJR2, most Idaho voters would be thoroughly confused, and as a result, would vote against it, dooming it to fail.

Since I formed my initial opinions about HJR 2, I have seen and read other articles discussing it. One that appeared today was written by Arthur Macomber as a guest opinion in the Coeur d'Alene Press. It has changed my opinion from "Yes" to "No." It did not change my opinion as to the merits of a Constitutional Amendment to safeguard us from the overreach of state agency's rule-making power. That is still a very good idea. But his article persuaded me that HJR2 is so poorly drafted that it would make bad law. And because it would become an amendment to our Constitution, it would make bad Constitutional law. That is a double whammy.

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HJR 2 – YES OR NO?

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The Constitution is a legal document. As such, every word counts, and must be carefully considered. In concluding that this was a good idea, I considered the substance of the Amendment and its purposes – on both of which I concur. But, Mr. Macomber correctly shows in his article that “the devil is in the details.” As he notes, “the amendment uses sloppy language.” One of the most critical is its statement that “[the legislature may delegate rulemaking authority to executive agencies as provided by law.” That statement creates a potential conflict with the principal that each of our three branches of government are co-equal. The Legislature does not have rulemaking authority to delegate. The Executive has the duty to enforce laws and in order to fulfill that duty, has authority to make rules. Legislative oversight extends to rules that have the effect of law-making. We don’t need more confusion in this area.

In prior legislative sessions, our legislature could not only approve or reject a rule, but could also amend it. In this past session, the option to amend a rule was apparently abrogated. HJR2 apparently addresses this with a virtual veto power, exercisable against a rule, “in whole or in part.” That creates another potential conflict with executive authority while at the same time leaving the gap created when the legislature gave up the power to amend rules.

There is a saying, “Act in haste; regret at leisure.” Hasty decisions often lead to consequences that linger for a long time. Inclusion of new language in our Constitution is a weighty matter with far-reaching consequences that will last for generations to come. The language of this Amendment must be thoroughly vetted and understood by the people who are voting on it. It should be debated, and all of its possible ramifications should be explored and discussed. This has not happened with HJR2. Very few Idahoans have any idea what it means, let alone, whether it should be enacted. The power of the people to amend our Constitution is a sacred right. We need to exercise that right intelligently, independently, and after consideration of all of the relevant facts. HJR2 can wait until we have all done our due diligence. Meanwhile, our lives will continue unaffected by our decision to wait and ponder. Our Legislature will continue to review and approve or reject agency rules as they have done for many years. **VOTE NO ON HJR2**

VOTING YES ON HJR2 WOULD BE A BAD IDEA

By Hari Heath

Sometimes we grow accustomed to things and don't read the details. Over time we accept what would be unacceptable if we only knew better. Gradualism is how we have fallen so far from where our founders left us and this amendment is another step in such gradualism.

It's the wrong question, but we are being asked to vote on it anyway. The question is confusing, and doesn't seem to matter either way, so how can we tell what it really means? H.J.R. 2 seeks to get voter approval to add a new Section 29 to Article III of the Idaho Constitution. The Amendment would add a constitutional provision for the legislature to do what it is already doing: giving legislative review and oversight to rules and regulations promulgated by state agencies.

No big deal? Hordes of administrative agencies create rules and regulations which have the force and effect of law ever since the Administrative Procedures Act was passed many years ago. It started with the federal administrative act and now every state has one too.



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By Hari Heath

The real question should be “Can executive branch agencies create rules and regulations (a legislative act), then administer them (an executive act), and then prosecute violations (a judicial act) in their own administrative courts where the agency is also acting as the plaintiff?” Just because it happens, and we’ve become accustomed to it, doesn’t make it right.

Article II of the Idaho Constitution declares: *“The powers of the government of this state are divided into three distinct departments, the legislative, executive and judicial; and no person or collection of persons charged with the exercise of powers properly belonging to one of these departments shall exercise any powers properly belonging to either of the others, except as in this constitution expressly directed or permitted.”*

Currently, executive agencies are in violation of Article II, when they promulgate rules or regulations (a legislative act), or prosecute administrative cases (a judicial act). But by adding a sneaky new section 29, the legislature wants to get your approval to legitimize the bureaucratic violation of Article II. Read the last nine words in it: *“...except as in this constitution expressly directed or permitted.”* If Idaho votes yes on this Amendment they will expressly direct or permit the violation of the separation of powers enshrined in Article II.

How much of the force of government comes from agency rules and regulations imposed upon us? Americans once fought a war for independence and among the complaints that led to that war was this sentence from the Declaration of Independence: *“He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers, to harass our people, and eat out their substance.”*

What have we today? Most of government is made up of administrative agencies with swarms of unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats, who assume the power to promulgate more rules and regulations, which impose their self-made power as if it were law. And now the legislature seeks your vote to sanction this violation of what should be exclusively the duty of the legislature: to legislate.

Vote NO on this election’s Constitutional Amendment.

Hari Heath
Santa, Idaho.



OPPOSITION TO HJR2 SIMPLY DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

By Representative Robert Anderst

Opposition to HJR 2 simply doesn't make sense if you believe in co-equal branches of government. That's why the amendment is supported by every member of the legislature, the Governor and all members of the congressional delegation. It enjoys this broad, bipartisan support because all elected officials have seen the value it brings. It's true that the Idaho Legislature does review agency rules today and it may be confusing to some why we should add this authority to the Constitution. Simply put, HJR 2 codifies the current process because future courts could take it away. We are legally authorized to do this today but not constitutionally directed.

The fundamental difference is a constitutional amendment is the literal voice of the citizens on a specific issue. Laws are the expressed intention of elected representatives, and the executive. When courts interpret laws, they first look to the Constitution for guidance. With this amendment courts will have a citizen declaration supporting legislative oversight. In my opinion, if we lost this authority the legislature becomes subordinate to the executive.

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OPPOSITION TO HJR2 SIMPLY DOESN'T MAKE SENSE VOTE YES

By Representative Robert Anderst

Some people may not understand the current process so here is a brief explanation.

1. The legislature drafts and passes legislation
2. The Governor signs the law and the appropriate executive agency drafts rules to implement the law. It's important to remember these agencies are part of the executive branch.
3. The draft rules are presented to the legislative committee with jurisdiction for confirmation that the rules are consistent with legislative intent.

Occasionally an agency may draft a rule that is contradictory to the legislature's intent. Last year the House Revenue and Taxation Committee rejected a rule proposed by the Tax Commission because it did not conform with the intent of the law. If the rule had not been rejected, some people would have paid taxes on things not intended by the law.

Civics 101 reminds us that the legislative branch (Congress or Legislature) drafts and passes legislation. The executive branch (President or Governor) is charged with administering the laws as passed by the legislative branch and signed by the executive. Congress has not maintained this oversight and Obama care is an example of agency rules imposing contextual changes to an existing law without legislative consent. At the Federal or State level its bad governance.

The Press-Tribune asked "Should state agencies be allowed to set rules without having them overridden by lawmakers?" My answer, no agency should have authority to implement rules contradictory to legislative intent. Agency directors aren't elected but the public can hold them accountable through the rules review process. If the editorial board doesn't see the value of protecting the process we have used effectively for over four decades through Republican and Democrat administrations I'm truly disappointed.

If you believe in legislative oversight of the executive branch **please vote YES on HJR-2**. It simply codifies the process we use today to hold agencies accountable to you the voter.

Constitutional Amendment Cements Our System of Checks and Balances

Reprint from Idaho Reporter by Wayne Hoffman

When the EPA announced this summer that it was putting in place regulations that would stretch its authority over wide swaths of private property, much of the country was in an uproar. The EPA said that dry streambeds that only occasionally flow with water, small ponds and watering holes should be regulated as "navigable waters of the U.S.," subjecting them to the Clean Water Act.

Imaginative and outrageous as these regulations are, Congress is unable to tell the EPA to pound sand. Regulations passed by federal agencies—from the EPA to the IRS to the Department of Health and Human Services—cannot be reviewed and rejected by Congress even if those regulations stretch beyond statutory limits.

This is, thankfully, not the case in Idaho. If our state Department of Environmental Quality were to pass a rule that stretches the agency's authority, the Legislature can reject it, and the Legislature often does exactly that.

Our state Legislature's process for reviewing agency regulations, approving or rejecting them are at the heart of the constitutional amendment that is on the ballot in November. The amendment seeks to cement in the Idaho Constitution a legislative review process that has been underway for decades.



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Constitutional Amendment Cements Our System of Checks and Balances

Reprint from Idaho Reporter by Wayne Hoffman YES on HJR2

Critics of the amendment, some of my friends included, suggest that the amendment is poorly worded and that it gives too much power to the legislative branch. That's up to voters to figure out. The complete text of the amendment, a mere 60 words, appears on the ballot.

For me, the amendment seems to strike a balance between executive branch authority and legislative branch authority. Executive branch agencies can and do write regulations; the Legislature reviews those regulations in public hearings where ordinary citizens can comment on the proposals.

Critics of the amendment also sound an alarm stemming from the Legislature's vote last winter to remove from state law a provision that allows the Legislature to not only reject regulations but to amend and rewrite them. This is easily explained. More than two decades ago, when a court ruled that lawmakers have the authority to review agency rules, the court also opined that allowing the Legislature to write executive branch regulations probably violates our sacred principle that the work of the executive branch should be separate from that of the legislative branch. That's why for many years the Legislature has merely accepted or rejected, in whole, agency rules. And that's why the statute was amended this year.

Critics also say agencies shouldn't be writing regulations at all, that all details should be written out by lawmakers in statute. I wish that were true. But we know that if agencies had no reviewable regulations, agencies would still find a way around lawmakers. Their ministerial and administrative duties would be relegated to policy manuals and directives written outside the light of day, without legislative oversight and without public discourse.

Despite my belief in Idaho's legislative oversight process, I concede that state lawmakers occasionally write statutes that are too vague, unnecessarily letting agencies use regulations to fill in important details. This is an ongoing problem that requires constant vigilance.

Still, I've been watching our state Legislature for almost 20 years, and I can tell you that our lawmakers' regulation review process, were it in place in Congress, would make our country safer from renegade government agencies or power-hungry bureaucrats. And that's why Idaho lawmakers have asked voters to safeguard this practice by writing it into the Idaho Constitution.

THE FOLLOWING ARE CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL SENATE AND HOUSE

UNITED STATES SENATOR

DEMOCRAT - Nells Mitchell

REPUBLICAN - Jim Risch

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 1.

REPUBLICAN - Raul R. Labrador

DEMOCRAT - Shirley G. Ringo

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 2.

REPUBLICAN - Mike Simpson

DEMOCRAT - Richard Stallings

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IDAHO STATE OFFICES

GOVERNOR

DEMOCRAT - A.J. Balukoff

LIBERTARIAN - John Bujak

INDEPENDENT - Jill Humble

REPUBLICAN - C.L. “Butch” Otter

CONSTITUTION - Steve Pankey

INDEPENDENT - Pro Life

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

CONSTITUTION - David Hartigan

REPUBLICAN - Brad Little

DEMOCRAT - Bert Marley

SECRETARY OF STATE

REPUBLICAN - Lawrence E. Denney

DEMOCRAT - Holi Woodings

STATE CONTROLLER

REPUBLICAN—Brandon D. Woolf

STATE TREASURER

REPUBLICAN - Ron Crane

DEMOCRAT - Deborah Silver

ATTORNEY GENERAL

DEMOCRAT - Bruce Bistine

REPUBLICAN - Lawrence Wasden

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

DEMOCRAT - Jana Jones

REPUBLICAN - Sherri Ybarra

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**THE NOVEMBER 4TH GENERAL ELECTION
IMPORTANT BALLOT INFORMATION YOU SHOULD READ**

**DISTRICT JUDGE FOR DISTRICT 4
TO SUCCEED - Michael Wetherell**

NON - Rebecca W. Arnold

NON - Samuel A. Hoagland

**DISTRICT JUDGE FOR DISTRICT 7
TO SUCCEED - Jon J Shindurling**

NON - Bruce L. Pickett

NON - Stevan H. Thompson

NON - REPRESENTS NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY PARTY

LEGISLATIVE OFFICES BY DISTRICT

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NEWCOMERS WE KNOW WE GAVE OUR OPINION ON

PARTY AFFILIATION ABBREVIATIONS

CON - CONSTITUTION

DEM– DEMOCRAT

IND - INDEPENDENT

LIB - LIBERTARIAN

REP - REPUBLICAN

REPUBLICANS MARKED IN RED HAVE BAD VOTING RECORDS. (See page 14)

SOME ALMOST VOTED LIKE DEMOCRATS

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DIST. & AFFIL	OFFICE	NAME	FREEDOM INDEX GAUGE
1 CON 1 REP	SENATOR SENATOR	Christian Fioravanti Shawn A. Keough	New Opinion - Conservative -74 Liberal WORST RECORD
1 DEM 1 REP	ST. REP. POS A ST. REP. POS A	Laura Bry Heather Scott	New New Opinion - Conservative
1 REP 1 DEM	ST. REP. POS B ST. REP. POS B	Sage Dixon Andrew C Sorg	New Opinion - Conservative New
2 REP	SENATOR	Steve Vick	+ 70 Conservative
2 REP 2 DEM	ST. REP POS A ST. REP POS A	Vito Barbieri Cheryl Stransky	+ 140 Conservative New
2 REP	ST. REP POS B	Eric Redman	New Opinion - Conservative
3 REP	SENATOR	Bob Nonini	+ 48 Conservative
3 DEM 3 REP	ST. REP POS A ST. REP POS A	Michelle Lippert Ron Mendive	New + 154 Conservative
3 REP	ST. REP POS B	Don Cheatham	New
4 REP 4 CON	SENATOR SENATOR	Mary Souza Ray J. Writz	New Opinion Conservative New
4 REP	ST. REP POS A	Lucas "Luke" Malek	- 58 Liberal
4 DEM 4 REP	ST. REP POS B ST. REP POS B	Anne Nesse Kathleen Sims	New + 98 Conservative
5 REP 5 DEM	SENATOR SENATOR	John Carlson Dan J. Schmidt	New - 66 Liberal
5 REP 5 DEM	ST. REP. POS A ST. REP. POS A	Lucinda L Agidius Paulette E. Jordan	+ 2 Conservative New
5 DEM 5 IND 5 REP	ST. REP. POS B ST. REP. POS B ST. REP. POS B	Gary Osborn David R Suswal Caroline Nilsson Troy	New New New

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DIST. & AFFIL	OFFICE	NAME	FREEDOM INDEX GAUGE
6 DEM	SENATOR	Pete Gertonson	New
6 REP	SENATOR	Dan Johnson	- 39 Moderate
6 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	Dan Rudolph	New
6 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Thyra K Stevenson	+ 82 Conservative
6 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Mike Kingsley	New
6 DEM	ST. REP. POS B	John Rusche	- 70 Liberal
7 DEM	SENATOR	Casey Drews	New
7 REP	SENATOR	Sheryl L Nuxoll	+ 72 Conservative
7 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	Jessica Chilcott	New
7 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Shannon Mc Millan	+ 152 Conservative
7 DEM	ST. REP. POS B	Kenneth Murray Meyers	New
7 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Paul E Shepherd	+ 122 Conservative
8 IND	SENATOR	Kirsten Faith Richardson	New
8 REP	SENATOR	Steven P. Thayn	+34 Conservative
8 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Terry F. Gestrin	+ 82 Conservative
8 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Merrill Beyeler	New Opinion Moderate
8 DEM	ST. REP. POS B	Jocelyn Francis Plass	New
8 WRITE IN	ST. REP. POS B	Mike Barrett	New Opinion Conservative
9 REP	SENATOR	Abby Lee	New Opinion Moderate
9 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Ryan Kerby	New Opinion Moderate
9 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	Steve Worthley	New
9 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Judy Boyle	+ 98 Conservative
10 DEM	SENATOR	Micheal E. De Coria	New
10 REP	SENATOR	Jim Rice	+ 9 Conservative
10 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Brandon Hixon	+ 4 Conservative
10 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	Travis Manning	New
10 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Greg Chaney	New
10 IND	ST. REP. POS B	Gordon Council	New
10 DEM	ST. REP. POS B	Leif Skyving	New
10 LIB	ST. REP. POS B	Eugene Spencer Smith	New CONTINUED NEXTPAGE

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11 DEM 11 REP	SENATOR SENATOR	Rita Burns Patti Anne Lodge	New - 66 Liberal
11 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Gayle L. Batt	+ 42 Conservative
11 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Christy Perry	- 34 Moderate
12 DEM 12 REP	SENATOR SENATOR	Heidi J Knittel Todd Lakey	New - 32 Moderate
12 REP 12 DEM	ST. REP. POS A ST. REP. POS A	Robert Anderst Maria Gonzalez Mabbutt	- 25 Moderate New
12 DEM 12 REP	ST. REP. POS B ST. REP. POS B	F Lawrence Dawson Rick D. Youngblood	New - 45 Liberal
13 DEM 13 REP	SENATOR SENATOR	Cari Davis Curt McKenzie	New - 23 Moderate
13 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Brent J. Crane	+ 72 Conservative
13 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Gary E. Collins	- 5 Moderate
14 REP 14 DEM	SENATOR SENATOR	Marv Hagedorn Robert D Spencer	- 56 Liberal New
14 REP 14 DEM	ST. REP. POS A ST. REP. POS A	Mike Moyle Jane M Rohling	+ 32 Conservative New
14 REP 14 DEM	ST. REP. POS B ST. REP. POS B	Reed DeMordaunt Rob Spencer	+22 Conservative New
15 DEM 15 REP	SENATOR SENATOR	Richard Keller Fred Martin	New - 61 Liberal
15 DEM 15 REP	ST. REP. POS A ST. REP. POS A	Steve Berch Lynn M. Luker	New + 68 Conservative
15 DEM 15 REP	ST. REP. POS B ST. REP. POS B	John Hart Patrick McDonald	New - 31 Moderate

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16 DEM	SENATOR	Grant Burgoyne	- 74 Liberal
16 REP	SENATOR	Joel Robinson	New Opinion Conservative
16 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	John McCrostie	New
16 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Rosann Wiltse	New Opinion Conservative
16 DEM	ST. REP. POS B	Hy Kloc	- 64 Liberal
16 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Jim Silsby	New Opinion Conservative
17 DEM	SENATOR	Elliot Werk	- 65 Liberal
17 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	John Gannon	New
17 LIB	ST. REP. POS A	Paul D. Hautzinger	New no opinion
17 DEM	ST. REP. POS B	Sue Chew	- 74 Liberal
18 REP	SENATOR	Edward Dindinger	New
18 DEM	SENATOR	Janie Ward-Engelking	- 63 Liberal
18 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Ryan D. Jenks	New Opinion Conservative
18 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	Ilana Rubel	New
18 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Dom Gelsomino	New Opinion Conservative
18 DEM	ST. REP. POS. B	Phylis King	- 58 Liberal
19 DEM	SENATOR	Cherie Buckner-Webb	- 70 Liberal
19 REP	SENATOR	Tony Snesko	New Opinion Conservative
19 REP	ST. REP. POS.A	Mitchell Berger	New no opinion
19 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	Mathew “Mat” Erpelding	- 70 Liberal
19 DEM	ST. REP. POS B	Melissa Wintrow	New
20 REP	SENATOR	Chuck Winder	- 36 Moderate
20 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Joe Palmer	+ 78 Conservative
20 REP	ST. REP. POS B	James Holtzclaw	+ 6 Conservative
20 DEM	ST. REP. POS B	Daniel S Weston	New
21 REP	SENATOR	Clifford R “Cliff” Bayer	+ 58 Conservative
21 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Steven C Harris	+ 170 Conservative

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21 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Thomas E. "Tom" Dayley	+ 70 Conservative
22 REP	SENATOR	Lori DenHartog	New Opinion Conservative
22 REP	ST. REP. POS A	John Vander Woude	+ 64 Conservative
22 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Jason Monks	+ 94 Conservative
23 REP	SENATOR	Bert Brackett	-66 Liberal
23 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	Mary Ann Richards	New
23 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Rich Wills	-65 Liberal
23 DEM	ST. REP. POS B	"Spike" R.L. Ericson	New
23 IND	ST. REP. POS B	CJ Nemeth	New
23 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Pete Nielsen	+ 84 Conservative
24 DEM	SENATOR	Shelley M. Gardner	New
24 REP	SENATOR	Lee Heider	- 64 Liberal
24 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Lance W. Clow	- 46 Liberal
24 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	Dale Varney	New
24 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Stephen Hartgen	- 38 Moderate
24 DEM	ST. REP. POS B	Catherine Talkington	New
25 REP	SENATOR	Jim Patrick	- 63 Liberal
25 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Maxine T. Bell	- 44 Liberal
25 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Clark Kauffman	- 46 Liberal
26 REP	SENATOR	Dale Ewersen	New Opinion Conservative
26 DEM	SENATOR	Michelle Stennett	- 64 Liberal
26 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	Richard Fosbury	New
26 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Steve Miller	- 39 Moderate
26 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Don Hudson	New Opinion Conservative
26 DEM	ST. REP. POS B	Donna Pence	- 76 Liberal
27 REP	SENATOR	Dean Cameron	- 70 Liberal
27 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Scott Bedke	- 49 Liberal
27 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Fred Wood	- 51 Liberal

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DIST. & AFFIL	OFFICE	NAME	FREEDOM INDEX GAUGE
28 REP	SENATOR	Jim Guthrie	- 54 Liberal
28 DEM	SENATOR	Lin Whitworth	New
28 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Ken Andrus	+ 9 Conservative
28 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	Kurtis R. Workman	New appointed to fill vacancy
28 REP	ST. REP. POS B.	Kelley Packer	- 61 Liberal
29 REP	SENATOR	Kert Howard	New No Opinion
29 DEM	SENATOR	Roy Lacey	- 72 Liberal
29 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Matthew Bloxham	New No Opinion
29 LIB	ST. REP. POS.A	Matthew Larsen	New No Opinion
29 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	Mark Nye	New
29 DEM	ST. REP. POS B	Elaine Smith	- 88 Liberal
29 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Terrel "Ned" Tovey	New No Opinion
30 REP	SENATOR	Dean M. Mortimer	+ 12 Conservative
30 CON	ST. REP. POS A	David G Hay	New No Opinion
30 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Jeff Thompson	- 5 Moderate
30 CON	ST. REP. POS B	Robert D. Gorgoglione Sr.	New No Opinion
30 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Wendy Horman	- 46 Liberal
31 REP	SENATOR	Steve Bair	- 36 Moderate
31 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Neil A Anderson	- 54 Liberal
31 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Julie VanOrden	- 40 Liberal
32 DEM	SENATOR	Bob Fitzgerald	New
32 REP	SENATOR	John H Tippets	- 58 Liberal
32 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Marc Gibbs	- 41 Liberal
32 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	Alice Stevenson	New
32 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Tom Loertscher	+ 7 Conservative
32 DEM	ST. REP. POS B	Ashlee F Stalcup	New

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DIST. & AFFIL	OFFICE	NAME	FREEDOM INDEX GAUGE
33 REP	SENATOR	Bart Davis	- 63 Liberal
33 DEM	ST. REP. POS A	John Boyd Radford	New
33 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Janet Trujillo	+ 16 Conservative
33 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Linden B Bateman	- 32 Moderate
33 DEM	ST. REP. POS B	Jim De Angelis	New
34 REP	SENATOR	Brent Hill	- 61 Liberal
34 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Ronald M. Nate	New No Opinion
34 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Dell Raybould	- 46 Liberal
35 REP	SENATOR	Jeff C. Siddoway	- 26 Moderate
35 REP	ST. REP. POS A	Van Burtenshaw	New No Opinion
35 REP	ST. REP. POS B	Paul Romrell	- 60 Liberal

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CONSERVATIVE +1 and up, MODERATE 0 to -39 & LIBERAL below -40

Please note that we have identified those Republicans who are either too moderate or just plain liberal in their voting record in red print since many of our readers may not be aware of these voting records.

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IS THIS LAND YOUR LAND OR MERRILL BEYELER'S LAND

By Evalyn Bennett

The Challis *Messenger* and KITV recently praised the Lemhi Regional Land Trust for preserving the ranching lifestyle and fisheries habitat in Lemhi County. The *Messenger* article disclosed that the LRLT has facilitated conservation easements with federal funds, but didn't reveal that Merrill Beyeler, current chairman of the LRLT, holds the deed to one of those easements.

In 2010 Beyeler, who is also a District 8 candidate for state legislature, signed a deed naming him as the grantee of "real property" known as the Cotton Ranch aka Robison Ranch. This 1,354-acre conservation easement was funded by a whopping \$1.98 million paid by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), a federal agency within the Department of Energy, to The Nature Conservancy ("Grantor"), a non-profit agency entrusted with receiving funding for conservation projects. Under the terms of the deed, Merrill Beyeler and his heirs retain the right to use the land to live on, graze cattle, and grow hay.

The United States of America is listed as a third party to the agreement, with the rights of enforcement, entry, and inspection. Although the BPA is a self-funding agency that markets wholesale electrical power from 31 federal hydroelectric projects in the Columbia River Basin, \$1.98 million in revenues could have been used to reduce consumer rates, maintain or upgrade infrastructure, or address the real problem with anadromous fish mortality (the dams).

What did U.S. citizens get for this \$1.98 million? I'm not sure. I suppose the BPA hopes we appreciate that they used \$1.98 million to mitigate downstream impacts to anadromous fish by ensuring quality habitat along a few hundred acres in the upper Lemhi.

What citizens didn't get is access to the conserved land for hunting or fishing. The land is also prohibited from agricultural and recreation uses that would have benefited Lemhi County, yet don't conflict with the conservation objectives: having a dude ranch, establishing a commercial orchard or greenhouse; and guiding, hunting or fishing services.

Doesn't the federal government have enough land on which to manage fish and wildlife habitat without buying conservation easements? Over 90% of Lemhi County is already managed by the BLM and Forest Service. The federal government should not expand its management influence by purchasing conservation easements on private lands. And neither should the LRLT facilitate use of federal funds to benefit a handful of private land owners.



A Voter's Guide for the Post Constitutional Era

By Darr Moon

All this patter about voter's suffrage is barely sufferable. I really wish those who don't have the gumption to investigate the issues or critique the political hopefuls would just sit at home and satisfy themselves with re-runs of the Food Network. But most voters, however motivated, will only know which lever to pull based on 30 second sound bites and candidate posters on the way to the polling stations. With all the fuss about getting the vote out, there is still that growing concern of mine that it matters less who you vote for than those who count the ballots. A bit of a pessimistic overview this election season but then as I look closely at the world around us and the candidates who presume to lead us onward I can't help but feel troubled. I don't have that warm fuzzy feeling that tomorrow will be better than today. Our political system is broken and I doubt that it will come together until we push an agenda based upon those fundamental ideals that forged our nation; Limited and Well Defined Government, Fiscal Accountability, Low Taxes and Individual Freedom. Of those founding principles we have little to show in this modern era.

I think there is little hope of turning this giant ship-of-state around when so few captains of Constitutional principle abound. Our hope for the State of Idaho faded greatly when most of our "Liberty Candidates" were defeated in the Republican Primary. I hope that in future we will be able to field such quality candidates as we did earlier this year. It is also my great hope that we continue to look at our redirection effort of political affairs as a team effort and not the sole burden of any one man. The task at hand is far too difficult and strewn with too many dangers that only a committed alliance of constitutionally minded candidates could overcome.

As such we are faced with the onerous task of voting for leaders who will either further the cause of free men or casually dismiss that notion and set sail full speed ahead for the inevitable ice berg that lies ahead. To this end I have been asked to interject my opinion for those offices I have some notion. This is by no means a bold endorsement of any candidate unless otherwise stated, in many cases only a choice between bad or worse remain. Sorry, this election is what it is and until most voters realize our dysfunctional situation there is little more to do than look forward to bringing a future crop of "Liberty Candidates" to the ballot.

Federal Offices

Second District Representative: Mike Simpson (r) vs. **Richard Stallings (D)**

I cannot vote for Mike Simpson, he is a vote for more federal encroachment into our lives and liberties. Richard Stallings is a re-run of tax and spend Democrats. Rotten choice here but I believe Stallings could be easier to beat next time around than Simpson who has an amazing lock on Southern Idaho.

State Offices

Governor: C.L. Butch Otter (r) vs.

A.J. Balukoff (D)

John T. Bujak (L)

As Harley Brown stated in the gubernatorial debate earlier this year, "this could be Baaaad!" Governor Otter is not the guardian at the gate I once thought or hoped to believe he was. I cannot vote for him after seeing directly his very Progressive political bent. I can't in good conscience vote for A.J. Balukoff. A.J. will forsake Idaho's opportunity to claim our lands from the feds and is in the tank with Big Education's Common Core. That leaves the philandering John T. Bujak whose license to practice law had been suspended by the Idaho Supreme Court as the only choice for those who believe that the federally occupied territories of Idaho should simply be Idaho. Bujak would also make moves to rid the wolf from Idaho's forests, he is against Common Core and ObamaCare. He might just be another political sociopath who promises the world only to fall short when in office but he's at least on the correct side of the issues. Hold your nose and vote. Rat Poison, Cyanide or Ipecac.

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Secretary of State: **Lawrence Denney (R)** vs. Holli Woodings (D)

Lawrence Denney is the only Liberty Candidate to survive the Republican Primary. **I solidly endorse Lawrence Denney**, he is a man of integrity and possibly the most important candidate to put in office. As you may recall Stalin's words of wisdom "It's not who votes that counts, it's who counts the votes".

Superintendent of Public Instruction: Sherri Ybarra (r) vs. **Jana Jones (D)**

Oh dear me. To think that Sherri Ybarra beat the venerable Mr. John Eynon gives me good reason to doubt the integrity of the voting system. Ms. Ybarra is an embarrassing result of the primary election that failed to vet her credibility, integrity and intellect. Her rise to the esteemed position of Republican nominee is difficult to understand making her an impossible vote for me. Her opponent Jana Jones, a Democrat, is however conscious of the fact that many Idahoan's are fiercely against Common Core. Ms. Jones in fact is against SBAC testing, a core component to the success of Common Core and the only notable means to send those centralized planners of public education down the road.

Please visit this link for further information: <http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2014/10/idaho-voters-favor-republican-plagiarist-who-lied-about-education-and-marital-history/>

Constitutional Amendment: H.J.R. 2

I vote NO

Please see the attached letters by Christ Troupis and Henri Heath attached below for further details.

Legislative District 8: Merrill Beyeler (R) vs. **Mike Barrett (Write In)**

Mike Barrett is the only choice here. Merrill Beyeler is in the pocket of Big Government taking advantage of Environmental Easements, the endorsement of large out of State sponsors and the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry who lead a disingenuous and untruthful charge against Rep. Lenore Barratt as a wolf lover. Mr. Beyeler is a typical Republican Progressive that is ruining the brand.

Custer County Nonpartisan Judicial Ballot: Stevan Thompson vs. **Bruce Pickett**

I am deferring my knowledge of these two men to a very well respected man who knows them both as practitioners within the legal arena. His recommendation and my therefore further uninformed vote goes to Bruce Pickett.

Special Election: In Favor or Oppose to the designation of the Boulder-White Clouds National Monument.

My vote is **A SOLID RESOUNDING OPPOSE !**

Remember these are just my humble opinions of the situations as I see them, your vote is your responsibility.

In Liberty,
Darr



MARRIAGE IN THE BALANCE

By Brent Reagan



I fear for the safety of those in the LGBT community, but not for the reasons you may think.

America, the republic, is a nation of laws and laws we have in abundance. Civil law, criminal law, contract law, administrative law, even laws about laws. But the fountain head of all man legislated law is Natural Law, referred to in the Declaration of Independence as “the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God.” Natural Laws are the self-evident truths that transcend the subsequent laws of men and nations. The founders recognized that Natural Law endows all rights, such as sovereignty and equality to all men and giving them the power to institute governments to protect those rights.

The millennia old Natural Law covenant of Marriage predates our Constitution, our Bill of Rights, the Magna Carta, even Christianity itself. It is implied in three of the Ten Commandments (5,7 & 10). It is a fiducial from which other constants are measured.

The Idaho Constitution was amended in 2006 so that Article III, Section 28 now reads: “A marriage between a man and a woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state.” Beyond the apparent purpose of this amendment, it accomplished three other things. It implies that there are “types” of marriage; that alternate types of marriage are not equal and, most importantly, it moves the definition of marriage from its fiducial and immutable position as Natural Law into the jurisdiction of legislated law.

Our judicial system’s purpose is to apply the laws of the land to resolve conflict and relies heavily on precedent: the traditions and decisions of those that have gone before. However, quoting Chief Justice Roberts: “It is not our job to protect the people from the consequences of their political choices.” And yet, it seems that the political action to change the precedent of “marriage” has moved through the legal system with lightning speed. Ten years ago there was no recognized “gay” marriage and now we are on the verge of marriage being universally re-defined. Why has a usually glacial judicial system ignored centuries of precedent, gone against its stated purpose and moved with such alacrity?

Perhaps the answer is simple. Power. If an unelected handful of people can re-define a fiducial concept such as marriage then the question is not what else they can do but what can’t they do. To achieve their goals, the LGBT community has allied with government and worked to give that government the right to redefine the very words used in its creation. If ‘marriage’ can be redefined then why not redefine ‘person’ or ‘rights’ or ‘property’ or ‘limited’ or ‘freedom’. What a wondrous new power our government will have.

Imagine two of your neighbors having a dispute over a property line location and they empowered you with the right to move any property line in the interests of ‘fairness’ while granting you a small portion for your effort? Won’t others come to you for similar assistance? After all, since you have this new power aren’t you obligated to use it? Would you not then be tempted to move your property lines? How long would it be before ALL the property was YOUR property?

Another hidden aspect of this is that the “equal protections” argument LGBT activists are using is a poison pill to the benefits they seek to secure. They argue that traditional marriage confers benefits that they cannot access and so is intrinsically not ‘equal’. Which begs the question ‘What if I wish to marry nobody?’ Why isn’t an individual entitled to equality? The identical legal arguments for “gay” marriage demand that any marriage or no marriage at all, just like race, gender or faith, must not be considered in the civil arena. Any marriage ‘benefit’ must be struck down.

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MARRIAGE IN THE BALANCE

By Brent Reagan

If marriage can mean anything then it means nothing and if there are no benefits to marriage then why commit? Good news for men, if you like someone, live with them, have children, have them work to support you and when you un-like them, leave. The state will step in as the surrogate baby daddy.

What happens when a society turns away from marriage? According to the US Census Bureau, marriage drops the probability of child poverty by 82%, and 71% of poor families with children are not married. High out of wedlock birth rates are also accompanied with crime, unemployment, illiteracy, gang activity and government dependency. Low marriage rates create environments that demand bigger and more powerful governments. Single mothers vote consistently for a more socialist government, not as a question of political affiliation but as a question of survival. The government IS the 'bread winner' in many single parent families.

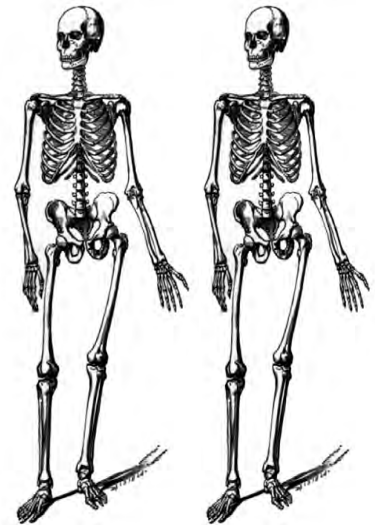
But it gets better. Once there are a sufficient number of people who depend on big government for survival then all it takes is a little push, real or imagined for Gwyneth Paltrow's dream of giving the president "all of the power that he needs to pass the things that he needs to pass" and it's game over.

One only need to look back a generation to see the inevitable result of totalitarian power. In the 20th century you were 5 times more likely to be killed by your own government than as a casualty in war. Democide, governments killing their own citizens, resulted in the death of over 260 million people. Which citizens? The ones government redefines as bad for the collective. The trouble makers, the threats, the ones wanting equal rights, the social misfits, the artists and the writers, anyone questioning the regime or looking for 'change'. Power kills and absolute power kills absolutely.

"That's crazy talk. Our government wouldn't redefine a group of citizens as a 'threat' round them up, confiscate their property and put them in cages." You mean like they did to the American Citizens with Japanese surnames during WWII? That would never happen, again.

Government is like a lion. It starts out small and easy to control, but if allowed to grow it will eventually stop seeing you as it master and start seeing you as food.

I fear for the safety of all of us, including those in the LGBT community.



DON'T FORGET THESE LEGISLATORS



**THEY TRICKED YOU
DON'T TREAT THEM
TO REELECTION
ON NOV. 4TH**



Thanks Governor Otter

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Lance Clow R Dist 24	Douglas A. Hancey R Dist 34	Dell Raybould R Dist 34
Neil A. Anderson R Dist 31	Brandon Hixon R Dist 10	Frank N. Henderson R Dist 3
Gary E. Collins R Dist 13	Fred Wood R Dist 27	Frank N. Henderson R Dist 3
Richard Wills R Dist 23	Stephen Hartgen R Dist 24	Paul Romrell R Dist 35
Scott Bedke R Dist 27	Jeff Thompson R Dist 30	Robert Anderst R Dist 12
Steven Miller R Dist 26	Julie VanOrden R Dist 31	Kelley Packer R Dist 28
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Dean L. Cameron R Dist 27	Elliot Werk D Dist 17	Fred S. Martin R Dist 15
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“Homosexual “Marriage” by Reverend Phil

October 19th was my 67 birthday. My wife planned a party for me with family and friends. She made awesome homemade minestrone soup for the main course, and followed it up with a mouth-watering German Chocolate Cake.

During dinner one of my sisters asked me if I had any words of wisdom I would like to share on my 67th. I told her I did and she asked for quiet so all could listen. I began by saying:

What you are about to hear, you will never hear on television or the radio. You will not read about it in a Newspaper, or talk about in your social gatherings. It will not be a subject of conversation at work. Most likely you will not hear it mentioned in your church. And you will never hear it talked about by any liberal, libertarian or “conservative” politician.

Do I have your attention? Good. So here are my words of wisdom:

What is “Homosexual Marriage” all about?

It’s not about Marriage at all. There is no such thing as “homosexual marriage” It’s not real, and amounts to the same thing as me saying: “I’m a fairy and you’re a unicorn.” What it’s really about is homosexual sex. Many homosexuals freely admit that they continue to have multiple sexual partners after “getting married.”

And what is homosexual sex about?

It’s all about rectal intercourse. And homosexuals, by their own admission, say they prefer their intercourse “bare back. That is, they prefer not to use a condom.

What are the goals of “homosexual sex?

1. For the homosexual coalition it’s to make homosexual sex normal in the culture.
2. For the government it’s to silence any dissent by enacting laws, regulations and fines that punish anyone who speaks out or disagrees in any way.

Also, for the government it’s to, sooner or later, take away the 501c3 status of congregations in order to tax their income. And also to take away the pastoral housing allowance deduction.

So, I’m wondering if the religious folks in Idaho really understand what it means that people are being fined for refusing to perform “homosexual weddings”? What in the world are your politicians doing? Do you actually agree with them? Do you have a clue about what their real agenda is?

While I’m at it, I would like to remind those of us who call ourselves Christians about what we confess as true.

Who created Marriage and its purpose? Genesis 1 & 2

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number”...

The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living soul.

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“Homosexual “Marriage” **by Reverend Phil**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helpmate for him”
Then the Lord God made a woman from the side of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, “This is now bones of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, for she was taken out of man. For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

What did Jesus, God in the flesh, say about marriage when he was asked about why Moses allowed for divorce? Mark 10:1-9

“It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law. But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

And what does the Holy Spirit reveal to us about God’s view of homosexual sex and why persons engage in it? Romans 1:18-27

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world, God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised.

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.”

My Intent

My aim here is not to take away the God-given dignity of anyone. It is merely to set forth how things really are. To look at them honestly and truthfully in order to inform anyone who values the truth. Also, it is inconceivable to me why any confessing Christian would ever vote for a politician who in any way supports, promotes, or gives lip service to “gay marriage” as normal. And pastors, shame on you if out of fear you are avoiding telling the truth to your congregations about this. We do not serve the government or the people. We serve the Lord of the Church who is both the Creator and the Savior of the world.

MIXING POLITICS AND RELIGION

By Chris Pentico

While growing up as a kid, I was advised to never do this. It is way too easy to have core values trampled and to offend others. You need a thick skin for either as well. My pastor is correct on needing the correct level of “convict” and “uplift” in a sermon. Without the convicting part, we do not know where and how to improve. Without the uplifting part, we have no desire to improve.

At this moment, the Idaho constitution does contradict a U.S. Supreme Court decision. Section 5 of Article IX of the Idaho constitution contradicts the U.S. Supreme Court case ***Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia***. Many people did not do their “due diligence” for many reasons. Technically, the state of Idaho can be sued for religious discrimination under the 1st and 14th Amendments. How can this be for a major court case that is almost nineteen years old?

In 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court had the famous **Abington School District v. Schempp** case, which banned public Bible reading in the schools. The reason is state establishment of religion. This is also the reason why a school football team or cheerleading squad can get away with leading a group in prayer, while the football coach or any school employees, including teachers, cannot. In this 1963 case, the U.S. Supreme Court did extol the virtues of the Bible in regards to history and literature and did not ban its presence in the classroom. (The irony for Idaho is from 1925 to 1963 Bible passage reading was permitted by Idaho law, even though it violated the state constitution as well. The passages were selected from the State Board of Education as per state law.) The Schempp case also warned about a “religion of secularism” arising from their decision as well. Banning of the Bible in Idaho public schools is a result of the Idaho Supreme Court in 1971 via ***Epeldi v. Engelking***. Article IX, Section 5 of the Idaho constitution prohibits sectarian appropriations while Section 6 prohibits religious tests and teachings in public schools. The Idaho Supreme Court used this to create a more restrictive interpretation of the 1st Amendment than the “framers of the United States Constitution” to “enunciate the separation of church and state” with a final judgment of prohibiting “anything in aid.” In 1995, the aforementioned Rosenberger case arose and it set a different standard. The Rosenberger case used the “viewpoint neutrality” standard and, as a result, governments and schools cannot promote or inhibit religion. It is this later part that creates the contradiction with the Idaho Constitution. The actual functional argument used would apply to a greater locale than just colleges and universities. Furthermore, we have that religion of secularism proliferating in the Idaho schools and universities despite the warning in the Schempp case.

In 1995, Attorney General Al Lance probably did not see all the implications of the Rosenberger case. Idaho's universities and colleges complied with the end result of funding religious student clubs and there was no reason to argue the end result for relief. In 2003 this changed, when Boise State University used Article IX, Section 5 of the Idaho constitution to deny Campus Crusade for Christ funding. This occurred repeatedly with other student organizations until 2009. A lawsuit resulted in December 2008 and the University Counsel in February 2009 stated what the University was doing was unconstitutional. This also caused a reason to revisit the Rosenberger case and examine it more deeply. As the President/Chief Executive Officer of Boise State University, Dr. Bob Kustra was responsible for promoting religious discrimination on his campus. Dr. Kustra and his staff did this willingly and were fully aware of the Rosenberger decision. Furthermore, Boise State University would be implicitly claiming the Idaho constitution contradicts this U.S. Supreme Court case. It is this latter part that is important.

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MIXING POLITICS AND RELIGION

By Chris Pentico

In the Spring of 2008, I visited the Legislature to discuss the State Board of Education and the Rosenberger case with the Chairman of the Senate education committee, Senator John Goedde. Senator John Goedde actually requested an Attorney General's opinion on my behalf in regards to the Rosenberger case. In that opinion, Attorney General Wasden's staff tried to argue our state constitution actually trumps an U.S. Supreme Court decision. Oops! I had made such an impression the Education adviser to Governor Otter had ordered Idaho State Troopers to prevent me from contacting any legislators and from visiting the Idaho Capitol Annex (where the Legislature was meeting due to Capitol reconstruction) and the Governor's Office (temporarily located in the Borah Building). On top of that, the Idaho State Troopers did not wish to divulge from whom those orders came when I asked them. Double Oops! (Habeas Corpus, 1st Amendment, and believe it or not, the Idaho Constitution were violated.) When one of my state representatives contacted Governor Otter's Office, the Education adviser to Governor Otter lied to him about the existence of this order. Triple Oops! (A government cover up occurred.) This is how you get a misdemeanor ticket for trespass in the Governor's Office for turning in a complaint letter; this is normally a constitutionally protected act. For these reasons and similar actions, I have a problem believing Governor Otter will protect constitutional rights.

Going to the State Board of Education in the Spring of 2008 was also out of the question. The State Board of Education was under attack for spending money without appropriations/authorization for ISAT testing, there were questions if the newly received ISAT tests met state standards, and open meeting laws were being heavily violated. In the December 2007 Glenns Ferry Capitol for a day, I had presented a lack of "due process" at our public universities and colleges and a lack of oversight at the State Board of Education to our Governor Otter. There was no action. I didn't present that during the Kempthorne administration I had gone to the State Board of Education to inform them that 1) Boise State University was unwilling to implement a workplace violence policy as per state law and I was at a State Board of Education at the request of the Department of Administration to present such, 2) I had asked for recusal of the State Board of Education lawyer due to the conflict of interest created by him being married to a relevant BSU administrator, 3) and I presented a lobbying structure that put the other colleges and universities at a disadvantage to BSU. For some reason, the State Board of Education's records claim I was unclear in what I was presenting. "No discussion. No action." was the official response. Mr. A.J. Balukoff is correct about cronyism and insider dealing in our state government, but I do not believe he knows to what degree it has occurred. For example, the Division of Human Resources at that point in time wanted to cover for BSU, while the Department of Administration was very upset they didn't have jurisdiction. I was told the Department of Administration had a nice emergency meeting over the matter. The Department of Administration was put in charge of creating models for the workplace violence policy statewide.

After Boise State University's lawsuit for religious discrimination against student clubs was settled in 2009, the Legislature did pass two laws to prevent our state colleges and universities, especially Boise State University, from pulling similar stunts with funding religious student clubs. The majority of the resistance came from Democrat legislators. California is going through the right to association arguments Idaho went through just over a year ago and I do believe they have a big lawsuit. By preventing certain funding structures, student clubs can put requirements or restrictions on who can qualify for their leadership; this protects their rights to association. Our Idaho legislature protected a 1st Amendment right before a lawsuit occurred and should be commended on that.

For example, planning and zoning committees cannot put excessive requirements on churches and temples to discourage them; Mountain Home found this out the hard way some years ago. Some results using the 14th Amendment are well defined in Idaho already.

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I expect planning and zoning committees to ask how will it effect the traffic, is there enough parking, what is the impact on nearby residences, and is it a consistent and harmonious use in that particular spot. Of course, I would be asking the same questions if I was looking at a supermarket and that is the point.

The result of repealing Article IX, Section 5 of the state constitution will allow the presence of Bibles or any other religious books if used for secular purposes. Can we legitimately ask, “Which Koran passages do Shias and Sunnis differ over and why? And what is the implications for present day Middle East politics?” Or “How did the Catholics siding with Franco effect the Basque population that emigrated from Spain and came to Idaho?” Or “What effect did Luther have upon the evolution of the German language during the Reformation?” I personally like “What is the difference between 'Thou shall not kill' and 'Thou shall not murder'?” And what is the atheist equivalent?” It is questionable that such questions could be asked with the Idaho Supreme Court decision that originated with *Epeldi v. Engelking*. A failed charter school had already been embroiled in such a fight.

Another result of repealing Article IX, Section 5 of the state constitution would allow other funding structures via vouchers, scholarship programs, or other possibilities that would be considered undoable at the moment. The Idaho Education Association might be upset on not keeping everyone underneath their umbrella, but this would prompt more school choice. Home Schoolers, and parochial, private, and charter schools would have concerns of retaliation via more regulations; I would consider this punishing the victims as well. In short, I am saying Butch Otter's education task force probably had options taken off the table even before meeting their first time.

In regards to some of the personnel changes at the State Board of Education within the last year, I do have to consider that some of these people would be political liabilities for Governor Otter if they did not go at this time, which is very close to the elections. Otherwise, these people would still be serving in those capacities to this very day.

Our Legislature should have caught the functional argument, but did not. I did ask a legislator I trust and I do believe it was an honest oversight. I asked a former legislator on what is proper procedure in a situation where our state constitution contradicts a U.S. Supreme Court decision. To change our state constitution requires a two-thirds vote from both the House and Senate and then being placed upon the general ballot at the next chance. There is no discretion in this. By leaving this unresolved, money that should go into education will go to lawyers instead.

The Rosenberger case is 81 pages long while the Mercer Law Review of the case is only 10 pages and catches the essence of the major arguments of the case. Unless you want examples of cooking lessons with Plato involving pasta and cookies, I would suggest the law review article.

BEWARE OF FALSE IMAGES

By Rich Loudenback

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said **“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”** And right now nothing is more important to this state’s and this nation’s future than exactly what lies within the heart and soul of each of our elected representatives.

The art form for most politicians getting elected is image projection, practiced poker faced presentations of meticulously well-crafted messages with media support, garnered with the many attributes of being upbeat, smiling constantly, pressing the flesh, (great hair helps), suntans, speeches designed to comfort you, with flourishes of baby kissing, endorsements by popular others, and the non-ending promise to ‘bring home the bacon’ are all nourishment to their perception by voters. Much of what matters are false images.

It’s not what they say! It’s what they do that absolutely matters. And that comes from what lies within them!

Remember the much worn expression about you can tell if politicians are lying if their lips are moving? Well, all of them are not scallywags. Just most of them. Check their actual voting records! Also, do not rely on the ‘spinmeister’ stuff that can amount to pure prattle in the increasingly not so forthright media or in ads. It will take some extra effort by voters, but nothing is more important now than to get real patriotic statesmen elected and get rid of the immoral gadflies, RINO republicans, socialist democrats, wafflers and turncoats such as our former ‘Butch’ the good Governor into ‘Otter Nonsense’ the RINO Governor who disrespects us by doing much wrong and not having the decency to show up for primary debates and orchestrating the one he did so that valuable time would be used by two good Americans who don’t have a chance in the polls.

Speaking of the Governor’s race I’m all in for John Bujak, who is a breath of fresh air, without the big party drag of influence, and unfortunately that comes without the big party funding, but nonetheless I believe he is hands-down our best choice. Please read his interview in the September 15 issue of Gem State Patriot by just going to it via the Archive selection on the GSP homepage. **And Lawrence Denney for Secretary of State is a must!**

Americans desperately need well-grounded representatives who grasp the reality of our time with an urgency for action in reversing our state and nation’s downward plight away from our Constitution and our American values we hold dear as freedom loving people who need freedom from non-ending crippling laws and regulations to remain competitive and consequently still working. i.e. **We must have dedicated purpose driven constitutionalist who shun advances of special interests in the face of their priorities.** We need the right representatives doing right, right now!

Do elected politicians understand and honor their oath to uphold our Constitution in their voting, and do they really consider their first priority to that of representing their true constituents, or do they lean toward favoring special interests that largely sponsored their campaigns? It practically goes without saying that ‘campaign major contribution money, more often than not, is thought of as an investment for a direct or indirect quid pro quo.’

So how can we successfully take the money out of politics? I don’t know, we probably can’t. But, **how can we right the wrongs of ‘supposedly well meaning,’ ‘misguided,’ ‘uninformed,’ or ‘downright greedy’ politicians who are responsible for not successfully running but ruining a great state and a great nation?** Like I said last month, and I’m repeating here because of the imminent timing of our election: **We turn our problems around by diligently studying how politicians really vote, culling them at the ballot box and constantly reminding the good ones, that they too are being held accountable. And it’s very important to help inform other voters to do the same.** There is no other way to get us back to what brought us to

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become the most successful and envied nation on earth and away from this designed effort to take us down and transition us into becoming a member of a socialist driven global government run by unelected power elitist.

THE WORK OF MEASURING MUST BE DONE!

What is the measuring stick for their actual performance? It is called the '*Freedom Index*,' co-incidentally offered in the state of Idaho at AccountableIdaho.com and for U.S. legislators at jbs.org. **Both Freedom Indexes accurately report the measuring of votes that do or do not uphold the Constitution.** Recently the U.S. Legislator's voting record was abysmal with 38% in the House and 29% in the Senate voting with the Constitution. Is there any wonder why our country is going downhill quickly?

America is going away because we, as citizens, are failing to be guardians of our freedom by not paying attention to the sorry representatives, governors and presidents we've put into our 'grab-bag for opportunists government' that our republic has diminished to. Although it has been our country, we've been trustingly staring into oblivion for way too long while our bank has been getting robbed, our freedoms stolen and the wolves have been busily ravaging our hen house.

I can't say it strongly enough. Our problems are of our own fault!! Because we have lazily and naively been too trusting. We need to wake up, pay attention, get madder than hell at poor performance to no performance and cull the chafe! Before it is too late.

Publisher of this great little newsletter on Idaho issues, Bob Neugebauer and his staff, did an outstanding job last month by publishing the most recent voting records of Idaho legislators compiled by the consistently excellent aforementioned AccountableIdaho.com.

POLITICAL PARTIES CANNOT BE RELIED ON

We must be vigilant and not give too much trust to the political parties. Pesky special interests just keep getting in the middle of all those grand proclamations of great sounding platforms.

The party machines of both the Republicans and Democrats are certifiably corrupted and actually try blocking upstarts who don't wire into their alliances with special interests and the power designing globalists' controls being funneled into our system by the Council on Foreign Relations and its cozy bed-fellow the corrupt United Nations.

For our state, our nation and the future of our children and grandchildren, study our representatives' records, spread the word and cull, cull, cull where necessary at the ballot box.

But for two legislators, we here in North Idaho are blessed with having some of the finest voting record legislators in the state. We are very proud of them. You should be so proud. And you can. Start studying and cull.

We each have only one vote to give for the freedom of our country. We must make it count like never before. And encourage as many others to study voting records and do the same.

A perfect quote to wrap this up comes from the late Erik Erikson a German-born American developmental psychologist and psychoanalyst known for his theory on psychosocial development of human beings, "Great leaders become great and they become leaders precisely because they themselves have experienced the identity struggle of their people in both a personal and a most representative way."

It's what lies within them.

GAS, OIL AND BASELINE WATER TESTING IN GEM COUNTY

By Jan Montano

Here in Gem County a gas and oil ordinance is being written to protect our infrastructure as Alta Mesa will be drilling here soon. Almost all of the rules for gas and oil drilling were set by the Idaho State Legislature in 2011. The most a county can do is work on infrastructure protection. The counties cannot be too restrictive because the gas drilling company can appeal to the Idaho Gas & Oil Commission, or they can sue the county. The counties are only allowed to put into their ordinance the color of the gas well head, the lighting, the fencing and the set back (how far a gas or oil well can be from a water well). Talk about taking away control from counties. It does not seem to bother any of our representatives that they gave away the farm to the gas and oil companies. Counties and the public are told we have to deal with it. And please don't get me started on forced pooling vs property rights. The legislature didn't care about that when they passed this legislation only because the gas and oil lobbyists drafted the bill at the end of 2010, and all the legislators had to do was vote on it. We are not sure if any of them read it before it was voted on.

Writing an ordinance is a slow and tedious process with public hearings once a month. The chair of the committee feels the public was being combative and has limited public comment. Passions tend to be high when people feel that they are not being dealt with fairly. Whether one agrees with gas drilling or not, the presence of the representative of Alta Mesa as a member of the committee at these meetings has not been good "PR" for Alta Mesa. Being talked down to is not good. It is sad to see the look on the faces of citizens when they realize they have no control over what happens in their county. We are allowed to make written comment. Don't you love that word "allow"? I guess we should be grateful we are "allowed" to attend the meetings.

So, what can a county or it's citizens do? One thing they can do is to try and get baseline water testing done as soon as possible. Many of the citizens here would like baseline water testing before any seismic testing or drilling is done. Seismic testing in Gem County will probably start in December of this year, and the results may take sometime to evaluate. We are hopeful that the baseline water testing will be complete by the time the first gas well is drilled. It may be 9-12 months before baseline water testing is done. It looks likes seismic testing will start here in December. Gem County Commissioner Bilbao has asked the Idaho State Gas & Oil Commission if Gem County could delay the seismic testing until baseline water testing is done. The Idaho State Gas & Oil Commission said no.

The aquifer in Gem County is it's life blood. If there is a chance, however minor, that gas or oil drilling could hurt the aquifer shouldn't we know what the water was like before the drilling started? If we don't know, we would not have any standing in a court of law to prove that the drilling hurt our aquifer.

The public committee much to their credit did have Michael Lewis from the USGS come to a meeting, and he gave a great talk on water testing, what should be tested for and the cost. The members of the audience, the public, were able to ask questions. Mr. Lewis said that he was very impressed with our questions. Just to let you know we were not combative because Mr. Lewis talked to us and not at us. The plan would be for testing 50 water wells in the county, and funding could be done with half from the USGS and the rest from wherever Gem County can get the matching funds. It looks like it would be slightly over \$200,000 total to pay for the baseline testing.

A committee is being set up to give the county commissioners options on funding, who will be administering the water testing, where in the county etc. The county commissioners want to have the committee check into any and all options. Industry will not sit on the committee. People who have experience in water will be asked to be on the committee.

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At a meeting this past week after showing the outline of how the committee may work, the county commissioners wanted to make it clear that they are not just doing this because of the gas drilling. The testing can be a basis for any future industries that may come to Gem County. Alta Mesa is concerned that they will be blamed for any water problem from the past.

The two attorneys representing Alta Mesa were asked by Gem County Commissioner Rekow if Alta Mesa would want to help with the funding of the baseline water testing. The two lawyers said no, the company would not. Commissioner Rekow asked if their leases with Gem County land owners have a requirement for water testing to be paid for by the company and they said no, their leases do not have baseline water testing. But we have been told by several local citizens that if you express concern about your water with drilling, Alta Mesa's representatives have said, "well maybe the company can pay for water testing". Industry wants to get leases signed and their reps will say what you want to hear.

One thing we would like to see in the Gem County Ordinance is that leases for gas and oil would have to be registered with the county so our County Assessor would have a baseline on property values and to see who in the county is leasing. **We hear that Brad Little, the Lt Governor of Idaho, who lives in Gem County, and his family have leased 33,000 acres of land to Alta Mesa. (Did I mention that his niece sits on the Gas & Oil Committee? Can you say conflict of interest?)**

Payette County has a requirement in their gas and oil ordinance that leases are registered with the county, and that is how Payette county residents found out that all three Payette Commissioners and the four Zoning and Planning Commissioners have leased their lands to Alta Mesa. Only the citizens of Payette think that just might be a conflict of interest leasing your lands and then participate in writing an ordinance or allowing pumping stations in the county for oil and gas??? Hmmmm. As far as we know here in Gem County the three county commissioners have not leased their lands. But we don't know if any other Gem County officials have.

Gas drilling is coming to Gem County. We can't stop it. It may change Gem County into something we don't like or want. Our property values may drop. Our lives may become disrupted. Then again maybe it will be a win win for all of us. The State of Idaho has "allowed" lease holders and counties to be paid a 12% commission and a 2% severance tax. That may or may not be enough money to cover our infrastructure. Some will make a lot of money and some will be resentful that they will be forced to "allow" the gas to be taken from their lands. It will not matter if you own your mineral rights. They aren't yours to keep and leave to your family. You don't get to decide when you might want to lease your land if you are forced to pool. The gas is being taken for the public good Alta Mesa says. We can sue, but they have "more lawyers and more money". We won't win. They know we don't have the money to stop them on the property rights issue. We can stop them legislatively. Senator Thayn what say you?

A landowner cannot say no if the Gas & Oil Commission say no to your appeal. Yes, we are "allowed" to appeal. If anyone from Gem County is reading this please come to the monthly Gas & Oil Ordinance meetings, 6:30 pm Gem County Courthouse. The next one is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 20. Any questions contact Jan or Wayne Montano, grassrootssouthwestidaho@outlook.com



HERITAGE OF OUR CHILDREN

By Lance Earl

This past week, I trudged the mountains that surround my beautiful valley. I did this in search of the elusive elk. More so, I did this to be with my children. Because, if that is where they are, that is where I want to be. We shivered in the pre-dawn chill on high ridges while gnawing home made jerky and dreaming of success that never came. We traversed the seemingly vertical swells and coolies that protect our prey. We gazed in wonder and awe at majestic bulls, just out of range, and thrilled as they bugled their reply to our challenging calls.

There is nothing like the bone tired exhaustion that one feels after days of continuous hunting. And so it was when, at the close of the third day, I gathered my youngest grandchild in my arms and laid down on the couch. Together we shared a short nap and perfect closeness that cannot be described, only experienced.

These are among the things that I hold most dear. Each have their center in family, faith and freedom. These are only possible because of the great heritage that is uniquely ours as citizens of this land. These are only possible because our founding principles are likewise centered in family, faith and freedom.

As I gazed down at little Teben, sleeping in my arms, I wondered, how does his heritage differ from my own? The obvious answer is deeply troubling.

I read about a student at San Diego State who was prevented from flying the American flag on his apartment patio. The rational was that Old Glory might offend those visiting from foreign lands. My answer is that those who are offended can leave, NOW! But, political correctness requires that we embrace shame and guilt for the implied "crime" of being American. And with this, patriotism dies.

I read about a public library that called for the removal of all books with a Christian message, with Christian authors or published by Christian printers. I immediately considered a different regime that openly burned books. I wondered, is there a difference and concluded that both actions are precisely equivalent. And as these books go, so goes the freedom of faith that is guaranteed by the Constitution and treasured by the founders of this nation.

I read the story of a young girl who was forced to remove a shirt that honored those who lost their lives in the 9-11 attacks. She wore it to school on the anniversary of that evil day. Political correctness requires that all beliefs, expressions, words and even faith shall be considered inappropriate unless it is examined, authorized and approved by the thought police. And as her shirt was removed from view, so was the Constitutionally guaranteed right to publish, speak and even believe as we choose.

I read the words of a local columnist who uses known lies to attack the character of those who have differing views. I have documented more than a year of his continued and intentional abuses of the truth. This empty man knowingly leads the uninformed in my community to the desired destination... hate! And, with each lie, the sacred duty of media to inform the people sinks into the black abyss.

I believe that the people of this country are good and honorable. I believe that they look upon their children and grandchildren and worry just as I do. I am willing to fight for all the children, mine and yours. I have a plan. Each week, I will endeavor to expose progressive attacks against the foundations of our nation. These coincidentally are family, faith and freedom. I will support my words with those of the Founding Fathers and those of our founding documents.

Finally, I will call upon each of you to take a specific action. Individually, we have no weight. Together we are WE THE PEOPLE, the most powerful force for good that was instituted, endorsed and empowered by the Constitution of the United States.

Your mission today is to visit www.libertywrit.com and register so that you can remain informed and engaged from this day forward.

IS IDAHO THRIVING OR JUST SURVIVING

By Jim Chmelik



Is Idaho thriving or just surviving?

What is inspiring are the words we cannot do it, or you didn't build that and why do we seem to buy off on every piece of misinformation and fear tactic the environmental community states and a willing press parrots as the facts; their record of inaccuracies and false predictions speaks for themselves.

Global cooling and the coming ice age, wrong. Global warming and the melting polar ice caps wrong and proven to be based on lies; climate gate anyone, the entire hockey stick theory of increasing global temperatures based on falsified data. And then there is Al Gore.

Former Vice President Al Gore references computer modeling to suggest that the north polar ice cap may lose virtually all of its ice within the next seven years. "Some of the models suggest that there is a 75 percent chance that the entire north polar ice cap, during some of the summer months, could be completely ice-free within the next five to seven years," says Gore.

He made these predictions in 2007 and 2008

In 2013, the North Pole ice cap added 60% more ice than the previous year; the South Pole has reached an all time record. Given the fact that polar ice has increased dramatically why have the sea levels not fallen?

After all this misdirection has failed, they now call it climate change. News flash the climate changes four times a year; it is called the four seasons. It is cyclical, it follows a pattern, it has a rhythm and we can arrange our lives around its patterns, it brings us comfort and solace, unlike the environmental community scare tactics which are meant to bring fear into our lives. They tell us how bad we are when in reality we are the solution.

And now they tell us with respect to transferring public lands back to the state that we could never manage these lands, we could not mitigate the fires and we would be forced to sell them. These tactics only serve in paralyzing the great human potential we have to make our surroundings a better place today and a promise for a brighter future tomorrow.

But yet we continue to listen to this constituency and answer to their demands, and I just have to say based on what!

It is time our elected leadership inspired people to be the best we can be. America is about dreams and possibilities, it is not about the words we cannot do it.

I have heard some on this committee say there is not a legal remedy, I have to ask based on what. We have a constitution which guarantees us a republican form of government yet we are being denied this guarantee. The federal government promised to dispose of the land yet they have not kept their promise. We agreed under our Idaho Constitution that you would dispose of the land, why else would we cede clear title to the unappropriated lands?

This is not an untested constitutional theory, just ask the states east of Colorado admitted into the union after the original thirteen colonies, they had to force congress to keep its promises.

So I ask this committee what is your dream for Idaho and can those dreams be achieved if we are under the federal task master and essentially a prisoner to the federal reservation with 64% federal ownership within our state.

“Next Generation Science Standards” (NGSS) Are Coming To Idaho!

By Bob Compton, DVM, PhD PART 3

In the first two articles we discussed the biased nature of the NGSS and its focus on evolution. Evolution is based upon the assumption that the universe contains only mass and energy, which will self-organize over eons of time. That is the essence of a belief system called Materialism.

Neither the NGSS, nor its Framework, explicitly reveal this materialistic foundation. As a result, teachers, students and parents are unaware that a *belief* system is being covertly inserted under the guise of “objective science”. Stated differently, a *religious* worldview - Materialism - is being deliberately and cleverly concealed from all of us while being forced upon the students.

Some might say, “What’s the big deal! *Everything* is mass-energy! If you can’t measure it, then it is not science”. The problem with this assertion is that the materialists contradict themselves by using *nonmaterial* entities in the process of conducting and publishing their research. For example, intelligence is an important ability required for conducting scientific experiments but intelligence cannot be measured using material units. The capacity to design or understand scientific experiments requires creativity and “critical thinking” skills, both of which cannot be measured in material units.

Another example is Universal Information (UI). UI is stored and transmitted in all human natural and machine languages and, therefore, must be used continually by scientists, teachers and students. Yet UI cannot be measured by using material units.

The list of other examples is quite long: many things that are known to be real in life cannot be measured using material units, things like love, ambition, friendship, beauty, art, and so on. As such we find that most of the subjects that humans study are not purely material nor could they be. In particular, once we leave pure physics and chemistry and enter the study of biology – where ‘life’ enters the picture – we have left the realm of pure mass and energy. Why is this? It is because with life we have another one of those things that cannot be measured using material units. Yet many scientists today want to force life to strictly conform to material units – a hopeless task. This impossible quest leads to many serious contradictions and much confusion.

Science may be divided into two major categories, these are:

- (1) Operational (or empirical) science that studies entities in the *present* (here and now). In other words, observations and experiments are planned and carried out on real entities; there is *direct* interaction with these entities via repeatable experimentation and observation.
- 2) Historical (or origins) science that studies things that happened in the *past*. Because of this, direct observation of these (past) events is impossible. Also, proposing hypotheses and carrying out tests to validate those hypotheses is not possible in historical/origins science. This means that unlike operational science (in which experimentation and direct observation of an ongoing process is possible, whether in practice or principle), historical/origins science is restricted to merely observing in the *present* the effects of something that happened in the *past*. The historical/origins scientist must then *infer* from those observations of present effects what the past cause(s) may have been.

Indoctrinating students into the religious worldview of Materialism, under the guise of science, is not merely counterproductive. It should be regarded as a criminal act in the sense that education has now been transformed into a tool for covertly promoting a single religious belief system over all others – an act that goes against the Constitution of our country. More on this a bit later ...

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So far we have shown that science, in order to function properly, must utilize entities from *both* the material and nonmaterial domains. Consequently, attempts by NGSS to restrict science to material entities alone will lead to contradictions, logical fallacies, pseudo-scientific results and confusion.

It has long been established that the rules and principles of logic and rational thought are nonmaterial entities, i.e. they cannot be measured using material units. Therefore, responsible science education demands that both material and nonmaterial entities be included, not merely the purely materialistic entities. In other words, restricting the foundational structure of the NGSS to Materialism **only** (as is done) is deeply flawed when viewed from a *truly* scientific perspective.

Now let's turn to the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and examine the NGSS for its constitutionality. The First Amendment states:

*“Congress shall make no law respecting an **establishment of religion** or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...”*

The United States court system, up to and including the Supreme Court, has defined religion **inclusively** (see <http://www.copeinc.org/cases.html>). What “inclusively” means is that *both* Theistic and Atheistic (or Materialistic) are considered to be religious. The importance of this legal status cannot be overemphasized. Consider, for example, that the foundational metaphysics of all Atheistic religions is Materialism. Evolution – be it cosmic, chemical or biological – stems directly from Materialism. Finally, we have shown that evolutionary theories touch upon the religious sphere in that they seek to answer and/or explain to students where life came from, why they are here, what comes after death, and similar metaphysical (i.e. nonmaterial) questions.

In the NGSS *only* materialistic/evolutionary explanations are presented. From what was presented earlier we see that this ‘ideological monopoly’ *is a violation of the Establishment Clause of our Constitution’s First Amendment*.

Is this truly the case? Yes, it is! Why? Because by allowing one and *only* one religious position – namely, Materialism – to be presented to the students *is tantamount to a state-sponsored establishment of that (Materialistic) religion*. Therefore, if Idaho chooses to accept the NGSS, an expensive lawsuit could and probably will follow.

However, that is only the tip of the iceberg. Since the Framework and the NGSS require that the Common Core “come together” (cohere) with the NGSS, then *all* subjects being taught may also be considered unconstitutional whenever they touch on the religious sphere. This opens up a wide, uncontainable spectrum of legal issues.

The religious worldview of Materialism has been around for as long as man has pondered about his existence, his origins and the hereafter. This is because Materialism offers a non-Theistic alternative to Theistic answers and explanations. However, Materialism has only recently become dominant in many cultures. Unfortunately, the United States is one of those cultures.

Here in Idaho we have the opportunity to strike a blow against the spread of Materialism. We must stand up and require that the State Board and Department of Education, as well as Idaho Senators and Representatives reject the Next Generation Science Standards.

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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, and Sandy Hall, Manager of the kennel, are in the forefront of this new shelter and seem 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.

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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

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WHEN: Sat, Nov. 1st at 10:00am

Sun, Nov. 2nd at 6:30pm

WHERE: Kings Little Theater

2100 Parke Avenue
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112 N Pilatus Lane
Nampa, ID 83687

Free Admission - Limited Seating

Now that the origins and dangers of the Common Core scheme have been revealed, people are beginning to fight back on behalf of their children. In the years since FPE's first video exposed the government overreach and crony capitalism that drive Common Core, much has transpired.

We will discuss the current state of the fight, identify new threats—including the coming Science and History standards—and update efforts to remove Common Core from state to state. And, with 200 talks in 32 states behind us, we also offer some perspective on the best ways to continue pushing back against this cynical ploy to manipulate the hearts and minds of our children.

SPEAKER BIO DR. DUKE PESTA

Freedom Project Education Academic Director

Dr. Duke Pesta received his M.A. in Renaissance literature from John Carroll University and his Ph.D. in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature from Purdue University.

He has taught at major research institutions and small liberal arts colleges, and has been active in educational reform, developing and implementing an elective Bible course that is currently available for public high school students in Texas. He is a professor of English at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and the Academic Director of Freedom Project Education.

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Dr. Gary Thompson

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For more information, please contact Idahoans Against Common Core
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The 2014 Veterans Day Parade will be held in downtown Boise on Saturday, November 8th

**Parade start time is 9:30 AM.
The parade route is Jefferson and
Bannock Streets between 4th and
11th Streets.**

The parade will include Idaho National Guard units, units from Boise area Armed Forces Reserve organizations of all Services, and airman from Mountain Home, AFB. All veterans service organizations will be represented; e.g. Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Marine Corps League, etc. Also participating are several area high school and junior high school bands, and various other youth groups such as the Young Marines, the Civil Air Patrol, and the US Navy Sea Cadets. Participating civic organizations include Lions of Idaho and the El Korah Temple. This year's parade will feature floats honoring veterans sponsored and built by Home Depot, the BSU Construction Association, the Lions of Idaho, the Civil Air Patrol, and the Cynthia Mann Elementary School. A special feature this year is the U. S. Navy Northwest Area Marching Band that operates out of the Seattle Washington area. The band requested to participate as part of its Idaho tour.

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COUNTERING COMMON CORE FREE ADMISSION

Nov. 1st. Saturday at 6:00pm at the Shiloh Inn Convention Center, 780 Lindsay Blvd. Idaho Falls. Featuring: Alisa Ellis, mother of seven and Member of Science Standards Review Committee. Dr Gary Thompson, Dr. of Psychology and Keynote Speaker Dr. Duke Pesta, Professor of English at the Univ. of Wisconsin.

THE CASE AGAINST COMMON CORE FREE ADMISSION

Nov. 2nd Sunday at 6:30pm at the Mission Aviation Fellowship 112 N. Pilatus Lane, Nampa, ID 83687 Dr. Duke Pesta, Professor of English at the Univ. of Wisconsin, Academic Director of Freedom Project Education and a highly acclaimed speaker on education reform.

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