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RALPH SMEED-A VALIANT AND DEDICATED CITIZEN

Ralph was born December 30, 1921 in Caldwell. His life exemplifies courage and sense of purpose that few, if any, would argue. To this day he dedicates his energy, time and resources in pursuit of truth while sharing intellectual thought regarding the principles that underlie a free society. Ralph has sought the wisdom of great minds that throughout history warned against destruction caused by statism. He is a tireless promoter of the free market and an ardent supporter of education.

Ralph has an amazing ability to discuss ideological perspectives with those who support and oppose his views. Ego is not his motivation but rather he embraces the opportunity to share thought provoking ideas that may enrich his own understanding or enlighten another. This is an extraordinary man who never seeks to diminish others. Yet, he courageously proclaims, without apology, the benefits and rewards of conservative values.

There are countless numbers of people within this valley and across this nation who have been inspired by Ralph Smeed. We have learned from his insight, wisdom and example that it is a personal responsibility of all citizens to stand up with courage against those who would oppress the fullness of our existence.

Ralph's new book, 'No Wonder We Lose' will be available soon.

He will be presented the Friend of Freedom Lifetime Award by the Idaho Freedom Foundation, March 27th (see page 7). See Ralph's biography on his website <http://www.smeedonstate-ism.com>

Nancy Armstrong

THE SLAUGHTER RULE: YET ANOTHER REASON OBAMACARE WOULD BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Posted March 15th, 2010 at 5:00pm in Health Care, Rule of Law

As written, the current health care bill before Congress already is guaranteed to face serious constitutional challenges on enumerated powers, 5th Amendment, racial discrimination, and unequal state treatment. Now the White House seems determined to add a whole new reason courts will throw out Obamacare on sight. Director of the Stanford Constitutional Law Center at Stanford Law School and former-federal judge Michael McConnell explains: See: <http://www.heritage.org>

OBAMACARE DOWN OUR THROATS CALLS FOR WAR!

Anxiety is in the air today as the countdown for government health care draws near. Stand strong and continue your calls, e-mails and faxes for there is a majority of outraged citizens who will continue to battle this disgusting bill. See recent comments that mimick our outrage-

CNN's Jack Cafferty, March 16, said of the new deeming procedure tactic, "---This is beyond sleezy--".

Michele Bachmann, R-Mn, said, "--this is blatantly unconstitutional--". We run a government of the people, by the people and for the people".

At the Tea Partiers "Kill The Bill" march, Rep. Georgia, Tom Price, said, "--this bill is betraying the fundamental American principles and the American people will not stand for it!

Fox News contributor, Steve Centanni "For them, health care reform has become less about the best reforms and more about what best fits their 'Washington knows best' mentality -- less about helping patients and more about scoring political points," he said. "This is no idle observation. I've witnessed it firsthand."

March 16, 2010-Limbaugh urges listeners to call Congress. Rush Limbaugh not only called President Obama "essentially a third world president" today while sounding off on health care legislation, but also gave out the Capitol switchboard number on air.



FINAL 'REFORM' PUSH: TWISTING ARMS

by Michael D. Tanner, March 10, 2010

Michael Tanner is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute and coauthor of *Healthy Competition: What's Holding Back Health Care and How to Free It*. This article appeared in the *New York Post* on March 10, 2010.

President Obama's attempts to ram health-care reform through an increasingly reluctant Congress are starting to resemble a really eventful episode of "The Sopranos."

Whether or not you believe former Rep. Eric Massa's bizarre accusations of locker-room confrontations and conspiracies to drive him from office, there is no doubt that the Obama administration and its congressional allies are willing to use every trick in the book to get this bill passed.

They've already bought votes with pork and special deals -- the "Louisiana purchase" (\$300 million to bolster that state's Medicaid program, which swayed Sen. Mary Landrieu); the "Cornhusker kickback" (\$100 million to Medicaid there, sweetening the pot for Sen. Ben Nelson), and Florida's "Gator Aid" (a Medicare deal potentially worth \$5 billion, a hefty price for Sen. Bill Nelson's vote). Plus the millions for Connecticut hospitals, Montana asbestos abatement and so on.

Those who oppose the president can expect the political equivalent of a horse head between their sheets.

Nor were the Obamans willing to let a little thing like election laws stand in the way. They rewrote Massachusetts law to allow for an appointed senator to hold office for several months, hoping to get the bill through before the special election that Scott Brown ultimately won. Their plans spoiled, they even considered holding up Brown's seating to let the appointed senator continue to vote on health care -- until public outrage forced them to back down. See: http://www.cato.org/pub_display.php?pub_id=11436

300 ATTEND TEA PARTY BOISE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

300 members gathered at the Courtyard Marriot at Eagle and Overland in Meridian, March 13th. The purpose of the meeting was to review the goals of Tea Party Boise for 2010. The results of a survey posted earlier on the Tea Party Boise website, was reviewed and discussed. For the results, see: <http://www.teapartyboise.com> The survey consisted of questions regarding the direction of this country and the issues of the day. The Top 5 Concerns of Tea Party Members include; Excess spending by government, Corruption in government, Government intrusion, National security and Gun Rights. A very Strong 6th place being Taxes and the 10th Amendment tied. Tea Party Boise's strategy for the year 2010 includes; Holding politicians accountable to conservative values, Tax Day Rally and Town Hall Meetings. Those in attendance came from throughout the region to take part in making a difference in Idaho and to participate in making the Tea Party Boise organization a stronger and more influential force in Idaho's bureaucratic ridden state while influencing state representatives to promote conservative values in Washington that begin to diminish big government.

Russ Smerz, as the keynote speaker, said, 'A handful of people are leading the Tea Party Boise effort. We need volunteers. We have nearly 3,000 members today and are looking to attract 18,000 by next year---that can only be accomplished with action and money.'



Russ Smerz introduces Chas Baines, Eagle Arts West High School, who won the American Legion Oratorical State Contest with his 10 minute speech on the U.S. Constitution.





HAVE WE BECOME UNDULY CYNICAL?

Presidents, throughout history, have led with wisdom, political courtesy (a least) and respect for this nation's democratic system that recognizes the importance of representatives to speak for their constituency. Today, we witness arrogance and ruthless commitment to ideology that supersedes the will of the people i.e. the very spirit of American culture.

If liberal ideals are met with cynicism and resistance, it is because they are presented as demands. Edward Rendell, Pennsylvania Governor, said in a recent interview with Fox News, "----It is the president's job to protect the people." There lies the problem for in the minds of conservatives, the president is not the people's 'keeper'. Liberal perspective of conservative ideals leave little doubt that they (liberals) have superior insight into 'intelligent choices for a better America'.

Is our resistance to Liberal ideals unfair to well meaning politicians? Should we embrace the concept that unwittingly allows government to transfer the rewards of our labor according to their wisdom?

I begin to enumerate the ravaging posture of our political leaders. Legislation and regulations that includes; government run health care, (the Health Care Reform Bill) government control over our energy (Cap and Trade), government control over banking and private industry, government regulation on broadband (Net Neutrality), Immigration laws that weaken national security and ad infinitum. Tea Partiers and pro-gun rights advocates are viewed as right wing extremists while private property may be seized by the government under Eminent Domain. There is no end to this Socialist invasion.

* Liberalism: ---may be defined as belief in increased centralization of power in the federal government, and in economic "planning" aimed at the creation of a welfare state. In foreign affairs, Liberalism holds to the idea that Cold War problems can best be settled by "reasoning" with the agents and principals of the Communist global conspiracy, and cooperating with the "revolution of rising expectations" among less civilized countries---" * The Liberal Establishment, by E. Stanton Evans, published in 1965, pg. 13-14

Liberal ideology is founded on arrogance, promotes chaos by manufacturing statistics, creates crisis to justify controlling legislation and regulations, promotes protectivism to create entitlements.

Have we become unduly cynical? No, we are fed up, angry and yes, cynical!

By Nancy Armstrong

THIS LAND AIN'T YOUR LAND: THIS LAND IS MY LAND

A Primer on Eminent Domain, Redevelopment, and Entrepreneurship by Marc Scribner, March 3, 2010

Eminent domain jumped to the fore of America's political consciousness on June 23, 2005, when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the City of New London, Connecticut's decision to condemn several parcels of privately held property using eminent domain. At issue in *Kelo v. City of New London* was a comprehensive redevelopment plan designed to support a new research facility of pharmaceutical giant Pfizer.

Homeowners of the affected parcels attempted to save their homes from the wrecking ball. But in a 5-4 decision, the Court held that the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause—"nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation"—sanctioned local governments' condemnations of private property solely for the purposes of economic redevelopment. Most of the *Kelo* petitioners' homes were soon demolished.

Since the *Kelo* decision, the debate over eminent domain has only grown more heated. Proponents of eminent domain claim that its use for economic redevelopment is a valuable tool for local policy makers and that a blanket ban on using eminent domain to foster economic growth would tie the hands of government officials in their ongoing battle against blight. Opponents argue that economic redevelopment does not constitute "public use," which the Constitution requires governments to show in order to justify takings. They argue that increased takings weaken private property rights due in part to the lack of a bright-line standard on what specifically constitutes "public use." They also note that eminent domain takings are inherently politicized, so local governments may be biased in favor of larger, politically connected property owners and interests, at the expense of small business owners, entrepreneurs, and homeowners—particularly those at the lower end of the income scale. Moreover, use of eminent domain circumvents market processes that could better promote economic development.

See <http://www.cei.org/on-point/2010/03/03>

This paper examines the economic relationship between eminent domain and entrepreneurship. It discusses the economics of eminent domain and property law; analyzes the relationship between eminent domain, entrepreneurship, and public-financed redevelopment; and warns local policy makers of the negative effects that eminent domain abuse has upon entrepreneurs, especially lower-income ones.



THREE MAJOR FIRMS PULL OUT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ALLIANCE

February 16, 2010

ConocoPhillips, BP America and Caterpillar pulled out of a leading alliance of businesses and environmental groups pushing for climate change legislation on Tuesday, citing complaints that the bills under consideration are unfair to American industry.

See: <http://www.FOXNews.com>

SMEAR TACTICS VS MERIT

Anne C. Mulkern, E&E Publishing, reported: Greenpeace and Sen. Lisa Murkowski's office are in a battle of words over her effort to block U.S. EPA from regulating greenhouse gases.

An aide to the Alaska Republican condemned Greenpeace yesterday after PolluterWatch, features a photo of Murkowski along with a video with a man who says he is a corporate lobbyist and is matched with "Lisa," who "likes to stay up late at night and gut clean energy bills." The PolluterWatch site is one of a number of ads targeting Murkowski for her plan to offer a resolution that would essentially veto EPA's finding that greenhouse gases endanger human health and welfare. Released last December, EPA's determination opens the door for rules aimed at slashing emissions from a broad range of sources.

Environmentalists yesterday said they planned to erect a billboard criticizing Sen. Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, one of three moderate Democrats who has signed on in support of Murkowski's measure. Environmental and faith-based activists this week launched radio advertisements targeting eight senators seen as key in a vote on Murkowski's measure, which the groups coined the "Dirty Air Act." Last month, the National Wildlife Federation Action Fund released a television ad and Friends of the Earth Action Fund aired radio ads in Alaska, both attacking Murkowski.

Murkowski spokesman Robert Dillon said. "This is a perfect example of what's wrong with Washington. Too often outside groups go for the personal attack when they can't win on the merits. Rather than have a legitimate debate about the policy, they launch a smear campaign."

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POLITICS: Murkowski, Greenpeace exchange barbs on EPA issue (Greenwire, 02/12/2010)

See: www.eenews.net/public/Greenwire/2010/02/12/2

PRESIDENT'S YUCCA POLICY INCONSISTENT WITH NUCLEAR RHETORIC

President Barack Obama's proposals on nuclear energy do little to back up his pro-nuclear rhetoric. Most worrisome is his effort to terminate the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository project.

His budget provides no funding for Yucca construction activities, and the Department of Energy (DOE) has filed a motion to permanently withdraw its application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to construct the repository. Such action not only flouts existing statute but threatens to end America's nuclear renaissance before it even begins.

According to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA) of 1982, as amended, the federal government was obliged to begin collecting nuclear waste by 1998. According to the Yucca Mountain Development Act of 2002, Yucca Mountain was to be the waste repository. Despite having collected over \$30 billion in waste disposal fees from electricity ratepayers and spending \$10 billion on Yucca development, no waste has been collected.

This has put the federal government in partial breach of contract even before the President decided to ignore existing statute and terminate the Yucca program. With over 60 suits already filed, the federal government has paid out \$214 million in settlements. Without Yucca Mountain or any backup plan, this taxpayer liability will amount to over \$12.3 billion through 2020 and \$500 million annually thereafter. Terminating the program without regard to existing statute exacerbates these problems, and communities are already beginning to investigate the feasibility of pursuing additional legal actions.

Full report by Jack Spencer ISSUES > Energy and Environment- February 23, 2010 WebMemo #2811

See: <http://www.heritage.org>



It [the State] has taken on a vast mass of new duties and responsibilities; it has spread out its powers until they penetrate to every act of the citizen, however secret; it has begun to throw around its operations the high dignity and impeccability of a State religion; its agents become a separate and superior caste, with authority to bind and loose, and their thumbs in every pot. But it still remains, as it was in the beginning, the common enemy of all well-disposed, industrious and decent men. – Henry L. Mencken, 1926.

See: <http://www.smeedonstate-ism.com>

THE EPA'S GLOBAL WARMING REGULATION PLANS

January 20, 2010 by Nicolas Loris, WebMemo #2768- ISSUES > Energy and Environment

With Congress unable to pass cap-and-trade legislation as easily as some Members hoped, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is moving forward with its own set of global warming regulations. The EPA's endangerment finding, which took effect January 14, gives the EPA authority under section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) to regulate greenhouse gases (GHGs).

The EPA's attempt to regulate carbon dioxide (CO₂), in addition to being the most expensive and expansive environmental regulation in history, would bypass the legislative process completely. Congress should amend the Clean Air Act in order to prevent unelected government bureaucrats from bankrupting the nation. See full report: <http://www.heritage.org>

IN REVIEW

CEI FIGHTS SIERRA CLUB DEMANDS FOR CO₂

by Richard Morrisontwitter, April 3, 2008

The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) and more than a dozen other conservative groups filed an amicus brief March 21 against a Sierra Club petition demanding that EPA regulate carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from new electric power plants. (The amicus brief can be read at CEI.org.)

CEI was joined by Freedom Works, National Center for Public Policy Research, American Conservative Union, American Legislative Exchange Council, Americans for Prosperity Foundation, Americans for Tax Reform, Citizens Against Government Waste, Congress of Racial Equality, Frontiers of Freedom Institute, Independent Women's Forum, National Center for Policy Analysis, National Taxpayers Union, and 60 Plus Association.

The purpose of the Clean Air Act is to protect public health and welfare from hazards created by airborne pollutants. The act's fundamental logic requires that EPA first determine the dangerousness of an air pollutant before taking steps to regulate it. In the case of CO₂, EPA has not yet issued a finding that CO₂ emissions endanger public health or welfare. Sierra Club's "regulate first, ask questions" later approach stands the logic of the Clean Air Act on its head.

About CEI: The Competitive Enterprise Institute is a public interest group dedicated to free enterprise and limited government. We believe that the best solutions come from people making their own choices in a free marketplace, rather than government intervention. Since it was founded by Fred L. Smith, Jr. in 1984, CEI has grown to a team of over 40 policy experts and staff.

CLIMATEGATE: ALARMIST SCIENTISTS PLAN A SNOW JOB

by Myron Ebell, March 05, 2010 Tags: Climategate, NAS, National Academies of Science

According to recently disclosed e-mails from a National Academies of Science listserv, prominent climate scientists affiliated with the U.S. National Academies of Science have been planning a public campaign to paper over the damaged reputation of global warming alarmism. Their scheme would involve officials at the National Academies and other professional associations producing studies to endorse the researchers' pre-existing assumptions and create confusion about the revelations of the rapidly expanding "Climategate" scandal.

The e-mails were first reported in a front-page story by Stephen Dinan in the Washington Times today. The Competitive Enterprise Institute has independently obtained copies of the e-mails. A list of excerpts, with descriptive headlines written by me, can be found below. The entire file of e-mails has been posted as a PDF and can be read here.

In my view, the response of these alarmist scientists to the Climategate scientific fraud scandal has little to do with their responsibilities as scientists and everything to do with saving their political position. The e-mails reveal a group of scientists plotting a political strategy to minimize the effects of Climategate in the public debate on global warming.

See: <http://cei.org/news-release/2010/03/05/climategate-reloaded>



IDAHOVOTES.ORG IS NOW LIVE!

January 15, 2010

The Idaho Freedom Foundation today announced the launch of its free, non-partisan legislative tracking website that will provide a quick reference on all introduced legislation this legislative session.

IdahoVotes.org gives users instant access to concise, plain language and objective descriptions of every single bill, amendment, and vote that takes place in the Idaho legislature. Unlike any other bill tracking utility, Idaho Votes, is unique because all legislative actions are described - not just those selected by a particular interest group.

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New York State Payroll Posted Online

New Yorkers can now search the complete 2009 state government payroll on SeeThroughNY.net, the government transparency website. The database includes names, titles, base pay rates, and total pay received by those who worked in the state's executive, legislative or judicial branches at any point last year. The database does not contain information regarding the costs of pensions, health insurance for employees and retirees and other benefits. The Empire Center highlighted some of the findings: 900 state employees earned more than the Governor's \$179,000 salary! The highest paid employees worked at SUNY's Downstate Medical Center. You may find a list of the fifty highest-paid employees in each branch in 2009 here.

Oklahoma May See Improvements

Lawmakers recently joined Oklahomans for Responsible Government to push for transparency improvements. House Bill 3422, a bill that would provide such improvements, passed the House of Representatives unanimously. It is now in the Senate for consideration. The bill would require that the state's Open Books website be expanded to include all expenditures no matter how small. It would also make data available for downloading and archive all past spending so that it may be compared from year-to-year.

It will be up to individual taxpayers to review the spending and hold legislators accountable.

New Hampshire Senate Steps Toward Passing Transparency Bill

The New Hampshire State Senate has approved a bill that would require state officials to post any payments made by the state government online. The bill, SB 359, cleared the full Senate on a voice vote and now heads to the Senate Finance Committee. It's a step in the right direction. Legislators in the state need to make sure that everything they do on behalf of their constituents is transparent.

Transparency in state governments cannot happen without your hard work. The Show Me the Spending Transparency Coalition wants to hear your success stories. If you or your organization is focusing on transparency efforts in your state, we'd like to hear about it and alert the Coalition to your work. Simply reply to this email.

See: <http://www.ntu@ntu.org>

BOOKS

LINCOLN AT PEORIA-Lewis Lehrman

Economy during Washington and Hamilton era.

LIES THE GOVERNMENT TOLD YOU-Judge Andrew Napolitano-What new crisis will the federal government manufacture in order to acquire more power over individuals? What new lies will it tell?

Throughout our history, the federal government has lied to send our children off to war, lied to take our money, lied to steal our property, lied to gain our trust, and lied to enhance its power over us. Not only does the government lie to us, we lie to ourselves. We won't admit that each time we let the government get away with misleading us, we are allowing it to increase in size and power and decrease our personal liberty.



Campaign For Liberty announces
AN EVENING WITH RON PAUL

Congressman Ron Paul of Texas enjoys a national reputation as the premier advocate for liberty in politics today. Dr. Paul is the leading spokesman in Washington for limited constitutional government, low taxes, free markets and a return to sound monetary policies based on commodity-backed currency. He is known among both his colleagues in Congress and his constituents for never voting for legislation unless the proposed measure is expressly authorized by the Constitution.

Idaho Freedom Foundation will present Ralph Smeed with their Friend of Freedom Lifetime Award.

The event will be held at the Morrison Center, March 27th at 7:00 P.M. Get yours today for the best available seat!

Go to: www.idahotickets.com

BE HEARD AT EAGLE CITY HALL

The March 23 City Council meeting (also 6:30 pm) will accept public comment on the vacant Mayoral position, including the pay level (currently almost \$72,000/yr!), benefits (paid health insurance, etc.), and whether it should be part-time or full-time (when Eagle had a part-time Mayor prior to 2006, the pay was \$26,000/yr).



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See: <http://www.teapartyboise.com>

The threat against the very essence and core of what the United States of America exemplifies, is real. Our Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were written to prohibit political and judicial manipulations that bespeak oppressive i.e. big government. This is a Republic (dictionary: A state in which supreme power is held by the people---). We are a nation suffering a threat from within.

If we, in our home towns, our state and nation, are subjugated by the government, our dollar weakened, property diminished, and spirit depressed, does it not indicate that we must act with stronger resolve and greater passion to dismantle the foes of freedom. Contact your congressmen and senators in Idaho. Let them know how they are doing and what you believe will promote freedom from big government. Invite them to join us at Tea Party Boise. Encourage your friends to do the same.

- CONTINUE TOWN HALL MEETINGS,
- WRITE AND CALL STATE REPRESENTATIVES & SENATORS
- CONTACT THE GOVERNOR
- SUPPORT WITH YOUR REOURCES ORGANIZATIONS THAT IMPACT PUBLIC OPINION.

• VOTE! [SIGN UP AND VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO SUPPORT LIBERTY.](#)

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