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THE SEAT BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE

Scott Brown, newly elected Massachusetts senator, reminded our politicians and the media that the seats representing each state and held by politicians belong to the people. A campaign model began to take form in recent races held in New Jersey and Virginia. Each of those campaigns addressed the concerns of their constituency rather than detached party politics. Brown promoted the 'new model' by responding to state concerns and the impact of proposed federal policy making that would ignore Massachusetts' specific needs.

The majority of Americans are witnessing an unflinching effort from the left to burden the taxpayers. Increasing numbers of voters recognize that Washington's ego mania is defiantly or perhaps self righteously strong arming America towards a Socialized government system. While we have 'slept' what could only be described as a nightmare has occurred.

Facts rather than party loyalty will be a driving factor in the 2010 elections. Commitment to economic welfare thru lower taxes, less government and return of state sovereignty will be an agenda that receives support of the people. It is the responsibility of each citizen to hold their representatives accountable to those commitments.

by Nancy Armstrong

TEA PARTY RETURNS TO ITS MASS. ROOTS

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Between the Lines, by Joseph Farah, "I don't know much about Scott Brown. His story is almost beside the point. What we witnessed yesterday in Massachusetts was a referendum on Barack Obama, Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid. The people of arguably the most liberal Democratic state in the country delivered a no-confidence vote on a government controlled lock, stock and barrel by liberal Democrats." See: <http://www.wnd.com>

HAITI-PORT-AU-PRINCE EARTHQUAKE

It is encouraging to witness the best of humanity as people throughout the world embrace those in desperate need. Haiti is one of the poorest places on Earth where few homes had safe drinking water, sewage disposal or electricity even before the earthquake. The people live on less than \$2 a day. It is estimated that the U.S. has given \$563 million plus support from the military and private organizations. Hopefully, the people of Haiti will receive the donations and support meant for the rebuilding of their lives and a new beginning.

Haiti has received billions of dollars in taxpayer and private aid from the United States and donors around the world to help in their abject poverty. Haiti's senate removed Prime Minister Michele Pierre-Louis in November due to corruption and replaced her with Jean-Max Bellerive. Corruption and natural disasters continually threaten the welfare of the people of Haiti.

For information: American Leadership Necessary to Assist Haiti After Devastating Earthquake by James M. Roberts and Ray Walser, Ph.D. January 13, 2010, WebMemo #2754 See: <http://www.heritage.org>

Also: 2010 Index of Economic Freedom- The justice system is non-functional. A democratic constitution was adopted in 1986, but the election of Jean-Bertrand Aristide began 13 years of intense polarization that culminated in his second exile in Feb. 2004 Rene Preval who won a U.N. supervised election in 2006, maintains close ties to Cuba and Venezuela.



STATE OF THE UNION SPEECH PREDICTS DIFFERENT APPROACH

OBAMA'S FISCAL FANTASY WORLD BY KARL ROVE

Spending is up nearly 24% since Bush's last full budget year.

"After President Obama devoted much of 2009 to health care and global warming-two issues far down Americans' list of concerns-the White House says he will pivot to jobs and deficit reduction--"

January 7, 2010 See: <http://www.wsj.com> opinion

HEALTH CARE

LABOR UNIONS GIVEN \$60 BILLION EXEMPTION

The Senate bill was financed in part by a 40% excise tax on high-cost insurance coverage. Big Labor voiced their anger over this plan because it affected some union members. Union leaders in 'a pay back or else' deal with Democrats will now receive special exemption from the Cadillac tax to any health plan that is part of a collective-bargaining agreement. The 87% of Americans who don't belong to a union will now foot the bill for a \$60 billion giveaway to those who do. Everyone else with a higher-end plan will start to be taxed in 2013, but union members will get a free pass until 2018. It is an understatement to say that this compromise is grossly unfair to nonunion American workers.

Democrats in a desperate move to save their base have to find a way to pay for this 'gift' to these union workers. They will impose a 2.9% Medicare payroll tax to capital gains on top of all the other taxes. No matter where the Democrats look for money it costs the taxpayers over and over again. The fact remains, how can you take money out of Medicare, add some back in and call it balanced when it is already broke? The math is an insult, yet, Democrats persevere in desperation mode.

Monday, January 18, 2010: Screw Nonunion Workers for Health Care Reform, by Armstrong Williams

See full report: <http://www.Townhall.com>

UNEMPLOYMENT

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WARNS OBAMA

In December 2008, Bush's last full month in office, unemployment stood at 7.4 percent. Today, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the real unemployment rate is 17.3 percent when you take into account those discouraged and disheartened folks who have giving up on looking for work. As Obama considers this new spending package, which increases the debt burden, he is ignoring the advice of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Remember, this year Bush's growth-promoting tax cuts are set to expire. The Chamber says if Obama allows the tax cuts to expire, then he will be setting up the stage for a double-dip recession. Obama is already stressing a weak economy.

IS AARP AND THE AMA GETTING THE MESSAGE?

It will be interesting to see if any of the special interests that supported Obamacare to the great detriment of their members --like AARP and the AMA-- get the message or if their staff continues to insist that they did the right thing. Already Docs4PatientCare has sprung up as an alternative to the AMA and AMAC's tearupyourcard.com campaign is adding thousands of members as an alternative to the discredited AARP.

AMAC is an alternative insurance provider that offers a plan administered by the states using their already existing Departments of Insurance. They say there is 'no need to create eighty plus new government bureaucracies, as proposed in House and Senate bills'.



“THE SHADOW KNOWS”

Years ago, I recall my father taking a pillow from the blue frieze sofa, lie on the floor next to the radio and listen to the mystery show that began, “ “Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows!” These words were accompanied by an ominous laugh and a musical theme, “Omphale’s Spinning Wheel”, composed in 1872. At the end of each episode, The Shadow reminded listeners, “The weed of crime bears bitter fruit. Crime does not pay.... The Shadow knows!” The radio show that aired in the 1930’s was mystery at its best.

Perhaps my imagination is a little overactive but it seems to me that now it is the people who know what evil lurks in the hearts of some men. Today, we see an awakened public embracing the benefits of technology or is it technology that encourages the awakening of the public-? We are experiencing history at a most interesting time as the bombardment of information has impacted the relationship between citizens and their elected officials. An era of predominately biased news has faded as media alternatives with thought provoking perspectives permeate society. Today, information flows unleashed through the world wide web. Computers and cell phones offer instant information. Though lies and deceit flourish, so does truth.

PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THREATENS POLITICAL COMFORT.

Not only discomfort for those who choose not to reveal or make transparent their actions, but also for the exposure of decision makers that have led America to a devastating economic abyss. The public knows when White House ‘doors are closed’, when select media personnel are specifically accommodated and partisan politics buy support with bribes and blackmail. Citizens are aware of earmarks that invade a bill like hundreds of pirates hidden between the pages and are disgusted with liberal arrogance than presumes public ignorance.

Where is the integrity of ‘our’ congress that intelligently and without political prejudice impart their limited responsibilities? It has all but disappeared. However, a new day is before us; a Republic to defend and our States to free from ineffective and unnecessary federal participation. Our shadows are far reaching and we know what must be done.

by Nancy Armstrong

NULLIFICATION

“The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined.

Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite.” - James Madison, Federalist 45

When a state ‘nullifies’ a federal law, it is proclaiming that the law in question is void and inoperative, or ‘non-effective’, within the boundaries of that state. The principles of federalism contained in the 10th amendment to the U.S. Constitution,”

The Constitution never foresaw the political corruption of the courts. As such, nullification is an important means by which states can defend themselves against partisan abuses of federal power. (See Nullification revisited by Robert Hawes-BOOKS-page 5)

ROCKWELL, NAPOLITANO TALK NULLIFICATION

On FreedomWatch, Andrew Napolitano and Lew Rockwell talk about the principles of Nullification, Secession and Interposition. (Oct, 2009)

If the federal government were trying to do something within a state that was unconstitutional, the state government could say – you have no jurisdiction to do something illegal within our state. Lew Rockwell stated, “There are thousands of federal laws and regulations that are virtually unconstitutional that need local state police and sheriffs to enforce. ---the state legislature must say unconstitutional federal laws and regulations must not be enforced.”

Nullification has a long history in the American tradition, and as Napolitano points out, it was used in Massachusetts to resist the abhorrent federal fugitive slave act in the 19th century.

There’s a strong nullification movement growing in the states today.

Learn more about it here: A video worth watching!

See: <http://www.tenthamentcenter.com/the-10th-amendment-movement/>



“FINANCIAL CRISIS RESPONSIBILITY FEE”

CAPITALISM AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY HAVE BECOME A THREAT TO GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY.

Fannie and Freddie are exempt from the White House banker 'fee.'

Full report: January 16, 2010 See: <http://www.wsj.com>

Does President Obama's new proposal to extract \$117 billion from bank capital encourage new bank lending? He would rather blame the banks who paid back their TARP loans with interest. Does that make sense? Let's criminalize success and honor debt to the government. Mr. Obama's new 'fee' is a way to cover expected losses in the Troubled Asset Relief Program. The White House relies on 'blame' for the nation's continuing economic woes as the Treasury desperately scrambles for revenue to reduce massive deficits caused by the Obama Administration's spending policies.

When President Obama announced the details of his Administration's plan to tax financial institutions, he said, "We want our money back, and we are going to get it." The banks designated to pay the fee have repaid their TARP money with the exception of Citigroup. Obama went on to say, "The very same firms reaping billions of dollars in profits, and reportedly handing out more money in bonuses and compensation than ever before in history, are now pleading poverty. It's a sight to see." Why does Obama turn to sensationalism, crisis and blame rather than stating 'his truth'; that he turns to the banks that have repaid their loans because they are profitable and criminally represent the free market.

Linking the 'Responsibility' fee i.e. tax with his administration's goal of financial regulatory reform that it says is needed to prevent a repeat of the crisis. America rewards success, not failure. Something Obama wants to change. TARP losers—General Motors, Chrysler and delinquent mortgage borrowers—are exempt from the new tax. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which operate outside of TARP but also surely did more than any other company to cause the housing boom and bust. The White House wants to tax more capital away from profit-making banks to offset the intentional losses that the politicians have ordered up at Fan and Fred.

The tax will be levied on financial companies with more than \$50 billion in assets. The new \$50 billion tax threshold thus increases the scope of future bailouts by drawing a wider circle around firms that can gamble with implicit federal backing.

NEW DEBT CEILING SET AT \$14,290,000,000,000

Would you hire these people to be an accounting advisor for your business?

Debt equates to taxation, regulation, loss of private property, ruination of businesses, end of production, dependence on government entitlements, meaningless constitution, federalism, demise of the United States as a republic. Debt will transform America from the land of the free to a Socialist State at best.

Enough! It is time to stop Obama, his administration and those politicians who threaten, either by complacency or ideology, the founding principles and American traditions that made this country great. Time to let your state representatives know that no stimulus is to be accepted, no entitlements, no unconstitutional federal intervention in state business other than that participation agreed upon by the state.

CLIMATE POLICY FAILURE IN COPENHAGEN

The Copenhagen Conference: A Setback For Bad Climate Policy in 2010.

Ben Lieberman reports, ' From the perspective of those who wanted the U.S. to sign on to comprehensive measures to address global warming, Copenhagen was a major setback. But for those who fear that costly global warming solutions are far worse than the problem, Copenhagen is good news. Copenhagen failed for very legitimate reasons, in particular the exorbitant cost and lack of meaningful developing world participation. A very bad deal for America and the world was avoided.'

He also stated, '---A climate agreement could also lead to risks to America's national security. The resultant economic harm would adversely impact defense budgets, while at the same time higher fuel prices would raise the military's operating costs. A global treaty could also spark protectionist measures, as some nations would inevitably accuse others of doing less to reduce emissions and may use this assertion as a rationale for border adjustments or other means to discourage imports. This would erode the wealth-creating benefits of free trade to America and the rest of the world.'

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STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT VS. FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Since the beginning of our republic, police and law enforcement was considered a function of each state in the union. Now we have federal law enforcement agencies who are taking away police powers from states.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SILENT THEFT OF STATE RIGHTS

Congress is intent on placing state crimes under federal crime authority. Nothing in the Constitution gives the federal government authority over ordinary crimes unless that crime is conducted on federal property. Crime fighting is the responsibility of state and local government. Examples of federal usurpation are, Juvenile Crime Control Act, the Church Arson Prevention Act, and the Sex Crimes Against Children Prevention Act.

The federalization of crime endangers public safety and constitutional liberty in several ways. First, the creation of a duplicate federal offense subjects citizens to double jeopardy. Former attorney general Edwin Meese observed, “Federal law-enforcement authorities are not as attuned to the priorities and customs of local communities as state and local law enforcement. In the Ruby Ridge tragedy, for example, would the local Idaho authorities have tried to apprehend Randy Weaver in such an aggressive fashion? . . . More fundamentally, would Idaho officials have even cared about two sawed-off shotguns? In the Waco situation, would the local sheriff’s department have stormed the compound, or instead have waited to arrest David Koresh when he ventured into town for supplies, as he did frequently?”

Source: Kopel, David B., and Paul H. Blackman. No More Wacos: What’s Wrong with Federal Law Enforcement, and How to Fix It. Buffalo: Prometheus Books, 1997.

For full report on THE EXPANDING FEDERAL POLICE POWER, See: <http://www.cato.org>

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT OF 2009

(H.R. 1913, HCPA) is based on serious analytical and constitutional flaws and would actually be counterproductive to prosecuting violent crime. The Fourteenth Amendment was enacted to ensure that no state would deny the equal protection of its laws.

HCPA’s scope raises serious constitutional concerns. Congress is a body of limited, enumerated powers. Unless the Constitution has granted Congress the power to legislate in an area, it cannot do so. Because the Constitution grants the federal government no general police power, Congress lacks the power to criminalize the vast majority of the violent, non-economic activity covered by the two principal criminal offenses in the HCPA.

April 29, 2009, Federal Hate Crimes Statute: An Unconstitutional Exercise of Legislative Power, by Brian W. Walsh
WebMemo #2416 For full report. See: <http://www.heritage.org>

BOOKS

COURAGE AND CONSEQUENCE by Karl Rove-available on March 9, 2010. Threshold Editions, an imprint of Simon & Schuster. The highly anticipated memoir from the former White House Deputy of Staff. From a unique seat to view history, Karl Rove will pull back the curtain on the Bush administration, set the record straight on those controversial years, and show how tests of character affected him and his family. He lays out the facts, frankly responds to critics, passionately articulates his political philosophy and openly explains the reasons behind his decisions in campaigns and the White House.

NO MORE WACOS: WHAT’S WRONG WITH FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND HOW TO FIX IT. Kopel, David B., and Paul H. Blackman. Buffalo: Prometheus Books, 1997. Meticulously documented, this volume contains more than 1,500 endnotes which aid in analyzing all side of the complex issue of the role of federal law enforcement and the risks that their enormous powers pose to individual rights, judicial authority, and arrest procedures in the name of public safety.

ONE NATION, INDIVISIBLE? A STUDY OF SECESSION AND THE CONSTITUTION (Paperback) Robert, F. Hawes (Author) From the Publisher, “The federal government’s growth of power at the expense of individuals and natural human communities has been the trend so long now that it has seemed inevitable. But thoughtful people of late have been rediscovering the true decentralist origins of the United States. Robert Hawes states the case beautifully for the forgotten decentralist tradition - which may be our only hope for the preservation of freedom.”



TOPICS OF INTEREST

THE CENSUS BOONDOGGLE: \$340 MILLION AD CAMPAIGN

By Michelle Malkin • January 4, 2010 01:45 PM

GOP KEEPING THE HEAT ON ACORN

By Michelle Malkin • December 2, 2009 01:19 PM

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

1,800 FEDERAL SUBSIDY PROGRAMS

BURDEN TAXPAYERS

Federal subsidy programs from the massive Medicare, Medicaid, program to hundreds of other subsidy programs including, housing, student aid, and farm subsidies burden taxpayers. Losses to federal taxpayers from fraud, abuse, and other types of improper payments are in the ballpark of \$100 billion a year or more. The endemic fraud and abuse provides an additional reason to pursue cuts and terminations to many federal programs.

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

Chris Edwards and Tad DeHaven reported 'Fraud and Abuse in Federal Programs, August 2009

See: <http://www.downsizinggovernment.org/fraud-and-abuse>

“Fraud in the two main federal health programs is huge, imposing costs on taxpayers at least in the tens of billions of dollars each year. As broad-based government programs, the massive size of Medicare and Medicaid makes them very difficult to police. Medicare, for example, processes 1.2 billion claims each year by computer, generally without human eyes checking them for accuracy. Let’s look first at the fraud and abuse problems in Medicare. The Government Accountability Office estimates that there are about \$17 billion of improper Medicare payments each year, including fraudulent and erroneous overpayments to health care providers. That figure does not include the huge new prescription drug benefit, which is thought to be highly susceptible to abuse. Other estimates of improper Medicare payments are higher. Malcolm Sparrow of Harvard University, a top specialist in health care fraud, argues that estimates by federal auditors do not measure all types of fraud. He believes that as much as 20 percent of federal health program budgets are consumed by fraud and abuse, which would be about \$85 billion a year for Medicare.”

There are places to start ‘fixing’ problems that exist within our health care system. Keep what works and fix what doesn’t. Why reinvent the wheel? Let’s make it better without creating a horrific burden on taxpayers.

A GENEROUS GIFT
FOR BROOKS ARMY MEDICAL CENTER



Denzel Washington and his family visited the troops at Brook Army Medical Center, in San Antonio, Texas (BAMC) the other day. This is where soldiers who have been evacuated from Germany come to be hospitalized in the United States, especially burn victims. There are some buildings there called Fisher Houses.

The Fisher House is a Hotel where soldiers' families can stay for little or no charge while their soldier is in the Hospital. BAMC has quite a few of these houses on base, but as you can imagine, they are filled most of the time.

While Denzel Washington was visiting BAMC, they gave him a tour of one of the Fisher Houses. He asked how much one of them would cost to build. He took his checkbook out and wrote a check for the full amount right there on the spot.

The soldiers overseas were amazed to hear this story and want to get the word out to the American public, because it warmed their hearts to hear it.



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TEA PARTIERS THROUGHOUT IDAHO GATHER AT THE STATE CAPITOL STEPS



January 18, an enthusiastic crowd of several hundred gathered at the State Capitol to listen to legislators speak on legislation that addresses citizens concerns regarding The Constitution, state rights, firearm legislation, health care, federal reserve system and efforts to bring sovereignty back to the state. The lawmakers have drafted a charter called, "Platform for Prosperity" after a similar Republican movement in Colorado.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Owen followed by an invocation by Chris Stevens. Attendees had an opportunity to meet some of the legislators, and deliver signed petitions.

TEA PARTIES ACROSS AMERICA PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD.
THE DEMAND REVERBERATES, ' ELIMINATE BIG GOVERNMENT AND
RETURN AMERICA TO THE "REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT WAS CREATED'.

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!

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