



Letters to the Editor

Hot and Cold

I really enjoyed the issue on “global warming” (January 4, 2016). The articles made it evident that just as we have problems defining the term “conservative” (supposedly, Newt Gingrich and George W. Bush both qualify as conservatives), we also have problems with other definitions, as well. For example, according to climate alarmists, snow should actually be referred to as “white global warming.” Now doesn’t that make everything better?

David Hammer

Bronx, New York

I enjoyed most of your January 4, 2016 edition on global warming. However, the section on light bulbs must have been researched 10 years ago. We are happy with most of the CFL bulbs we now can purchase at very reasonable prices. Thanks to mass production and capitalism, I can get four 60-watt equivalents at COSTCO for 86 cents.

Also, the LED bulbs (light-emitting diodes) I am able to purchase are becoming reasonably priced, use very little electricity, and last several years. In our townhouse development, I replaced most of the outside spotlights with LED bulbs and have not had to replace one in over a year, instead of every several months, and I expect them to last several years, as some in my home already have. The war on incandescent bulbs has been a good fight, and we are all winning because of the effort.

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Government Slush Fund?

Regarding “Obama’s Western Land Grab” (March 7 TNA, “The Last Word”), and future such attempts by any administration: There may be a way to “cut off the funds” to do more of that, without affecting the “normal budgetary process” — in fact, done in a way that might help our normal budget/deficit concerns.

About 24 years ago, my congressman at the time may have revealed how the funds for such acquisitions are actually obtained, and possibly “protected” in “off-budget” monies.

My congressman then, Democrat Dan Glickman, liked to show off his knowledge with little tidbits of information in town-hall meetings. The Feds were considering purchasing an old ranch that had passed into hands of the Nature Conservancy, and at a town-hall meeting in Wichita, a number of attendees were griping about “having to spend taxpayers’ money for that ranch when the locals didn’t want a ‘federal reserve’ there anyway.”

Ol’ Dan reared back and said in a cheery voice, “It won’t cost a nickel in taxpayers’ money ... because all the royalties paid to the federal government for offshore oil go into a fund that can be used for only one thing: to buy more land for the federal government.”

After a few years that ranch became the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve of Kansas. Things settled down and people became accustomed to it, hardly giving it any more thought. I kinda forgot about it



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myself.

Then with the recent TNA articles about “The Federal Footprint,” “Behind the Oregon Standoff,” and now “Obama’s Western Land Grab,” it came back to mind.

It makes me wonder — how much oil royalty money has been collected over those 24-odd years? Is it “squirreled away” to where most of our current representatives in Congress don’t even realize it’s there?

And again, how much could that oil royalty money do to offset the deficits and national debt if it were used for that — rather than to buy up more land for the federal government to mismanage?

In view of the information provided in TNA’s articles, maybe the best thing for everyone would be to just require the FedGov to deed over the lands to ranchers paying grazing fees and to lumber companies paying timber rights — and have them care for it. And while we’re at it, have the FedGov deed over titles to all the “federal housing projects” to the people and/or tenant organizations living there, since I can attest through personal experience about the incompetence of federal agencies holding, and the “contractors” they pay for “managing,” federally owned housing. n

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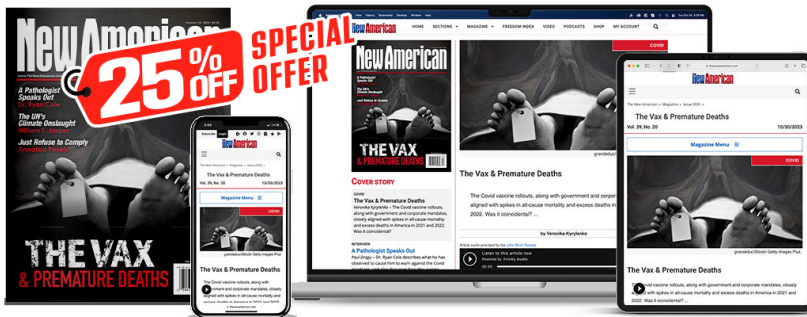


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