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10 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE
11 OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KOOTENAI

12 TINA JACOBSON,

13 Plaintiff,

Case No. CV 2012-3098

14 vs.

15 JOHN DOE and/or JANE DOE,

16 Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF TINA JACOBSON IN
SUPPORT OF MEMORANDUM IN
RESPONSE TO MOTION TO QUASH
SUBPOENA

17 STATE OF IDAHO)
18 : ss.
19 County of Kootenai)

20 TINA JACOBSON, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states as follows:

21 1. I am a resident of Rathdrum, Idaho, and the Plaintiff in the above entitled action.

22 2. I make this Affidavit from my own personal knowledge in support of the Memorandum

23 in Response to Motion to Quash Subpoena being filed herewith. I am competent to testify to all matters
24 stated herein.
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1 3. I am the current Chairman of the Kootenai County Republican Party Central Committee
2 (“Party”).

3 4. In my position as Chairman of the Party, I have overall responsibility for the safekeeping
4 of funds donated to the Kootenai County Republican Party, but have no personal access to the funds as
5 this is done through the Treasurer. I am further charged with ensuring the Party makes the proper
6 reporting to the appropriate authorities of the income, the source of income and the payees of the funds
7 (“Sunshine Report”).
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9 5. The amount of revenue and expenses attributed to the Party are included in the publically
10 filed Sunshine Report.

11 6. On February 14, 2012, former Republican Presidential Candidate Rick Santorum spoke at
12 an event in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, which I attended. I was seated on the dais behind Senator Santorum
13 as he spoke.
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15 7. From time to time I read an online blog referred to as HuckleberriesOnline. It is often a
16 source of political news that I find of interest. I am not a contributor to the blog. The speech by
17 Senator Santorum was the subject of a blog feed and entries made by blog commentators. I reviewed
18 the comments on that date.

19 8. On February 14, 2012, in my review on my personal computer I saw the
20 HuckleberriesOnline blog entry dated February 14, 2012. One of the entries made by an anonymous
21 author, identified only as “almostinnocentbystander,” stated there was \$10,000.00 missing from the
22 Republican Central Committee funds and that the missing funds were hidden on my person. (Attached
23 as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the blog entries I initially saw. The defamatory comments
24 begin at 3:31 p.m.)
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1 9. The blog statement of missing funds was false, as was the blog statement that missing
2 funds were on my person.

3 10. The comment of “almostinnocentbystander” was immediately followed by inquiries from
4 other bloggers, who identify themselves as “Phaedrus” and “OutofStaterTater”, who were looking for
5 more detail of the lie with comments stating, “Is that the missing \$10,000 from Kootenai County Central
6 Committee funds . . .” and “Tina’s missing funds at the local GOP....”

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8 11. I was shocked to be accused of the crime of theft of Party funds and to see such a lie
9 posted about me. I was also concerned that members of the Committee and the public at large would
10 attribute any truth to the allegation of the loss of any GOP money.

11 12. I have suffered personal embarrassment about the lie. The blog comments are now
12 known to other Party officials, my family, my employer, members of my church, my book club, and my
13 closest friends.

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15 13. Individuals have questioned me about the blog entries. I have had to explain the entries
16 were false and assure some that no funds have been stolen from the treasury of the Party.

17 14. In addition to the lie about missing funds, “almostinnocentbystander” filed a responsive
18 blog that repeated the lie and further stated about me, “...a whole Boat load of money is missing and
19 Tina won’t let anyone see the books. Doesn’t she make her living as a bookkeeper? Did you just see
20 where Idaho is high on the list for embezzlement?”

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22 15. Any suggestion that I have been involved in either a cover up by hiding Party records or
23 that I am an embezzler is false.

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2 16. The defaming comments about me on the blog were removed by Mr. Oliveria later on
3 February 14, 2012. Accompanying the removal of the defamation was an acknowledgment by
4 Mr. Oliveria that the claims about me were unsubstantiated. Unfortunately the removal came too late as
5 some of those who follow HuckleberriesOnline began making inquiries. Exhibit 2 is a true and correct
6 copy of the blog as it appeared after Mr. Oliveria removed the unsubstantiated defamation. See, 5:55pm
7 for the removal comment.

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9 17. Since the posting of the defaming comments on HuckleberriesOnline, others have
10 repeated on the blog the lie that I have stolen money. Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of blog entries
11 I have printed from HuckleberriesOnline blog that repeat the lie.

12 18. I am not aware of any reason why the comments made by “almostinnocentbystander”
13 were made about me or the purpose of such. Without questioning “almostinnocentbystander” I will not
14 be able to gauge the purpose of the lie being posted about me in the middle of a blog discussing a
15 political rally in which I was in attendance and depicted in a photograph posted on the blog.

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17 19. I am not aware of any missing donated Party funds and have no reason to suspect any
18 person associated with the Party of wrongdoing. Immediately upon hearing of the criminal charge, I
19 directed a review of the financial records of the Party to ensure the Sunshine Report was correct. That
20 review was conducted independently by Dave Cazal, Doris Sadler, Doug Wier, and Doug Balija. They
21 have now reported no funds are missing and the Sunshine Report is correct. If there has been any
22 wrongdoing by others, I have not been able to uncover such and am not able to proceed further without
23 additional information.
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2 20. I am attempting to determine to what extent there has been publication of the defamation.
3 At least two witnesses by their blog postings acknowledged reading the defamation and each made
4 anonymous inquiry for more information about the defamation; specifically the individuals who blog
5 under the names of "Phaedrus" and "OutofStaterTater".

6 21. I have attempted to learn the identity of the bloggers known as
7 "almostinnocentbystander", "Phaedrus" and "OutofStaterTater" from The Spokesman-Review, which
8 owns the HuckleberriesOnline website. Attached as Exhibit 4 hereto is a true and correct copy of my
9 letter dated February 28, 2012, requesting that information.
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11 22. In addition, Mr. Oliveria is affirmatively acting to thwart any efforts to identify the
12 anonymous bloggers. Attached as Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of Mr. Oliveria's blog dated
13 April 27, 2012 at 5:53 p.m. in which he states, "I removed 2 posts that generically discussed identity of
14 one of the anonymous commenters named in the subpoena. Any discussion along those lines will be
15 deleted . . . and coolinging is a possibility. That part of the discussion here is simply off limits. Period."
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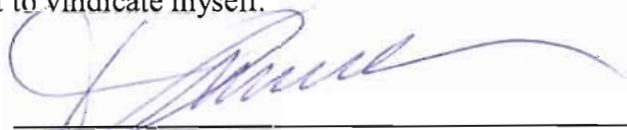
17 23. Attached as Exhibit 6 is a true and correct copy of The Spokesman-Review's refusal of
18 my request for information.

19 24. I know of no other source or means to locate the defamer, or the witnesses, than to obtain
20 the information from The Spokesman-Review. I have asked my lawyer to obtain the names so I may
21 determine the proper course of action in my pending lawsuit against the defamer.

22 25. I am employed as a Controller. My job responsibilities include financial records and
23 transactions for the corporation. My responsibilities include the handling of company funds. The lie
24 about me is a direct reflection on my work ethic and honesty.
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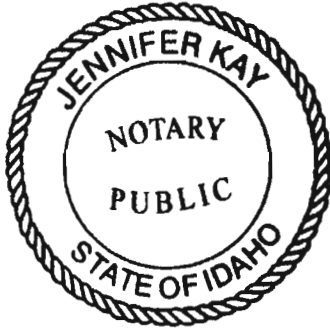
1 26. I am concerned that the allegations of my stealing and embezzling funds may impact my
2 employment and any future employment. Clearing my name is important to me for many reasons, not
3 the least of which is to protect my future employment.

4 27. Since the posting of the defamation I have spent an inordinate amount of my personal
5 time to respond to the lie told about me and to respond to the constant comment that has been generated.
6 My damages continue to mount in my effort to vindicate myself.
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9 TINA JACOBSON

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11 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 18th day of May, 2012.



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Jennifer Kay
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My commission expires 5/3/17

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2 I hereby certify that I caused a true and
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- 3 mailed, postage prepaid;
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6 On May 21, 2012, to:

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12 608 Northwest Boulevard, Suite 300
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814-2146

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C. MATTHEW ANDERSEN, ISB No. 3581

CdAHumanist on February 14 at 12:17 p.m.

Can someone please count how many time he says "God" and "Christianity"?
And if he says the phrase "family values" then everyone drinks.



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Dennis on February 14 at 12:33 p.m.

Looks like a "Star Wars" convention.



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Phaedrus on February 14 at 12:34 p.m.

Mom jeans and a sweater vest. Ha!

Is Tina Jacobsen wearing a camouflage skirt?



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DFO on February 14 at 12:35 p.m.

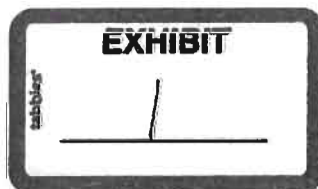
Can anyone identify the two people are the far left?



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poolman on February 14 at 12:44 p.m.

I can pretty much guarantee there is not a single person in that room on the far left.





• [Phaedrus](#) on [February 14 at 12:45 p.m.](#)

Can anyone identify the two people are the far left?

dfo, they're a figment of your imagination; nobody at a Santorum event is on the far left.



• [Phaedrus](#) on [February 14 at 12:48 p.m.](#)

“My policy’s not going to be called Santorumcare. It’s called YouCare”

“YouCare” because I don’t.



• [Phaedrus](#) on [February 14 at 12:52 p.m.](#)

“I do not believe life begins at conception. I know life begins at conception

Can someone explain to him the difference between faith and facts? If not he’ll just be the beginning of the Theocracy, kinda like Khomenie was for Iran.



• [Spudbob](#) on [February 14 at 12:53 p.m.](#)

What does the sign behind Santorum say? I can’t read all of it.

Does it say, "CARNAGE for America"?



[DFO](#) on [February 14 at 12:57 p.m.](#)

@ Phaedrus & Poolman re: "they're a figment of your imagination; nobody at a Santorum event is on the far left."

I knew this was coming the moment I set that one up on the tee. Still, I was hoping against hope someone would provide the IDs. Alas ...



[Phaedrus](#) on [February 14 at 12:57 p.m.](#)

Does it say, "CARNAGE for America"?

FTW!



[Phaedrus](#) on [February 14 at 1:08 p.m.](#)

I knew this was coming the moment I set that one up on the tee. -dfo\

And I appreciate that.



[coeurid](#) on [February 14 at 1:12 p.m.](#)

That is Phillips Baker with Hecla on the far left.



[DFO](#) on [February 14 at 1:21 p.m.](#)

@ Coeurld ... I've had 2 people email to say that's Dan Pinkerton of Pinkerton Retirement Specialists. At least we've narrowed the field to two possibilities.



[Phaedrus](#) on [February 14 at 1:23 p.m.](#)

That is not Phil Baker.



[The Seer](#) on [February 14 at 1:32 p.m.](#)

Santorum trotted out Castro?

Someone on his staff needs to update his lexicon of current manufactured boogiemens. However, I don't blame him for pandering to North Idaho's influential Cuban community.

I'm guessing the woman beside Baker is Santorum's wife. She has that classic adoring and servile countenance deemed requisite for right wing candidate wives. Nancy Reagan raised it to theatricality, followed closely by Laura Bush. Their secret appears to be a carefully prepared elixir of valium, robotussin, complete lack of empathy, and undying fealty to the misogyny their husbands seek to expand.



[Sisyphus](#) on [February 14 at 1:39 p.m.](#)

Nothing says carpet bagger like a sweater vest in cowboy boots. What does he do for a living? I'd respect him more if he did the tequila dance.



[duroc](#) on [February 14 at 1:44 p.m.](#)

What I find most irritating/disturbing/hilarious about his comment regarding "It won't be called SantorumCare, it'll be called YouCare" is that it implies that Obama is such an egomaniac (a popular theme on talk radio) that he named it ObamaCare, after himself, rather than Obama's political opponents coming up with that term as an insult.

So, is Santorum really that ill-informed, or is he simply insulting the intelligence of North Idaho's conservatives? Or is he as willfully-ignorant about that fact as he is with the fact that we don't live in a theocracy?



[duroc](#) on [February 14 at 1:47 p.m.](#)

Agree about the fashion "statement," Sisyphus, and I wonder: do all presidential nominees get advice from their campaign managers along these lines - "Whenever you appear in public anywhere from Denver on West, make certain you've got your cowboy boots on! The locals will think you're 'keepin' it real," because it's the only type of shoes they wear out there."

I will say this much: At least the flag is in its proper place at this rally (on a pole and in a stand, rather than draped over the front of a podium and dragging on the floor).



• [Spudbob](#) on [February 14 at 1:52 p.m.](#)

“The_Seer”

Wow! Beautifully descriptive and florid writing! A tip of the Hatlo hat to you.

also: “North Idaho’s influential Cuban community” Too funny! Usted es el hombre!



• [Wes](#) on [February 14 at 2:11 p.m.](#)

This guy in no way is presidential material.

Just as pitiful as Bachman.



• [mtngardener](#) on [February 14 at 3:26 p.m.](#)

Duroc, I’d say he’s wilfully ignorant because he wants a theocracy but doesn’t want to say so out loud.



almostinnocentbystander on February 14 at 3:31 p.m.

Is that the missing \$10,000 from Kootenai County Central Committee funds actually stuffed inside Tina's blouse??? Let's not try to find out.



Phaedrus on February 14 at 3:33 p.m.

Is that the missing \$10,000 from Kootenai County Central Committee funds—
aib

Missing funds? Do tell.



McGruber on February 14 at 3:47 p.m.

That's Dan Pinkerton on the left side of photo. Curious that Katie Brodey who represents Gov. Otter is there on the dais since the Gov. very publicly has endorsed Romney. And Tina J. representing the GOP in Kootenai County induces a gag reflex.



OutofStaterTater on February 14 at 3:50 p.m.

Yes, do tell, Bystander. Tina's missing funds at the local GOP, Sheriff Mack and John Birch Society are coming to town, things are getting interesting around here.



[drywitt99](#) on [February 14 at 3:53 p.m.](#)

Its not everyday that a candidate for national office who is MORE CONSERVATIVE than the locals comes to Idaho.



[almostinnocentbystander](#) on [February 14 at 5:25 p.m.](#)

@Phaed - the treasury has gone a little light and Mistress Tina is not allowing the treasurer report to go into the minutes (which seems common practice). Let me rephrase that ... a whole Boat load of money is missing and Tina won't let anyone see the books. Doesn't she make her living as a bookkeeper? Did you just see where Idaho is high on the list for embezzlement? Not that any of that is related or anything . . .

Santorum Visits Coeur d'Alene

Posted by DFO

Feb. 14, 2012 12:07 p.m. • 28 comments



Presidential candidate Rick Santorum is speaking to a packed house at the Coeur d'Alene Resort Events Center (at the golf course) as I type this. I don't know the two people to the far left seated behind him. But Hagadone Hospitality partner Jerry Jaeger, then Tina Jacobson, Katie Brodie, and Ruthie Johnson. (SR photo: Jesse Tinsley)

SReporter Jonathan Brunt (@brunton) & Chris Stein of the Inlander (@InlanderChris) are live-tweeting Santorum visit:

- 1:27 p.m. Finishes after nearly an hour and a half — Brunt
- 1:27 p.m. "I hope the conservative bastion of Idaho speaks loudly" on Super Tuesday — Brunt
- 1:26 p.m. As he wraps up urged people to become delegates. Calls Idaho Iowa — Stein
- 1:25 p.m. "Why do we let people at age 62 to collect" Social Security benefits? — Brunt
- 1:21 p.m. "[Obama] thinks that you are incapable of freedom" — Stein
- 1:19 p.m. Santorum talks about welfare reform, audience claps for requirement to look for work. Says would be model for other programs — Stein
- 1:17 p.m. Corrects himself before almost making an "Iowa" reference instead of Idaho — Brunt
- 1:15 p.m. backs foreign aid, says money spent in country. "Not the panacea some people think. . Entitlements are the problem" — Stein.
- 1:13 p.m. Would reduce federal pay 10 percent "across the board" — Brunt
- *Much more below*

- 1:13 p.m. Santorum says won't cut defense, leave as-is in budget. References Defense Sec. Leon Panetta — Stein.
- 1:12 p.m. Rips on Ron Paul without using his name for Paul's criticism of defense spending — Brunt.
- 1:10 p.m. "I am a believer in the flat tax at the corporate level" — Brunt
- 1:08 p.m. "Not a big fan of" Endangered Species Act — Brunt
- 1:07 p.m. Says will "fire all the Czars" if in office to loud applause — Stein
- 1:05 p.m. Lots of jokes about sweater vests — Stein.



- 1:05 p.m. "There is an open hostility to religion in this administration, and Santorum often says "rights given by" then let's audience say "God". Seems key to his message — Stein.
- 1:02 p.m. Santorum calls TSA "harassment agency of all time" says will instead "profile folks who are most likely to harm" country (huge applause for TSA comment) — Stein
- 12:58 p.m. Obama has tried "to embrace Castro and Chavez" — Brunt.
- 12:55 p.m. Santorum: European Union issues many "Obama-like edicts" and undermines the culture of many European countries, and: I don't think we should be bailing them out (Greece and other countries with debt problems) — Brunt
- 12:51 p.m. Speaker wishes #Santorum happy Valentines, calls him "hardest working politician" in modern history — Stein.
- 12:48 p.m. Santorum criticizing Obama on environment. "It turns out man made global warming wasn't climate science. It was political science" — Stein
- 12:40 p.m. "I do not believe life begins at conception I know life begins at conception " Loud applause — Stein.
- 12:38 p.m. "My policy's not going to be called Santorumcare It's called YouCare" — Brunt.
- 12:37 p.m. Taking audience questions — Brunt
- 12:36 p.m. Criticizing Romney idea to do waiver for healthcare overhaul as "insincere." "California's not going to waive it" — Stein
- 12:35 p.m. "Government spending is obviously not doing the trick" — Brunt
- 12:33 p.m. Santorum promises that government will shrink each year he is president — Brunt
- 12:33 p.m. Obama "just doesn't want to reduce government Well, I do" — Brunt.
- 12:31 p.m. Standing ovation when #Santorum says he is the best qualified to run against Obama — Stein.
- 12:30 p.m. Obamacare "is the best example of crushing the business community in this country" — Brunt.
- 12:26 p.m. "This is our chance" . . "to roll back all of those huge and oppressive government regulations" — Brunt.
- 12:25 p.m. "If we don't win this election Obamacare will be implemented and if Obamacare is implemented America as I describe it will be no more" — Stein
- 12:22 p.m. This election is about the economy and jobs, "but ultimately it is about the role of government in your lives" — Brunt.
- 12:21 p.m. Santorum criticizing #Obama admin for arguing against ministerial exception in hiring. "who are these people?" Crowd responds, "Dictators" — Stein
- 12:19 p.m. future of Obama's America is "people holed up in their homes at night who look to the government to sustain them" — Brunt
- 12:16 p.m. Santorum gets big applause when he talks about homeschooling his kids: "I fit into Idaho pretty well" — Brunt
- 12:10 p.m. Crowd seems solidly supportive of Santorum message, clapping often — Stein.
- 12:09 p.m. Events center employee says people started showing up at 830 a.m — Stein
- 12:07 p.m. Santorum in CDA the Constitution exists to: "protect one thing and that's to protect the rights given to you by God" — Brunt
- 12:05 p.m. Packed house of more than 500 — Stein

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28 comments on this post so far. Add yours!



CdAHumanist February 14 at 12:17 p.m

Can someone please count how many time he says "God" and "Christianity"? And if he says the phrase "family values" then everyone drinks.



Dennis February 14 at 12:33 p.m.

Looks like a "Star Wars" convention.



Phaedrus February 14 at 12:34 p.m.

Mom jeans and a sweater vest. Ha!

Is Tina Jacobsen wearing a camouflage skirt?



DFD February 14 at 12:35 p.m.

Can anyone identify the two people are the far left?



poolman February 14 at 12:44 p.m.

I can pretty much guarantee there is not a single person in that room on the far left



Phaedrus February 14 at 12:45 p.m.

Can anyone identify the two people are the far left?

dfo, they're a figment of your imagination, nobody at a Santorum event is on the far left.



Phaedrus February 14 at 12:48 p.m.

"My policy's not going to be called Santorumcare. It's called YouCare"

"YouCare" because I don't.



Phaedrus February 14 at 12:52 p.m.

"I do not believe life begins at conception. I know life begins at conception

Can someone explain to him the difference between faith and facts? If not he'll just be the beginning of the Theocracy, kinda like Khomeini was for Iran.



Spudbob February 14 at 12:53 p.m.

What does the sign behind Santorum say? I can't read all of it.

Does it say, "CARNAGE for America"?



DFO February 14 at 12:57 p.m.

@ Phaedrus & Poolman re: "they're a figment of your imagination; nobody at a Santorum event is on the far left."

I knew this was coming the moment I set that one up on the tee Still, I was hoping against hope someone would provide the IDs
Alas ...



Phaedrus February 14 at 12:57 p.m.

Does it say, "CARNAGE for America"?

FTW!



Phaedrus February 14 at 1:08 p.m.

I knew this was coming the moment I set that one up on the tee. -dfo\

And I appreciate that.



coeurld February 14 at 1:12 p.m.

That is Phillips Baker with Hecla on the far left



DFO February 14 at 1:21 p.m.

@Coeurld ... I've had 2 people email to say that's Dan Pinkerton of Pinkerton Retirement Specialists. At least we've narrowed the field to two possibilities.



Phaedrus February 14 at 1:23 p.m.

That is not Phil Baker



The_Seer February 14 at 1:32 p.m.

Santorum trotted out Castro?

Someone on his staff needs to update his lexicon of current manufactured boogiemens. However, I don't blame him for pandering to North Idaho's influential Cuban community.

I'm guessing the woman beside Baker is Santorum's wife. She has that classic adoring and servile countenance deemed requisite for right wing candidate wives. Nancy Reagan raised it to theatricality, followed closely by Laura Bush. Their secret appears to be a carefully prepared elixir of valium, robotussin, complete lack of empathy, and undying fealty to the misogyny their husbands seek to expand.



Sisyphus February 14 at 1:39 p.m.

Nothing says carpet bagger like a sweater vest in cowboy boots. What does he do for a living? I'd respect him more if he did the tequila dance.



duroc February 14 at 1:44 p.m.

What I find most irritating/disturbing/hilarious about his comment regarding "It won't be called SantorumCare, it'll be called YouCare" is that it implies that Obama is such an egomaniac (a popular theme on talk radio) that he named it ObamaCare, after himself, rather than Obama's political opponents coming up with that term as an insult.

So, is Santorum really that ill-informed, or is he simply insulting the intelligence of North Idaho's conservatives? Or is he as willfully-ignorant about that fact as he is with the fact that we don't live in a theocracy?



duroc February 14 at 1:47 p.m.

Agree about the fashion "statement," Sisyphus, and I wonder: do all presidential nominees get advice from their campaign managers along these lines - "Whenever you appear in public anywhere from Denver on West, make certain you've got your cowboy boots on! The locals will think you're 'keepin' it real," because it's the only type of shoes they wear out there."

I will say this much: At least the flag is in its proper place at this rally (on a pole and in a stand, rather than draped over the front of a podium and dragging on the floor).



Spudbob February 14 at 1:52 p.m.

"The_Seer"
Wow! Beautifully descriptive and florid writing! A tip of the Hatto hat to you.

also: "North Idaho's influential Cuban community" Too funny! Usted es el hombre!



Wes February 14 at 2:11 p.m.

This guy in no way is presidential material
Just as pitiful as Bachman.



mtngardener February 14 at 3:26 p.m.

Duroc, I'd say he's willfully ignorant because he wants a theocracy but doesn't want to say so out loud.



McGruber February 14 at 3:47 p.m.

That's Dan Pinkerton on the left side of photo. Curious that Katie Brodey who represents Gov. Otter is there on the dais since the Gov. very publicly has endorsed Romney And Tina J. representing the GOP in Kootenai County induces a gag reflex.



drywitt99 February 14 at 3:53 p.m.

It's not everyday that a candidate for national office who is MORE CONSERVATIVE than the locals comes to Idaho.



DFO February 14 at 5:55 p.m.

I removed 4-5 posts under this thread in which an unsubstantiated accusation was made against a local Republican official. Unless there's proof of wrongdoing, I don't want to see any of this here — for your sake more than mine.



misjustice February 14 at 6:46 p.m.

Yeah, Sanitorium!
You GO, sweater vest guy!
:)

Large crowd at the Hagadone Event Center; capacity is a little under five hundred. It was standing room only with folks standing outside, after the sliding glass doors were opened



Phaedrus February 14 at 7:06 p.m.

removed 4-5 posts under this thread —dfo

Dang, wish I'd have put \$\$ on this. Seriously, who would have bet that DFO would delete comments on a Santorum thread and NONE of them were mine? What are the odds?

LOL!



JIMMYMAC February 14 at 10:14 p.m.

Looks like Dan P to me.



duroc on April 26 at 7:56 a.m.

I was wondering why I hadn't seen Phaedrus around. I guess I missed his coolinging when I was avoiding the recall coverage extravaganza. That'll teach me to check out of HBO for so long.



Paul Matthews on April 26 at 8:24 a.m.

There is another thread that asks "What makes you feel a teensy bit superior?" Posting under my own name here does it for me. I blurked here for years before I starting posting, fairly recently, in large part because I suspected that I personally knew 90% of the conservative commenters on this blog and I thought many of their comments were utterly shameful and adolescent they would NEVER post them under their own names. I guess I was prudish, egotistical, and naive to think they might actually notice my postings, and maybe moderate, or try out posting under their own names. The postings here with respect to Mrs. Jacobson, Rep. Nonini and Councilman Kennedy have been, in particular, mean, stupid, sick and mostly un-funny - very accurately labeled "derangement syndrome" by some. Tina's "big stick" method of bringing change will ultimately probably be as ineffectual as my feeble attempt. But really, who can blame her? The comments about her on this blog have not risen to middle-school level slurs. Cattullus you aint.



BlondeSquawker on April 27 at 1:48 p.m.

I wonder if she ate the funds.



BlondeSquawker on April 27 at 1:54 p.m.

There's a spa for that, honey.

<http://ajuvamedicalspa.com/>



danofthecommunity on April 27 at 2:34 p.m.

"...to impeach the honesty, integrity, virtue or reputation, or publish the natural or alleged defects, of one who is alive, and thereby to expose him to public hatred, contempt or ridicule."

Yea boy, been on the receiving end of that one many times over...

With everyone seeming to verbally punch and counter-punch relentlessly it seems like we are on that dreaded path to civic Mutually Assured Destruction and that should grieve all our hearts.





SMARTGUY on May 05 at 3:07 p.m.

It sounds like she wants to punish someone for their free speech. Why were these comments removed in the first place, and how do we know Tina did not steal the money. I have never met Tina, but in my opinion she is a useless piece of crap, who should be fired. Want to come after me now Tina, be my guest, I can get a lawyer too. Lets see if the Spokesman removes these comments, depriving me of my right to free speech, and my own opinion.



SMARTGUY on May 05 at 3:20 p.m.

Dick Adams, if that is your real name, and how could anyone really tell. I could not disagree more with your post. Requiring people to put their names on LTE, stifles their real opinions, and waters down their letters, requiring political correctness that is killing our democracy. No one can be completely honest when they know they could be ostracized, and even attacked physically, if someone disagrees with them. I think people would be a lot more honest about their prejudices and true agendas if their identity is hidden. I know the truth hurts sometimes, but so does editing your opinions because of concerns about who will read them.



brentandrews on May 05 at 3:58 p.m.

Who is the attorney for the paper? How much will he cost? Will charting new ground in tech law serve the core function - accurate community news - or detract from it?

If I were an attorney I wouldn't take any less than one year's salary for an ordinary reporter, to take this case.

I'm afraid this will tie up resources better spent elsewhere.

The S-R has already held the names so long as the law permits - the subpoena now demands their release.

The newspaper never promised to fight a protracted court battle to protect the anonymity of anonymous commenters, and it shouldn't.



SMARTGUY on May 05 at 9:00 p.m.

documents establishing the identity, email address and IP addresses"

How does this prove who actually wrote the message anyway. At least a half dozen people use my laptop everyday, good luck proving who actually wrote what and when beyond a reasonable doubt.



greenlibertarian on May 05 at 11:24 p.m.

Brent, the esteemed Swinton is handling this case, and given precedence, which is IN FAVOR of the S/R, the leviathan Jacobson will need 100's of thousands if not millions of dollars to take this up the chain to overrule established precedence.

The Streisand effect is a primarily online phenomenon in which an attempt to hide or remove a piece of information has the unintended



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and no, I am not registered to the Republican Party.



[greenlibertarian](#) on [April 25 at 2:30 p.m.](#)

Well Jacobson *said* she was going to use the money she stole for a bariatric bypass in India where it's cheaper.

After a change of heart, she double-downed and bought Hostess stock with the loot, along with a pallet of Twinkies.

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only gets deeper for me as I keep reading the phrase '\$10,000 hidden on her person...'. Does it mean ten thousand dollars in cash? A check? Money spent on personal services, clothing, jewelry, entertainment, fancy dining? Was Almost Innocent Bystander trying to be funny or was he actually making a serious accusation against her intergity? I guess that a lawsuit is the only way to find out the answer to this pressing question of the day.



[greenlibertarian](#) on April 30 at 12:59 p.m.

Who's da Judge? Are there any scheduled appearances?

But for this lawsuit and ensuing publicity, never in a million years would I have suspected Jacobsón would have stolen from the local GOP.

NOW, I'm not so sure it isn't true that she stole.

See how that works?



[JamesBond](#) on April 30 at 1:08 p.m.

I will always remember seeing a Motion to Squash something. Obviously, a typo. Hehehehehe. If I'd been a judge, I would have been extremely tempted to enter an Order Squashing whatever.



[duroc](#) on April 30 at 1:26 p.m.

Wow. Those last two comments are a bit over the line, don't you think? There's plenty to criticize about Jacobson's ACTIONS without making juvenile remarks.



[ShoshoneConservative](#) on April 30 at 2:33 p.m.

Wow. Those last two comments are a bit over the line, don't you think? There's plenty to criticize about Jacobson's ACTIONS without making juvenile remarks.

That seems to be par for the course here in Tina Jacobson threads. If she were a man or a Democrat, you wouldn't see such sophomoric references to her looks. For example, you never see references to "Mickey the Leprechaun" Kennedy or Thom "Ichabod Crane" George.

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[otisgexperience](#) on April 30 at 5:58 p.m.

For the first time... I got deleted! It was an honor to be nominated, and my parents will be proud.



[DFO](#) on April 30 at 5:59 p.m.

@misjustice re: "and to keep DFO outta the electric chair!"

If I get sent to the chair, there's no way that butch otter is going to commute that ... he'll be the one pulling the switch ...



[greenlibertarian](#) on April 30 at 6:45 p.m.

There MUST be a grain of truth to the rumor, then, nic. Of course!

Frankly, I don't think Swinton's going to have to even generate any billable time on this, should be a slam-dunk in court, all covered by retainer.



[Stickman](#) on April 30 at 8:03 p.m.

I, for one, don't understand any of this. I would like to hear from Phaedrus, but lately he has disappeared. It doesn't make any sense to me, but many things don't these days, like the recall effort. I will always be on the Mayor's side in all of this and from what I have been seeing lately, she has more than enough support from this town that is on her side. Is it enough to stop the people that love to rant and rave about things they don't like, we'll see.

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Gentlemen:

I am the current Kootenai County Republican Party Central Committee Chair. I am writing to request your voluntary assistance in identifying several anonymous individuals who posted blogs on Mr. Oliveria's Huckleberries Online Blog. I draw your attention to a screen shot of February 14, 2012, posting attached to this letter.

Appearing on the blog beginning at 3:31 p.m. is an entry made by "almostinnocentbystander" stating a missing \$10,000.00 of Central Committee funds were hidden on my person. That entry elicited two immediate inquires by bloggers identifying themselves as "Phaedrus" and "OutofStaterTater" as to the substance of the claim of missing funds. At 5:25 p.m. "almostinnocentbystander" responded with allegations of missing funds, obstruction of treasurer's report and embezzlement.

The allegations about the Central Committee and me personally, are very serious and untrue. The fact of falsity of the statements was confirmed by Mr. Oliveria on February 14, 2012 when he removed the exchange and posted his communications with "almostinnocentbystander" to the effect that the blogger retracted the derogatory and unsubstantiated commentary regarding me personally. I am unaware of any wrongdoing by the Central Committee.

Clearly almostinnocentbystander knew at the time of posting the statement it was untrue. Mr. Oliveria has acknowledged the statement was false in his February 17, 2012 posting. It should not be a surprise to you that I, as anyone, would consider the statements to be defaming. The sting to my reputation due to the comments continues and I am being asked about the veracity of the charge. I am in the process of reviewing my options and how to properly respond to this mythical allegation by an anonymous blogger. I have no way of determining who the sender was, who the commentators are or if they were acting in concert with each other. The identity of the individuals is exclusively in the hands of the Spokesman-Review. That is why I request your voluntary assistance.

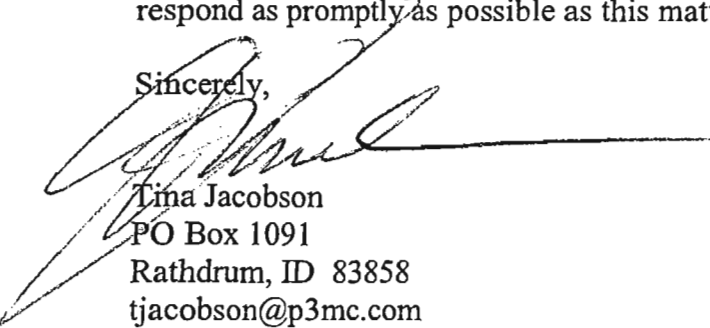


As part of that review, I must know the following information that only you can provide:

1. The identity, e-mail address and IP addresses of almostinnocentbystander, Phaedrus and OutofStaterTater.
2. A copy of any communication by and between a representative of the Spokesman-Review and any of the three identified bloggers concerning the defaming communication and the e-mail address used for such communication.
3. Confirmation that almostinnocentbystander has not reestablished a blog link using an alternate blog name.

I do appreciate the Spokesman taking steps to voluntarily remove the defaming information from the blog. I ask for your continued cooperation in proceeding to avoid unnecessary costs. Please respond as promptly as possible as this matter should not linger.

Sincerely,



Tina Jacobson
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JBelle on April 27 at 4:32 p.m.

For what it's worth DFO, you have my full support. Is it my imagination or are local notable Republicans mostly silent?



greenlibertarian on April 27 at 4:33 p.m.

JBelle on April 27 at 4:21 p.m.

Holy Schnike. Has the world gone completely crazy?

I KNOW, right?



DFO on April 27 at 5:07 p.m.

@Stebbijo re: "DFO has to go to jail, it will ruin the whole thing if he doesn't."

Rocky'd better install wi-fi Internet access & come up with something better than the current jail garb. I don't look good in orange ...



stebbijo on April 27 at 5:19 p.m.

Well, DFO - if this case is not deemed frivolous and the S-R forum standards don't hold up, I will see if I can get a deal from Bent and smuggle you some barbecue. I don't know about the wi-fi internet and laptop, but try to get used to orange just in case. It works for Rachel Ray.



Bent on April 27 at 5:41 p.m.

Stebbi, I am planning a BBQ fundraiser to bail out DFO if it comes that... stick to your guns, DFO... Back in the day, i would have killed to go to jail while holding my ground on a story



DFO on April 27 at 5:53 p.m.

I removed 2 posts that generically discussed identity of one of the anonymous commenters named in the subpoena. Any discussion along those lines will be deleted ... and coolinging is a possibility. That part of the discussion here is simply off limits. Period.



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March 1, 2012

Tina Jacobson
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Dear Ms. Jacobson:

We are in receipt of your letter of Feb. 28 concerning items posted on Dave Oliveria's blog by anonymous posters.

As a service provider, The Spokesman-Review provides a forum in the form of Mr. Oliveria's blog for individuals to comment on a variety of matters and issues. The Spokesman-Review does not pre-screen postings that appear on the blog, nor does it modify the content of the postings. The purpose of the blog is to encourage discussion about matters of public interest, and this is best fostered by allowing anonymous postings. Occasionally, postings may be removed after they appear on the blog if they are outside the bounds of good taste or civility to other persons. The postings in question, which appear to have been written somewhat fancifully, were removed because they did not satisfy this general standard.

It is the policy of The Spokesman-Review not to provide information, such as that you requested, that could lead to the identity of posters for the reason set out in the preceding paragraph, so we must respectfully decline your request. However, thank you for acknowledging The Spokesman-Review's cooperation in removing the postings in question from the blog.

Sincerely,



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