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This Week Is the Constitution in Jeopardy?

**Dr. Kenneth Wagner,
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 Constitutional Law,
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**Program Host:
 John Frykenberg**

Dr. Kenneth Wagner is Professor Emeritus of Constitutional Law from CalStateLA, and this Thursday he *may* address the question in the headline.

Instrumental in establishing the National Endowment for Humanities Institutes on the Bill of Rights and the role of the Constitution in the nation's historical development, Wagner is widely recognized for *teaching* teachers how to convey the importance of American History and Government to children; teaching teachers about the law on behalf of the American Bar Association and providing leadership in LA Superior Court's Judicial Internship program.

He has published many articles and educational materials on *Lessons on*
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**Dollars
 & Sense**
 by President
 Dennis Mehriinger

Three more School Solutions to the Unemployment Problem

Now it has been five (5) years since the lowest point of the Great Recession. Economic growth has recovered, but employment has not. Why? ... Too many unskilled workers.

Forty years ago when unemployment was at or below 5 percent, the workforce consisted of 16 percent college graduates, 12 percent with some college, 40 percent high school graduates and 32 percent with less than a high school education.

Today these percentages have changed dramatically with 35 percent of the jobs requiring at least a Bachelors Degree, and another 30 percent requiring some college. Only 24 percent of the jobs are available to high school graduates who have no additional education, and just 12 percent are available to people who do not finish high school. Since 89 percent do finish high school, the unemployment problem is centered at the high school graduates who have no other education, and where the unemployment rate

is still 9.6 percent.

However, American ingenuity is hard at work rectify the problem of too many unskilled high school graduates. The solutions can be divided into three categories:

1. **National Academy Foundation Schools (NAFs)** - Students can opt for a specialized learning track focused on hospitality, engineering, health or accounting. They connect with employers through internships while still in high school.
2. **Early College High Schools (ECHS)** -

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Program Review



Captain Morgan's Message

“Always carry two sets of chains: One set of chains is to get you out of a jam and the other set is to help your neighbor out of a jam.” Or, put another way, none of us is going to get out alive without helping and being helped by our neighbors in this world. That goes for combatants, football players, artists and politicians; all of whom get ahead with a little

help from their friends!

We have previously been made aware that:

*It is a Soldier, not the minister
Who has given us freedom of religion
It is the Soldier, not the reporter
Who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the Soldier, not the poet
Who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer
Who has given us freedom to protest.
It is the Soldier, not the lawyer
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.
It is the Soldier, not the politician
Who has given us the right to vote.
It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.”*

Charles Province

Captain Morgan reiterated this point, noting that our current military manning levels equal 1/2 of 1 percent of the US



population vs. 50 percent manning levels in World War II. The net result is *Optimal Isolation* of our active and reserve forces despite our highest level of technological advancement ever.

What does it all mean? Snipers are

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February

World Understanding Month

February 20 - Kenneth A. Wagner, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Political Science, California State University, Los Angeles will be discussing the Constitution, the President and the Presidency

February 27 - Club-Level 4-Way Speech Contest - Program Host: Kevin Moore — Special Location: American Legion Post 13, Pasadena

March

Literacy Month

Program Chair, David Smith

Congratulations



Birthdays



02/02 - Julie Gustafson
02/07 - Freddy Figueroa
02/08 - Mike Zoeller
02/10 - Julius Johnson
02/14 - Ruth Reeder
02/16 - Joan Frykenberg
02/28 - Wendy Davis Noll



Anniversaries



02/03 - Susan & Don Applegate
02/17 - Ed & Mona Jasnow



Making Birthdays Even More Special

The plan this year is to make each member's birthday even more special. There are days that we all share at the same time: Christmas, Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, etc. But, unless you are a twin or have a birthday on the same date as another member of your family, your birthday is **YOURS**.

So what do I have in mind? Well ... birthdays aren't special unless you receive something special, or do something special. The company with which I am associated, **SendOutCards**, allows me to send gifts with the cards. And, it's not that cards aren't special, but something with the card makes your birthday just a bit more so.

If you're wondering why you may not have received something special, and we all know that the Rotary year starts in July. Well, it's because I didn't formulate the plan until around the end of Decem-

ber of 2013. So, I'm hoping to keep this up until about the same time this year (December of 2014).

Because birthday cakes are somewhat traditional, I've been sending most recipients a couple of brownies. And, I have it on good authority that they are scrumptious. However, if I know you have a problem with sugar — and it's not just because you're too sweet, a variety of sugar-free treats is also available, and I will pick one of them to send.

So, if your address is a post office box, you might want to make sure that you check it around your birthday — maybe a couple of times.

Books and other things are available, too, so I might decide on one of these; you'll just have to wait and see.

But, whatever ... packages are fun to receive, and you have my permission to *re-gift* if you so choose.

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trained and work in isolation. Drone pilots fly an 8-5 shift dealing out destruction 15,000 miles away and then go home to play video games with their kids. And it is not a game! The repercussions **may** be significant; a level of detachment hardly experienced in the history of warfare with yet heretofore unknown consequences.

The need to maintain safe zones, margins of protection and diligence in the face of real threats exists, nonetheless. So we maintain a *military presence*; the ad-

equacy of which is being tested continually in our quest to keep the freedoms which we have purchased at so high a price in blood and treasure (*144 deployments since 1975*).

We thank Captain Steve Morgan for standing in the gap for all of us and reminding us of our debt and obligation to all those on active duty and to our veterans for the monumental service they render to our nation.

John Frykenberg

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Students simultaneously earn a high school diploma and college credits so they are in the *some college* category on the day they graduate from high school.

3. **P-tech schools** - Students attend high school for six years, earning an associate degree while focusing on science, math and technology. Mentors from employers help guide the students to interesting careers.

This Week

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the Bill of Rights, Major Elections and the Constitution, Minorities and the Constitution, and research on constitutional law and political socialization in a five-year longitudinal study published in the book: *The Child's Political World*. He has been widely published by Regina Books, Claremont, the University of Southern California and by the American Bar Association.

A graduate of the University of Iowa and South Dakota State University, Wagner has served on the faculty of CSULA for over 30 years. In this capacity he has served as Department Chairperson in Political Science for the university, as principle grants investigator for the Cleveland and Spencer Foundations on matters pertaining to the Constitution, as Commissioner on the Bicentennial of the US Constitution and as President of the Southern California Political Science Association, and as a grants writer for the University.

Wagner is married to Joan, also an educator, and is the proud father of 3 children and grandfather of seven. He resides in S. Pasadena.

And we can't wait to hear what he has to say about the *State of the State*.



MONEY by Linda Wilkes MATTERS

Economic Update In The News February 10, 2014

Total construction spending rose 0.1 percent to \$930.5 billion in December 2013. Compared to December 2012, construction spending has risen 5.3 percent on a year-over-year basis. The estimated value of construction spending in 2013 was \$898.4 billion, 4.8 percent above the \$857 billion spent in 2012.

The Mortgage Bankers Association said its seasonally adjusted composite index of mortgage applications for the week ending January 31 rose 0.4 percent from the previous week. Purchase volume fell 4 percent. Refinancing applications increased 3 percent.

Manufacturing activity fell to 51.3 in January after a reading of 56.5 in December. The decline was largely attributed to adverse weather conditions throughout much of the US. A reading above 50 signals expansion. It was the eighth consecutive month of expansion.

Factory orders fell \$7.2 billion, or 1.5 percent, in December to a seasonally adjusted \$489.2 billion. This follows a 1.5 percent increase in November. Excluding the volatile transportation sector, orders increased 0.2 percent in December.

Non-manufacturing activity rose to 54 in January from 53 in December. A reading above 50 signals expansion. It was the 48th straight month of expansion in the services sector. The trade deficit increased from \$34.6 billion in November to \$38.7 billion in December. Exports fell \$3.5 billion to \$191.3 billion. Imports increased \$0.6 billion to \$230 billion.

Initial claims for unemployment ben-

efits for the week ending February 1 fell by 20,000 to 331,000. Continuing claims for the week ending January 25 rose by 15,000 to 2.964 million. The less volatile four-week average of claims for unemployment benefits was 334,000. The unemployment rate fell from 6.7 percent in December to 6.6 percent in January, the lowest it has been since October 2008. Employers added 113,000 jobs in January.

Upcoming on the economic calendar are reports on wholesale trade on February 11, retail sales on February 13 and industrial production on February 14.

Big Idea Your Attitude is essential to your Success

The single most important determining factor to your success is your attitude. Here are five things to practice daily to make certain you have the right attitude.

- **When it comes to attitude, find the positive.** — Attitude is a choice and a manner of how you see things. For example: “We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses,” said Abraham Lincoln, a man who suffered many tragedies yet still managed to hold on to hope.
- **Embrace an unwavering faith that you will prevail.** — While embracing the hard truths of any current situation, essential to your success is maintaining

an unwavering faith that you will succeed. A positive attitude finds opportunity in difficulty. A negative attitude sees difficulty in every opportunity. Dissociate yourself from the latter.

- **Make the best of what you have.** - Make it your habit to appreciate daily all the good things within your grasp — and do so with awe and wonder. Those with a positive attitude don't have the best of everything; they make the best of everything they have.
- **Changing your attitude will change your circumstances.** — Your attitude affects your behavior, your decisions, what you communicate — and ultimately — your actions. Marcus Aurelius said it succinctly: “Our lives are what our thoughts make it.” Keep your attitude positive and you'll be quick to leverage the good and negotiate the difficult.
- **Attitude is the one thing over which you have the most control.** — Regardless of what happens, you have control over your attitude. Wake up each morning not to your alarm clock but to your opportunity clock. Embrace each day with a nothing-ventured, nothing-gained mindset. Be the creator of circumstance and not the creature of circumstance. 

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