

Coming Next Month... AOA's Big "Million Dollar" Trade Show Thursday, September 11th at the Los Angeles Convention Center! and ... When Life Gives You Lemons

The Big Show

You'll want to remember to mark your calendars for the big "**Million Dollar Trade Show and Educational Conference**" next month. The big show will held on Thursday, September 11th at the Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St., West Hall B. You'll meet vendors galore with new products and services; you can attend **FREE educational seminars**; receive **bonus package give-aways** and have chances to **win some great prizes**. Who knows, you may even go home with a brand new flat screen TV or a cruise for two to Mexico!

All this and more for FREE! *All we ask is that you please bring an unwrapped new toy for AOA's "Christmas in September" toy drive for the Union Rescue Mission.*)

Our main goal is that you walk away with just one idea to help you make and/or keep more money than ever before. You'll want to attend our FREE educational seminars which will include:

- **The 7 Step Success System on How to Make and Keep \$1,000,000 (Been There, Done That)**, by *Dan Faller, AOA's President*
- **Secrets to Making Big Money in Today's Real Estate Market – 100% Risk-Free** by *A & E's Flip This House star, Than Merrill*
- **How to Add Thousands to Your Monthly Cash Flow and the 9 Most Costly Landlord Mistakes** by *Jeff Taylor, "Mr. Landlord*
- **How to Legally Beat Rent Control and Protect Yourself** by *Attorney Dennis P. Block*
- **How to Make Money as Foreclosures Continue to Soar from 2008 to 2010** by *Bruce Norris of the Norris Group*
- **Getting Through and Understanding the Eviction Process** by *Attorney Frank Rubin*
- **How to Pass a Code Enforcement Inspection** by *Zoran Windrich*
- **The Ultimate High-Return, Low-Risk Investment**, by *Mark Walter*

Be sure to check out the times of each of our **FREE EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS** listed in next month's issue. It is going to be AOA "Show Time" and you'll need and want to be there. See you at the big show!

When Life Gives You Lemons by David Nott

The below was written by David Nott, President of the Reason Report.

Lemonade stands are as American as apple pie and Charlie Brown – but that didn't stop the local police from recently closing down my kids' lemonade stand. My son told me he feared that he was going to be put in jail.

At City Hall, a bureaucrat told my children (who are 10, 8 and 4), that they needed a business permit from the city but that the city would not issue them one!

It's a sad fact that children across the country have had their lemonade stands shut down. A girl in Florida fought back by reopening her stand – but instead of charging her customers, she accepted tips. Like any skilled entrepreneur, she adapted to adversity.

City officials across the country routinely use permits, architectural boards, zoning, and eminent domain as tools for controlling your choices, your business and even your children. To fight these encroachments, Reason has its own set of tools. We use journalism and public policy research to shape the frameworks and actions of policymakers and opinion leaders working with elected officials at all levels to implement policy that increases liberty.

From your town's City Hall to D.C., the tendency of government is to expand its powers at the expense of your liberty. One of the most chilling books I've read in a long time is [Takeover: The Return of the Imperial Presidency](#) by Charlie Savage. It is a must read. Takeover describes the enormous expansion of executive power over the last 50 years, especially during the Bush Administration.

The Founding Fathers faced this dilemma by designing the Constitution to secure our rights. Unfortunately, no document by itself can protect us from those who seek power. Every generation must defend freedom; otherwise they betray themselves and their generations to come.

In my family's case, we examined our local municipal code and discovered that children can apply for a special business permit as long as they do not make too much money and do not operate during school hours. Armed with this information, we tromped back to City Hall. The city manager intervened, giving the green light to reopen. He said he didn't want to live in a city where kids have to apply for permits for lemonade stands, but he *really* didn't want my kids coming to a city council meeting to apply for one. The kids are back in business. As young entrepreneurs, they are learning that demand for lemonade isn't so high in winter. More importantly, as citizens, they've learned that they have to stand up for their freedom.

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