

# The Patriots' Truth

## Flint Hills TEA Party News

See us at McALISTER'S DELI, EVERY WED after 5:30pm ---- *Welcome, everyone, we ARE the Working Group. Monthly meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Always interesting & informative!! Next meeting: July 13 – 9:30AM, Manhattan City Library Auditorium We intend to have another film or a speaker/candidate talk/visit/with us. Come listen & express your concerns & views, help US help each other. We MUST continue to support our Schools & Communities!! Regardless of what happens in DC we MUST keep God in our Schools/Communities & most of all in our Hearts!! Much is still to be accomplished in D.C. and at the State Capital in the Governor's hands -- may God guide them all.*

We are starting a new series in our Newsletters. We have been hearing so many questions concerning ObamaCare that we decided to get an expert to write articles for us. We approached DAVID J. POWELL and he accepted our request. As you see below David has several initials behind his name. Let me inform you of what these initials represent. The First initial is CLU: Chartered Life Underwriter; 2<sup>nd</sup>: ChFC: Chartered Financial Consultant; 3<sup>rd</sup>: RHU: Registered Health Underwriter all from the American College; and finally the 4<sup>th</sup>: CFP: Certified Financial Planner certification from the CFP Institute in Colorado. All are 5-year degree programs requiring intense study and exams to earn.

David has worked in one area or another of Insurance most of his working years. In the State elections in 2010 David ran against Sandy Praeger for Insurance Commissioner. We all know what Ms Praeger got us into – namely ObamaCare and pushing more State spending on Medicare. Mr. Powell has read each and every page of ObamaCare, he can help us figure it out. David wrote the HB 1710 bill in the 2013 Legislative Session, to help Kansans avoid Obamacare or use it to their advantage. The following is the first of a series of articles informing all of us on our future health insurance. We are most fortunate to have David working for/with us. Read and learn – if you have individual questions send them to us so David can answer them for you – if you have the question probably others are thinking about the same problem.

### **ObamaCare - How to avoid the taxes/penalties - PART 1**

by **David J Powell, CLU, ChFC, CFP, RHU Candidate for KS Insurance Commissioner 2014**

This is the first in a series. I intend to provide the readers with information that may prove valuable in your efforts to reduce or avoid all together the penalty taxes under ObamaCare.

PPACA – signed into law in March 2010 – is due to kick into nearly full force on January 1, 2014. Under the law and the stack of rules and regulations issued since March 2010, nearly every citizen in the United States is supposed to be covered by Health Insurance or face a penalty tax.

Nearly everyone agrees that the intent of the law will not be met!

I believe, as do many others, that the young – bulletproof – will not purchase health insurance until they actually need it.

The reasoning and logic is simple. They don't buy health insurance NOW, because they don't believe they currently need it, so what makes the bureaucrats in Washington realistically think that these same young people will rush out to purchase health insurance when the price is 3-400% more expensive in 2014 – AND THEY STILL BELIEVE THEY DON'T NEED IT?

With that in mind, I want to first look toward the employers who are considered “applicable large employers.” These are generally the 50+ full time employee, employers.

There are 2 sets of penalty Taxes that these employers face.

1. A tax of \$2000 per employee for not providing Minimum Essential Coverage.
2. A \$3000 tax if Minimum Essential Coverage is provided to employees but:

- a. The coverage provided is not affordable.
- b. The coverage provided does not provide at least 60% of the actuarially estimated coverage of claims for the year.

The first penalty Tax is the big hit!!

This tax is \$2000 per full time employee if even 1 employee “qualifies for a subsidy through the exchanges.\*

To avoid this penalty is extremely simple for large employees.

The law specifically states that the applicable large employer must “offer” Minimum Essential Coverage to at least 95% of full time employees.

So you “offer” coverage to every full time employee!!

“You don’t care what the coverage is, how “crappy” the coverage is or what it costs. You simply have to:

1. Offer the coverage – they don’t have to take it.
2. Make sure it includes Minimum Essential Coverage.

IF you do both of these things, it does not matter if all your employees go to the exchanges, they will not qualify for any subsidy because you did not offer them Minimum Essential Coverage!

**YOU AVOID THE MAJOR PENALTY TAX OF \$2000 PER EMPLOYEE!!!**

Part 2 will cover what coverage to offer and the definition of Minimum Essential Coverage.



**Meet David Powell**  
**2014 Kansas Insurance Commissioner Candidate**

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## President OBAMA – If the Health Care Reform Plan is so GREAT WHY does it Exempt YOU, Michelle Obama, Congress, Senators and their families?? (page 114, line 22)

*In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a congress.*  
-- John Adams

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## Honorable Ponka-We Victors Tells Riverside Grads To Have A Dream

From Indian Times by Susan Shannon

Commencement at [Riverside Indian School](#) is always a big day, but this year the commencement speaker is the only Native American woman to serve in the Kansas legislature, the honorable [Ponka-we Victors](#).

When Victors told Kansas Secretary of State [Kris Kobach](#) that she thought of him as an illegal immigrant, she made national headlines. Kobach, a well known anti immigration attorney who had a hand in the controversial [Arizona SB 1070](#) that critics said encouraged racial profiling, was holding a hearing on introducing legislation to deny in-state tuition to children of undocumented immigrants. Victors, a member of the [Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma](#) and the [Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona](#) said, "That's funny, when you say illegal immigrants, I think of all of you."

Victors represents the 103rd District, a place she has lived all her life, Wichita, Kansas. Recently legislation she introduced was signed into law making the first Wednesday in February "Native American Day" at the Capital and recognizing the government-to-government relationship with the four tribes in Kansas.

Victors says she's not only a voice for her district but also a voice for the tribes in Kansas. She said she has to remind her colleagues of the differences between the tribes and has found [Governor Sam Brownback](#) a willing partner to work with. Brownback in 2011 offered an apology to Native Americans for the wrongs and forced relocations of the tribes in Kansas.

Victors said she would like to see that apology come from the lawn of the White House as well. "That would be awesome!" she said.

Her words to the 2013 graduating class of Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma were probably not so different from many other commencements. She stood before them in her native dress and said, "Take every opportunity that comes your way, don't worry about the naysayers, none of that is important, what's important is staying focused. And having a dream, a belief in yourself and a vision of what you can do."

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*When a soldier is killed in the line of duty, his family eventually gets a flag and a note conveying sympathy and respect from the United States Government.*

*When a pro basketball player announces he is gay, he immediately gets a personal phone call from the President congratulating him for his courage.*

*Am I missing something?*

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## Biden for President in 2016?

[From The Washington Post in 2013](#)

When Vice President Joe Biden arrives in South Carolina on Friday to headline a sold-out dinner for state Democrats, here's what you can expect to go down: Biden will stoke speculation that he wants to run for president in 2016 by pressing the flesh in the first-in-the-South primary state. He will show himself to be on a first name basis with many of the local politicians and county activists who will line up to greet him. They will gush over his attributes – genuine, down-to-earth, rock solid on the issues. As Dick Harpootlian, the state party chairman, put it. "We're tickled pink to have him."

Yet by the time he leaves the reality of being Joe Biden will sink in: A promotion to the top job is a long shot, at best.

For Biden, who, his family and advisers say, is weighing whether to run in 2016, several paradoxes are at work. He is beloved by grass-roots Democrats, but mainly as the avuncular No. 2 to Barack Obama. From the South Carolina Low-Country to the Iowa heartland, there are no signs – none yet, at least – of a "Draft Joe" movement, "There just isn't," said Sue Dvorsky, a former head of the Iowa Democratic Party.

Biden clearly has the experience and gravitas to ascend to the presidency, but many Democrats say he may have been in Washington too long (since 1973) to win an election. He is President Barack Obama's governing partner yet is

rarely seen as Obama's heir apparent. For that mantle, and for the nomination, he is likely to face stiff competition in the form of Hillary Rodham Clinton, the former secretary of state and, according to most everyone, the 2016 front-runner.

"Because she's a Democrat, I can't say she's the elephant in the room, but she's certainly the dominant donkey," said Robert Shrum, a veteran Democratic presidential campaign strategist. "If she decides to run, it'll be almost impossible to prevent her from being the nominee. If she doesn't run, I think Biden's the odds-on favorite."

Yet even then, "he will not have it easy," said Donald Fowler, a former Democratic National Committee chairman and South Carolina native who is close to the Clintons.

People close to Biden laid out several considerations on his mind, starting with fundamental political concerns: Would the country effectively turn backward by picking a baby-boomer white man to succeed a youthful black president? Will the Obama administration three years from now be considered a success, particularly on the economy?

And there's the matter of whether Clinton runs.

The best scenario for a Biden candidacy would be if Clinton stays out of the race, the economy is going gangbusters and voters want a third Obama term. But Biden cannot control these determinants. So, confidants said, he is thinking about more personal factors, including his decades-long presidential aspirations.

Biden, a spry 70, keeps a travel schedule that would exhaust most men half his age. But he will be 73 when the next election rolls around, and those close to him said he knows his age would be an issue.

For Biden, who has been running for office since his 20s, not running would feel unnatural – especially if his vice presidency is deemed successful, those close to him say.

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## **FEDS TO FIGHT STATE'S NEW GUN LAW**

from *The Manhattan Mercury* Fri., 5/5/13 & Associated Press

TOPEKA – U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder has told Kansas Governor Sam Brownback that a new state law attempting to block federal regulation of some guns is unconstitutional and that the federal government is willing to go to court over the issue.

But Brownback replied in a letter Thursday that Kansans hold dear their right to bear arms and are protecting the state's sovereignty. Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a former law professor who helped draft the law, accused the nation's top law enforcement official of "blustering" over the issue.

"The people of Kansas have clearly expressed their sovereign will," Brownback said at the conclusion of his letter. "It is my hope that upon further review, you will see their right to do so."

Kansas' law declares that the federal government has no authority to regulate guns, ammunition and accessories manufactured, sold and kept only in Kansas. The law also makes it a felony for a federal agent to enforce any law, regulation order or treaty covering those items.

The new statute says that Kansas-only guns, ammunition and accessories aren't a part of interstate commerce, which the federal government regulates under the U.S. Constitution. But in a letter to Brownback, Holder said the Constitution prohibits states from pre-empting federal laws.

Holder sent his letter April 26, the day after the Kansas law took effect, and the U.S. attorney's office for Kansas released it Thursday.

"Kansas may not prevent federal employees and officials from carrying out their official responsibilities," Holder wrote in his letter. "And a state certainly may not criminalize the exercise of federal responsibilities."

Patricia Stoneking, president of the Kansas State Rifle Association, said gun rights supporters were prepared for such a response from President Barack Obama's administration. The president has sought new gun control measures since December's deadly mass elementary school shooting in Newtown, Conn.

The Republican governor is a gun rights supporter, and the measure passed the GOP-dominated Legislature by wide margins. Kobach also is a Republican.

"I think the people of Kansas are going to back this up," Stoneking said. "Probably thousands of grass-roots citizens are all in."

Brownback said in his letter to Holder: "The right to keep and bear arms is a right that Kansans hold dear."

The governor added, "The people of Kansas have repeatedly and overwhelmingly reaffirmed their commitment to protecting this fundamental right."

The Kansas law is modeled on a 2009 Montana law that is being reviewed by a federal appeals court, and Alaska lawmakers approved a similar measure last month. Alabama, Missouri and Oklahoma lawmakers are considering similar legislation.

Supporters of the Kansas law softened it – to say that federal agents wouldn't be arrested or detained while trials were pending – and insist that it will withstand court scrutiny. A federal agent convicted for the first time under the Kansas law could face six months in prison, though probation would be the presumed sentence.

"These hard-working federal employees cannot be forced to choose between the risk of a criminal prosecution and the continued performance of their federal duties," Barry Grissom, the U.S. attorney for Kansas, said in a statement Thursday.

But Kobach called Holder's analysis "simplistic and incorrect" and said the Kansas law is valid to protect the state's residents against unconstitutional measures enacted by Congress.

"We are very, very confident of our position," Kobach said in an interview. "The state of Kansas is not in any way afraid of a legal challenge."

The office of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt has already anticipated a potential legal challenge from the federal government, and has asked legislators to increase its budget by \$225,000 over the next two years to cover litigation costs.

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The L.A. Zoo has an African Lion... The White House has a lyn' African!!

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### **Gun Permit Applications Are Coming In Fast** from the Associated Press on Friday, May 3, 2013

TOPEKA – The Kansas attorney general's office is working to keep up with the fast pace of applications for concealed-carry permits.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports that Attorney General Derik Schmidt's office received 3,462 applications during April, Schmidt's office said Thursday that's the third-highest month since the state's licensing program began in 2007. Schmidt's staff also received a record 4,072 applications in March for licenses to pack a hidden handgun. That followed 3,573 requests in February and 3,167 in January.

Schmidt's office has been criticized for not completing the processing of applications within the legal maximum of 90 days.

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### **Kobach May Appeal Ruling on Fees** from the Associated Press in The Manhattan Mercury on Fri., 5/5/13.

TOPEKA – Secretary of State Kris Kobach said Thursday that he's considering an appeal of a federal court order requiring Kansas to cover \$389,000 worth of attorneys' fees and expenses for parties in a lawsuit over political redistricting.

The lawsuit stemmed from a bitter dispute in the Legislature last year over how to redraw the state's political boundaries to ensure equal representation. Lawmakers failed to pass any plan for revising congressional, legislative and State Board of Education districts, and the panel of three federal judges hearing the lawsuit redrew the lines themselves.

Kobach was a defendant in the lawsuit because he is the state's chief elections officer, and the litigation sought to prevent him from supervising voting with the old districts in place. He was sued by a Robyn Renee Essex, a Republican precinct committee member from Olathe, but the judges allowed 26 other people, including key figures in the legislative impasse, to join her in participating in the case against Kobach.

The secretary of state argued that the state could be forced to cover big legal bills. The three judges ruled Tuesday that 15 people were entitled to have at least part of their attorneys' fees and expenses covered by the state.

Let's give this a little thought – What is that caused these fees? The Senators who were to accomplish the redistricting during the 2012 Legislative Session **refused** to complete their task as assigned. Why? Because to complete the assigned task would cause some of the long time Senators to be in new districts that would most likely **not** reelect them. Their fear was realized in the Primary elections in August 2012 – 9 RINO Senators were NOT reelected. Those Senators who refused to complete their redistricting task are responsible for incurring the \$389,000 fees. It seems to me those causing the expense should, at least in part, pay the fines. Let your Legislators know your opinion on this. The State has enough budget problems; why pay their bill? Now another case of Representatives NOT doing their "job." At the end of the 2013 Legislative Session we had a last minute vote in the House on the Common Core bill. There were 13 Representatives who did **not even bother to attend the session**. Were they doing the job they ran for office and were elected to do? When you don't do the job you are hired to accomplish do you get paid for the job? Do you get fired? Wouldn't it be better to be there and vote as you believe

you should instead of just not showing up? Unless you or an immediate family member are in a bad health situation you should have been at the Capitol to vote on any and all bills. If you were not there you were NOT DOING YOUR JOB. We NEED to elect people who care enough to attend all sessions unless of a health issue for themselves or immediate family members.

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## **Ft. Hood suspect paid \$280k since 2009 shooting** (You and I have paid his salary all this time.)

**Added by Darla Dawald, National Director on June 3, 2013 at 10:22pm**

Major Nidal Hasan, the suspect in the Fort Hood shootings, has been paid \$280,000 by the government since the shooting. This is a shame! Shame on the US government and the commander and chief, Obama! If they classified it as a terrorist act they wouldn't have to pay him. But, no... it's workplace violence! BULL!

## **Fort Hood shooting suspect Nidal Hasan to represent himself at trial**

Associated Press in Fort Hood, [guardian.co.uk](http://guardian.co.uk), Monday 3 June 2013 14.55 EDT

Military judge says Hasan's attorneys will remain on the case to assist after finding him mentally competent to defend himself.

The US army psychiatrist charged in the 2009 Fort Hood shooting rampage will represent himself at his upcoming murder trial, meaning he will question the more than two dozen soldiers he's accused of wounding, a military judge ruled Monday.

Major Nidal Hasan's attorneys will remain on the case but only if he asks for their help, the judge said. Hasan, 42, faces the death penalty or life in prison without parole if convicted of 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder.

After questioning Hasan for about an hour, the judge, Colonel Tara Osborn, ruled that Hasan was mentally competent to represent himself and understands "the disadvantage of self-representation". She repeatedly urged him to reconsider his request, noting that the lead prosecutor has more than 20 years of experience and that Hasan will be held to the same standards as all attorneys regarding courtroom rules and military law.

"You've made that quite clear," Hasan said after the judge asked if he understood that representing himself was not "a good idea".

Hasan did not elaborate when announcing he would use a "defence of others" strategy, which requires defendants to prove they were protecting other people from imminent danger. Military experts speculated that Hasan may argue he was protecting fellow Muslims in Afghanistan because soldiers were preparing to deploy from the Texas Army post.

Hasan asked Osborn for a three-month delay to prepare his defense. The judge said she would decide that on Tuesday.

Retired staff sergeant Alonzo Lunsford, who was shot seven times during the rampage in November 2009, said on Monday he was upset and angry the judge was allowing Hasan the ability to question the wounded soldiers.

Lunsford said he expected Hasan to try to intimidate them through mind games.

Military experts not involved in the case speculated that Hasan, an American-born Muslim, might try to show he was trying to defend Muslims against US troops in a war he believed was illegal and immoral.

"Even if he feels the US is in an unjustified war, this defendant is not going to be able to show a threat was immediate because these soldiers were on US soil and unarmed," said Jeff Addicott, director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St Mary's university in San Antonio.

Reed Rubinstein, who is representing about 150 Fort Hood victims and their families in a lawsuit alleging negligence by the government, said the wounded soldiers "never had any doubt about why he shot them". But if Hasan tried to use the trial as a platform for his beliefs, "he's making a mockery of the judicial system", Rubinstein said.

At Osborn's request, a doctor testified on Monday about Hasan's physical condition. The doctor said Hasan's paralysis won't have a significant impact during proceedings but that Hasan can only sit for four consecutive hours and has limitations writing. He was paralyzed from the waist down after being shot by police the day of the attack on the Texas army post.

Hasan asked the judge to kick one of his attorneys off the case completely, but she instead said that two of his lawyers would sit at his defense table while the third sits in the courtroom. All will assist him if he asks.

Jury selection is set to start on Wednesday.

Hasan in 2011 cut ties with his previous lead attorney, John Galligan, a civilian who is a former military judge. Galligan said recently that he didn't know why his former client wanted to represent himself.

At a hearing in May, Hasan told Osborn that he wanted to plead guilty. But army rules prohibit a judge from

accepting a guilty plea to charges that could result in a death sentence. Osborn also denied his request to plead guilty to lesser murder charges, citing legal issues that could have arisen because his death penalty trial still would have proceeded.

Witnesses have said that after lunch on November 5, 2009, a gunman wearing an Army combat uniform shouted "Allahu Akbar!" – "God is great!" in Arabic – and opened fire in a crowded medical building where deploying soldiers get vaccines and other tests.

Witnesses said the gunman fired rapidly, pausing only to reload, even shooting at some soldiers as they hid under desks and fled the building.

Government reports on investigations after the shooting revealed that Hasan had become a "ticking time bomb" and radical extremist while he was a psychiatrist in training at Walter Reed, where he started in 2004.

The government has also said that Hasan had sent more than a dozen emails starting in December 2008 to Anwar al-Awlaki, a radical US-born Islamic cleric killed in Yemen in 2011. According to the emails released by the FBI, Hasan asked questions indicating he was already thinking about or planning the attack.

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## Two Scandals Nobody is Talking About

Published Tue, May 21st, 2013 [Marty Biancuzzo](#), Senior Political Analyst

As you know, the whole nation is currently enraptured by three scandals – the Benghazi, IRS and DOJ/AP scandals.

But what most people don't realize is that there are *two more scandals* that haven't fully come to light yet.

Believe me, we're on the verge of witnessing the greatest number of scandals ever seen in Washington – both at one period in time, and over the course of one presidency.

And that begs the question: When is enough, well, enough? It only took *one* scandal to dethrone Nixon.

Of course, the IRS, DOJ and Benghazi scandals have the nation in an uproar, but if those three can't bury Obama, maybe these other two will put the nail in his coffin.

## Unexposed Scandal #1: IRS-Like Targeting At the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Under the Obama administration, the IRS is now known as the Internal *Revenge* Service. An anonymous employee blew the whistle on how the whole system operates, and he made it perfectly clear that corrupt directives "come from the top."

And it appears that holds true across several federal agencies. That's why the EPA is currently involved in a similar scandal.

Supposedly, all federal agencies are required to distribute any requested documents as long as they don't fall under certain specific exemptions. It's part of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), a federal law that gives the public the right to request federal agency records.

But like the IRS, the EPA has also been unfairly targeting conservatives while providing favorable treatment to liberal groups.

Recently, liberal groups requested 82 documents and conservative businesses requested 26.

Out of 82 requests, the EPA has waived fees for 75 major liberal environmental groups. If you don't have your calculator on hand, that's a 92% success rate.

On the flipside, conservative organizations have an abysmal 19% success rate. That's right, 21 out of the 26 conservative groups' FOIA requests were either rejected or completely ignored.

So there you have it... the EPA is blatantly conspiring with groups that share its same political agenda. This, along with the IRS scandal, confirms conservative fears of big government reign.

## Unexposed Scandal #2: Obamacare Donor-Gate

Obamacare in and of itself is a scandal, mainly because of the sneaky way it was passed. And as the law has been slowly implemented, even more shameful behavior has come to light.

First of all, Sarah Hall Ingram – the woman in charge of the IRS division at the center of the recent scandal – is also heading up the division in charge of Obamacare tax regulation.

That should be plenty frightening on its own.

But if that weren't enough, members from the House have sent a letter to Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of the Department of Human and Health Services, questioning shady donor activity.

We already know that Sebelius has a history of bending the law to forward this administration's agenda, and now we're seeing the same behavior that's gotten her in trouble before.

It turns out the HHS has been soliciting donations from nonprofit organizations involved with implementing

Obamacare. Though the law states that department officials are prohibited from fundraising in their own professional capacity, Sebelius has been directly calling top executives in the health industry as well as community organizations and church groups to coerce them into donating to nonprofits tied to Obamacare.

This is the definition of “conflict of interest,” and even if they aren’t deemed illegal, they’re undoubtedly unethical and, at the very least, should lead to her resignation.

## The Silver Lining

We keep seeing more scandals and no impeachment process. I understand that it’s disheartening to think about the president getting away with *five* exposed scandals. But there’s always a silver lining...

Today, the president is on the defensive (despite being arrogant enough at first to think he didn’t need to be).

You know things have hit rock bottom when Piers Morgan and Jon Stewart can no longer defend you...

And now, instead of putting all his effort into leaving an even heavier footprint on our nation, he will need to focus on damage control. These investigations are going to go on for a very long time, and even if they don’t bring about his impeachment, they’ll certainly delay the implementation of most of his agenda.

In Pursuit of the Truth,  
Martin Biancuzzo

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## Sec. Sebelius, Stop Hiding Behind Bureaucratic Rules and Save A Child’s Life

Posted on June 5, 2013 by [CONSERVATIVEbyte.com](http://CONSERVATIVEbyte.com)

Here are your death panels at work. Sickening. **(Be prepared – if she’ll do this to a child what will she do to adults? And to think she was once OUR GOVERNOR – we are lucky to be rid of her – sorry she is in Government at all.)**

Check it out: Many are calling on Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to allow Sarah Murnaghan, a 10-year-old girl dying of cystic fibrosis, to be allowed on the adult organ transplant list. According to current federal policy, the minimum age for her to be included on the list is 12. Currently, Sarah cannot receive an adult lung transplant until the available organs are offered to adult patients first.

Of course, Secretary Sebelius could always make an exception by allowing this girl to be put on the transplant list. Exceptions to federal regulations are made every day by the Department of Health and Human Services, whether you’re talking about the use of non-FDA approved drugs to treat cancer or the use of new technical equipment for surgical therapies.

In this specific case, however, we’re talking about saving a child whose only hope is to compete among other patients for a transplant. It is a perfect example of how rules are sometimes meant to be changed – or broken completely – especially when you’re talking about saving a person’s life.

Secretary Sebelius has only ordered a revision of the policy, which could take a lengthy amount of time – something Sarah does not have. To me, this shows lack of leadership and, certainly, lack of compassion. Doctors and nurses make instant decisions when it comes to helping others in need, and I believe that someone who is in charge of the largest health care agency on the planet should have a more proactive approach when dealing with these kinds of emergency situations.

The field of medicine has changed dramatically when it comes to the surgical techniques that transplant surgeons use. From minimally invasive therapy to partial organ transplants, new technical miracles continue to develop. Therefore, the argument that an adult organ may not be usable in a 10-year-old is no longer valid, and certainly open for discussion in our clinical community. As reports have told us, Sarah’s surgeons do agree that in her case, an adult transplant just might work.

The rule not allowing a child to be eligible for a transplant from an adult organ until the age of 12 is archaic, and it should not have taken a case like this for Secretary Sebelius – whose tenure has lasted for the past four years – to ask for a revision today.

I agree with many who have said that this child is a victim of age discrimination. But I also agree that Sarah has been ignored by our federal health leaders and has been placed in a bureaucratic Neverland.

In light of Sebelius’ inaction, a Facebook group called [Donate a Lung to Sarah Murnaghan](#) was created this week, seeking a direct organ donation from the public.

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2013/06/04/secretary-sebelius-stop-hiding-behind-bureaucratic-rules-and-save-childs-life/#ixzz2VNo4xDPS>

Read more: <http://conservativebyte.com/2013/06/secretary-sebelius-stop-hiding-behind-bureaucratic-rules-and-save-a-childs-life/#ixzz2VNnWwdDF>

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## OB/GYN Who Performed Over 1200 Abortions Tells Congress to Ban Them

Posted on June 5, 2013 by CONSERVATIVEbyte.com

Banning murder sounds like a good idea.

Check it out: Since Roe v. Wade was wrongly decided in 1973, over 55 million babies have been aborted. 55 million little lives sacrificed on the altar of convenience. 55 million would-be mothers [are] bearing an ungodly burden of having made a God-like decision to kill their unborn infants. As written in The Pro-Life Action League:

Dr. Anthony Levatino has practiced obstetrics and gynecology since 1980. As a part of his medical training, Dr. Levatino was taught to do abortions. He provided abortions for his patients in his office for eight years. In 1985 he quit doing abortions and is now in private practice as an obstetrician gynecologist.

Dr. Levatino recounted the tragic event (his daughter was struck by a car and killed) which caused him to re-evaluate his actions and the horrific reality of abortion:

*That is what it took to get me to change. My own sense of self-esteem went down the tubes. I began to feel like a paid assassin. That's exactly what I was. It got to the point where it just wasn't worth it to me anymore. It was costing me too much personally. All the money in the world wouldn't have made a difference.*

*So I quit. I slept a lot better at night after that.*

Dr. Levatino's change of heart has compelled him to be an outspoken advocate for life. His testimony proves, when faced with the reality of what abortion is — the gruesomely painful killing of a baby — people can change their minds. Hearts can be touched and lives saved.

55 million babies murdered is an awful legacy for a nation. America is better than that. Our founders firmly believed in the God-given "right to life."

**Time to speak out loudly for those little ones who have no voice, but most certainly have the right to life endowed by their Creator.**

Read more: <http://conservativebyte.com/2013/06/obgyn-who-performed-over-1200-abortions-tells-congress-to-ban-them/#ixzz2VNuaSzB7>

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## Deaf Child 'Forced' To Change Gun-Like Signing Name

Posted on June 5, 2013 by CONSERVATIVEbyte.com

**What is with liberals and their fear of anything similar to a gun? Check it out:**

*There's a ridiculous story being passed around the conservative blogosphere that says a 3 year-old deaf boy in Nebraska is being forced to change his individualized sign language name, because the sign he uses resembles a gun. The story of Hunter Spanjer, which was referenced in a Washington Times editorial today, is ridiculous, mostly because it's kind of true, but not exactly. Here's how the story was presented by conservative blogger **Liz Thatcher**:*

**School District Forces Deaf Toddler to Change Name Sign Because It Looks Like a Gun**

Here is another entry for your "We couldn't make this crap up if we tried" folder. 3-year-old Hunter Spanjer was told by a Nebraska school district to change his personalized, registered-with-the-Signing-Exact-English name sign because it looks too much like a gun.

Wait, WHAT?

A school spokesman said that they are "working with the parents to come up with the best solution for the child."

Here's an idea! How about not forcing him to change his name? That might be helpful.

That is cray-cray, even more so than the school that suspended a 7 year-old for violating its weapons policy with a pencil and a bad machine gun sound effect. Hunter's story even contains a priceless chapter-and-verse citation of the Grand Islands, Nebraska, school board policy:

Hunter Spanjer says his name with a certain special hand gesture, but at just three and a half years old, he may have to change it.

"He's deaf, and his name sign, they say, is a violation of their weapons policy," explained Hunter's father, Brian Spanjer.

Grand Island's "Weapons in Schools" Board Policy 8470 forbids "any instrument...that looks like a weapon," But a three year-old's hands?

"Anybody that I have talked to thinks this is absolutely ridiculous. This is not threatening in any way," said

Hunter's grandmother Janet Logue.

"It's a symbol. It's an actual sign, a registered sign, through S.E.E.," Brian Spanjer said.

It's an irresistible story and, despite its current burgeoning popularity on the right, a sign of misguided administrative priorities that any parent will recognize. There are just two problems with the story: It happened almost a year ago, and the child was not forced to change his name in the end:

Hunter Spanjer's story touched a nerve nationwide, and abroad.

Hunter's parents say that Grand Island Public Schools told them the deaf three year-old's name sign violates the school district's weapons policy.

However, Grand Island Public Schools is sticking by their statement, released Tuesday:

"Grand Island Public Schools is not requiring any current student with a hearing impairment to change his or her sign language name."

But Hunter Spanjer's father says that isn't what he's heard from the district.

"If they feel like they're wrong, and they're not requiring him to change his name sign, then there's no issue here. And an apology and a, uh, you know, "we're going to go ahead and proceed as usual" would have sufficed. We kind of felt like at one point, yesterday...that they were trying to deter, deter the credibility of this story. And I don't feel that's a proper response," Brian Spanjer said.

The point here isn't to make fun of conservatives, as much fun as that usually is. Even though it all worked out for Hunter, it is utterly outrageous that the school ever even *asked* that he change his name. As a parent, I leapt on the story as soon as I saw it on Twitter. The point is that I don't know what's more outrageous and stupid, asking a boy to change his name because the sign resembles a gun, or telling parents not to lock up their guns. However, I do know which is deadlier.

*Just goes to show you the liberals will stop at nothing!! However, they forgot where they were – in the Midwest. Yes, Midwest, where people at least try to be reasonable!! Well, most of the time they do!!*

Read more: <http://conservativebyte.com/2013/06/deaf-child-forced-to-change-gun-like-signing-name/#ixzz2VOoC9gqy>

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## Taken from the 6/3/13 Newsletter of KS Rep. Kevin Yoder

I was honored to speak at [Johnson County Community College](#) in front of military service men and women attending a job fair and skills training forum aimed at helping place more veterans back in the work force. We must continue to do our best to assist returning veterans find employment when they get back home to their families and communities.

Last month, the House of Representatives passed [H.R. 1412, the Improving Job Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2013](#). I voted in favor of this legislation because it improves and increases the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The Appropriations Committee recently passed the FY 2014 budget bill for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs.

This legislation:

- Provides the nation's military with the infrastructure needed to house, train, and equip military personnel, supports the quality of life of our troops and their families, and maintains our military base structure.
- Funds veterans' benefits and programs to ensure that all veterans receive the services they have earned as a result of their sacrifices and service to the country.
- Totals \$73.3 billion in discretionary funding, which is \$1.4 billion above the enacted level for fiscal year 2013, and approximately \$2.4 billion above the current level caused by automatic sequestration spending cuts, which do not affect Veterans spending.

I look forward to continuing to work on behalf of all veterans to move this bill through the full House.

## More Trouble for the IRS

The Internal Revenue Service continues to stay front and center in the national news. We are all familiar by now with the controversy surrounding the IRS targeting certain groups based on political affiliation. The vast majority of Kansans I've spoken with are outraged by these revelations.

House committees will continue to hold oversight hearings to find out how we can prevent this targeting from ever happening again. In fact, the **House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services**, of which I am a Member, **will hold a hearing later this afternoon** where the Treasury Inspector General, J. Russell George, and the acting IRS Commissioner, Daniel Werfel, will answer questions about the controversy. I am interested in the

answers they will give because I want to know why no one - **after a full year since I last questioned IRS officials** - ever came back before Congress to correct their previous statements or fill us in once they knew this targeting was occurring.

Additionally, as if the IRS needed more negative attention, it recently came to light late last week that the IRS spent nearly \$50 million to hold lavish conferences for employees, which included expensive parody "Star Trek" training videos. This news only reinforces Americans' biggest concerns at the IRS - **there is a complete lack of leadership and accountability at the agency.**

*"The Internal Revenue Service spent an estimated \$49 million on at least 220 conferences for employees over a three-year span beginning in fiscal 2010, according to a forthcoming report that will prompt fresh scrutiny of the already embattled agency."* - **The Washington Post**

## **IRS faces new scrutiny for excessive spending on conferences**

By Ed O'Keefe, Published: June 1 with The Washington Post

The Internal Revenue Service spent an estimated \$49 million on at least 220 conferences for employees over a three-year span beginning in fiscal 2010, according to a forthcoming report that will prompt fresh scrutiny of the already embattled agency.

The findings come as the Obama administration is overhauling the agency after officials said dozens of groups were inappropriately scrutinized as they sought tax-exempt status. The admission forced the resignation of the agency's acting commissioner and has sparked criminal and congressional investigations.

Seeking to get ahead of the fresh controversy, acting IRS commissioner Daniel Werfel acknowledged the report in a statement late Friday, but he did not share any of the findings. He called the spending "an unfortunate vestige from a prior era" and said the agency has significantly curtailed conference spending in recent years.

The audit is set for release Tuesday and was prepared by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, the same entity that confirmed allegations against the agency's tax-exempt unit. Details of the report were shared by several congressional aides, who were briefed on the report Friday.

The report is reminiscent of findings released last year after a similar investigation into spending on conferences hosted by the General Services Administration, revelations that prompted other inspectors general to launch probes as the Obama administration ordered government-wide cutbacks in such meetings.

In the report, the Treasury Department's inspector general provides detailed estimates on hundreds of IRS conferences, but investigators could not independently verify the total costs, because the agency failed to keep records of all expenses, according to the aides.

The report focuses especially on an August 2010 conference in Anaheim, Calif., for roughly 2,600 agency employees in the IRS's small-business and self-employed division, a unit based in Lanham that assists small-business owners with tax preparation.

The conference cost roughly \$4.1 million and was paid for in part with about \$3.2 million in unused funds from the IRS's enforcement budget, a decision that did not violate IRS guidelines, according to aides briefed on the audit.

During the conference, employees watched two training videos that cost at least \$60,000 to produce, according to the audit's estimates. The first video is a "Star Trek" parody and stars division employees discussing how they might identify and address allegations of tax fraud. Aides briefed on the audit said that employees paid for the "Star Trek" uniforms they wear in the video but that the agency paid for the construction of an elaborate mock-up of the bridge of the starship Enterprise.

One employee, mocking the Russian character Pavel Chekov, is seen telling another colleague, "Back in Russia, I dreamed someday I'd be rich and famous."

"Me, too," the colleague responds. "That's why I became a public servant."

The second video stars some of the same employees learning how to dance the "Cupid Shuffle" from a 2007 song by the performer Cupid. As other employees learn the dance moves, one female employee comments, "They don't pay me enough to do this."

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**FOR THE AP, ASSOCIATED PRESS, THAT AWKWARD MOMENT – WHEN YOU DISCOVER THAT THE GOVERNMENT YOU'VE BEEN PROTECTING AND LYING FOR HAS BEEN ILLEGALLY BUGGING YOUR PHONES AND CONFISCATED ALL OF YOUR PROTECTED COMMUNICATIONS. SORRY, AP, YOU EARNED THIS FOR KISSING OBAMA'S A \*\*!!**

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The Reason We Have A Constitution Is To Protect Us From A President Like BARACK OBAMA

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