

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills Party News

We will be postponing our monthly meeting on the 2nd Saturday of the month for the winter!! Weekly meetings will be held at McAlister's, 5:30-10pm, Wed. evenings. They are come & go, at your convenience. Bring your concerns for discussion. **Your concerns are important – they are why we exist.** In this publication what is in green is me talking, other colors are just for getting attention. Changes in font are for letting readers know it is a change of subject or person speaking. I would like to include your opinion/concerns. We must continue working, paying attention, & most of all **PRAY!!** With the help of the LORD, we will prevail!! The USA is too important to the world for us, yes, us, to let it be destroyed – Take a deep breath, PRAY, we WILL succeed!!!

The Daily Signal **Society/News** **Kelsey Harkness** **11/13/15**
Valderbilt Professor Facing Protests Tells Students to “Grow Up”

A black conservative professor who found herself the latest target of student protests nationwide has one thing to say to those calling for her to be suspended from the university where she teaches: “Grow up.”

Among other allegations, students accused Carol Swain, a professor of law and political science at Vanderbilt University for nearly 27 years, of “unprofessional intimidation on social media” and “discriminatory practices in the classroom.”

Swain actively posts her Christian conservative view points on her [public Facebook page](#) and website called [BeThePeopleTV](#). She has authored numerous award-winning books and has been cited by the Supreme Court, [according to her résumé](#).

But recently, her conservative values left her at odds with students on campus who started a petition demanding she be removed from the university.

Swain told The Daily Signal in a phone interview on Friday the petition, posted on [Change.org](#), originally demanded that she be fired but has since been amended to read in part:

We are petitioning that Carol Swain be temporarily suspended from her position as professor of political science and law at Vanderbilt University pending an investigation into student allegations of unprofessional intimidation on social media, discriminatory practices in the classroom, and unclear representation as a Public Figure with invocations of the Vanderbilt name on her Facebook page.

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Over the past few years, [Professor Carol Swain](#) has become synonymous with bigotry, intolerance, and unprofessionalism. While Swain first and foremost has a right to her personal beliefs and the right to freedom of speech within and outside of the classroom, it recently came to the attention of the Vanderbilt community that Carol Swain has let her hate-filled prejudices negatively impact her work, our student body, and Vanderbilt's reputation.

Swain said the students behind the protests never took any of her classes, all of which are elective.

“My classes are elective, so no one has to take any of my classes, and no one has to go to my blog page or go to my Facebook,” she said. “I feel that I have been defamed by the students and the petition has been filled with lies, and they ought to be held accountable for what they've done.”

Those students, she said, “don't get to decide whose speech is more valuable than someone else's.”

Since its release, the petition garnered more than 1,500 signatures. A [petition](#) in support of Swain has gained more than 1,000 signatures.

In response to the protests, Nicholas S. Zeppos, the chancellor of Vanderbilt University, [released a statement](#) that in part read: *Professor Swain's opinions are her own. They do not reflect the opinions of the university in any way. They are not my opinions, the opinions of the provost, or the opinions of university leadership.*

Vanderbilt University is committed to diversity, inclusion, and freedom from discrimination. Ensuring that our campus is a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment for every member of the Vanderbilt community has been, and will always be, our top priority.

Zeppos did not address whether or not the university planned to investigate allegations of discrimination made against Swain. According to the petition, those allegations include:

- Firstly, Professor Carol Swain has failed to clearly separate her role on [her Facebook page](#) as a “Public Figure” from the Vanderbilt name, creating a situation in which the public may misconstrue her as speaking on behalf of the University. We want to make it clear that Carol Swain in no way represents our alma mater, regardless of the fact that she teaches here.

- Secondly, there have been several instances in which students have contacted Professor Swain to hold an intellectual debate with her, and in return, she has resorted to [name-calling](#) and posting their [personal contact information](#) on her public page. In many cases, students claimed this led to public shaming, intimidation, and/or harassment by her followers.
- Additionally, several students who claim to have taken Professor Swain's class(es) have expressed concerns that minority students enrolled in her class(es) – especially those who are LGBTQIA+ and/or non-Christians – expose themselves to unfair assessment in-class and may receive lower grades than their peers simply because of their identities. At a University that prides itself on fairness, diversity and inclusion, these allegations are entirely unacceptable if true.

Swain, who is currently on sabbatical, called those allegations “lies” and said she “earned the right” to call herself a professor on Facebook.

“They don’t own the word professor,” she said. “Professor is a word, and I’ve earned the right to call myself a professor.”

Swain did admit to paraphrasing a “threat” she received from a student via Facebook and said she shared a link to that student’s public Facebook on her own page. Swain has since deleted that post.

“Maybe I shouldn’t have done that, but the student contacted me,” Swain said. “My point in showing it was to show the level of disrespect and what I have to put up with at Vanderbilt University with this person saying I was a disgrace.”

“It’s something that has changed in the student body, that they think they can control what people do, not just inside the classroom, but outside the classroom,” Swain said.

While she’s strong in her views, Swain said the situation has taken a personal toll.

“It hurts more to be attacked because the students have been my life. That’s, to me, the sole reason why it’s been so distressing on a personal level.”

But if it causes people to look at the “attacks” on freedom of speech and freedom of religion, Swain says she’s “not sorry about it.”

“I’m very concerned about what’s happening across the nation, and I believe university administrators have lost control and that they’re making a serious mistake when they give into students using those 1960s, 1970s protest strategies,” she said.

After the University of Missouri president was forced to resign earlier this week over his handling of cases involving discrimination, [protests have spread nationwide](#). Vanderbilt University is among a group of colleges and universities facing student protests over alleged incidents of racism and other types of discrimination.

Are You Really Pro-Life?

I went to the supermarket today. I brought along five children. Yes, somewhat stupid I know, but my husband was with me, and after having ten children for a season, we tend to get a bit over confident in our kiddo management skills. Husband saw a friend he hadn’t seen for a while, and knowing that time was a bit tight, I proceeded to the check out. You know the scene that unfolded in the next few minutes: Most of you have probably lived it. The 7 month old I was holding got hungry and started clawing at my shirt trying to nurse. The 1.5 year old tried to grab candy that I wouldn’t let her have and starting wailing. (No, she is not spoiled. Sometimes, 1.5 year olds cry loudly. I promise that sometimes, regardless of how awesome a parent you are, they just do.) The 2.5 year old was trying to help his 6 & 8-year-old brothers put the groceries on the belt, and of course, he dropped the container of blueberries, which spilled all over the floor. To top it all off, I had WIC coupons for our foster daughter, and I grabbed the wrong cheese (I swear it was labeled WIC approved!), so the cashier had to call someone to come figure it all out.

I apologized to the people in line behind me. I hated to be that woman—that mess of a mom whose kids are out of control. One lady down the line shrugged her shoulders at me to say, “Hey, I get it. We have all been there.” But the couple immediately behind me had a different perspective. The man looked at the woman and said in a voice much too loud, “Some people should stop having kids.” Judging from her facial expressions and audible sighing and huffing, I can reasonably guess that she agreed with him.

Yes, I know how it looked. I was standing there by myself holding government free food coupons with 5 young children of two different races, and I myself look even younger than I am, which is young. I looked irresponsible. Nobody could know I was married, and that all foster children under the age of 5 receive WIC. Regardless of stereotypes and my appearance in that moment, my mind was absolutely blown when I saw the couple get into their vehicle that had a single bumper sticker on the back. The bumper sticker said—pro-life.

Never in a million years would I have guessed that same couple was pro-life.

In my simplistic thinking it makes sense that if you agree with the view that life begins at conception, you must also agree with the view that life doesn’t end at birth. Therefore, being pro-life shouldn’t be just about supporting a child’s rights during their nine months in-utero but should also be about supporting the children’s (and their mother’s) lives after they are born.

That snot covered, sticky fingered, wailing toddler is that same little clump of cells that you took a stand for. Why stop loving them when they are big enough to talk back, run off, and throw a fit? How can you tell a woman to choose life, when your

comments, mannerisms, and lack of action toward a struggling mother are everything but supportive?

If you encounter a mother trying her best to deal with a child throwing a fit and your first thought is “Someone needs to teach that momma and that child a lesson!” I am not sure you are really pro-life.

If you encounter a family who is using government assistance to provide nourishing food for a child and your first thought is “Stupid welfare mongrels. My taxes buy that!” I am not sure you are pro-life.

If you encounter a couple who has more children than you decided to have and you think to yourself, “What ignorant, selfish people. Don’t they know what causes that?” I find it hard to believe you are really pro-life.

Let me take this a step further into really sticky political water:

If you hear about the unaccompanied children crossing the border and if you know that their parents were so desperate for them to simply have a chance at life, they urged them to risk death to run for freedom, and your reply is, “Damn, illegals. Let’s build a wall!” I need to ask you, are you really pro-life? Their mothers chose to give them life in the most impossible of situations, and if they do not escape that life, they will almost certainly die. Again, I ask you, are you sure you are pro life?

Choosing life is hard for so many women, because they know just how hard raising that life is. It is an overwhelming pressure to want to give an innocent child the world, especially when this world is so ugly and broken. All mothers, even moms with planned pregnancies feel that pressure. Imagine the fear, isolation, and trepidation you would feel if you are pregnant in a situation in which you are totally unprepared for. So, if you are going to tell a mom to choose life, then you also need to be willing to support her in the life that will follow her courageous choice, because life will sometimes, maybe often, be hard. How can you be adamantly pro-life but then be unwilling to do anything to help those lives out?

I wonder what would happen if we as a pro-life people, rather than rely on bumper stickers to spread our message, begin to rely on our actions. It’s not complicated. It’s the simple things, like how about we help some children in front of us pick up some spilled blueberries? How about we help a mom who has her hands full put some grocery bags into the buggy? How about we use our words to tell moms “Hang in there! You’re doing the best you can, we all see that.” Let us spread grace, understanding, empathy, and compassion to the families we encounter around us to send a message to women who are considering abortion, “We will be here for you and your child. We will help you. We will love you.” Let our pro-life stance be more than a slogan but a lifestyle—a lifestyle of supporting life, even when it’s covered in poop screaming at the top of its healthy little, living, lungs that an abortion clinic did not get to harvest. Let’s not just gather at prayer rallies and abortion protests, but let’s call up our neighbor and offer to babysit, bring by a meal, or simply offer an encouraging word. Let’s be a united, supportive village to help raise all of these children we are begging women to give birth to rather than abort. How about adoption? Yes! Absolutely! We need to be willing to do that, too! I won’t even allow myself to start in on that topic. Pro life should not mean pro nine months. Pro life should really mean pro life.

Geez, is my face red. I’ve been there and thought those not so nice thoughts. The next time I’ll offer to help. I have entertained little ones in the basket seat while Mom/Grandmother searches for the right change or gets her out, I usually smile and seem understanding, but am thinking exactly what the lady is saying. I’ve sorta been there. There were no “wich” stamps in my day and I only had two kids. Kind words won’t hurt me and may make their day. We need to remember that life doesn’t always deal everyone a fair/good hand. Remember it only takes a minute for a toddler’s nose to run and look nasty. Do you have a handy Kleenex? Ask if they need it or if you can use it. Make the effort to be helpful and don’t make bad remarks. Most of us have needed a hand sometime, so return the favor and GIVE a hand sometime.

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GOP presses Obama on legality of closing Guantanamo

By Rebecca Kheel - 11/20/15 09:43 AM EST

Two Kansas Republicans are demanding President Obama directly respond to his attorney general’s comments this week that “the law currently does not allow” transferring Guantanamo Bay detainees to the United States.

“Members of your own administration have acknowledged that you are currently legally prohibited from bringing detainees to the United States,” Reps. Mike Pompeo and Lynn Jenkins wrote in a letter to Obama dated Thursday. “Mr. President, do you agree with Attorney General [Loretta] Lynch that the law does not allow the transfer of these individuals from the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay to the United States?”

Pentagon teams have scouted sites in Kansas, South Carolina and Colorado for the potential to house Guantanamo detainees as the president looks to close the facility.

But the National Defense Authorization Act passed by Congress continues a ban on transferring detainees to U.S. soil.

During a congressional hearing this week, **Lynch acknowledged** that ban.

“With respect to individuals being transferred to the United States, the law currently does not allow that,” Lynch

told the House Judiciary Committee. “That is not, as I am aware of, going to be contemplated, given the legal prescriptions.

“Certainly it is the position of the Department of Justice that we would follow the law of the land in regard on that issue.”

Lawmakers have jumped on her comments as evidence any executive action to close the detention facility — which the administration hasn’t ruled out — would be illegal.

“Even Attorney General Lynch, the top legal authority from his own administration, has acknowledged that such a move would be illegal,” Pompeo said in a press release.

“It’s time that the president finally realize that our founding fathers did not want a king, and the American people don’t want a president who acts like one,” he continued. “President Obama should abandon his consideration of issuing an executive order and start working to protect Americans and defeat terror.”

My guess is he will just free them. Then they can come back and fight and kill more of our service men. That is his style. We must get rid of him and his kind. They want the worst for America so the USA will no longer exist let alone be strong and free. We must rid our Country of his kind of thinking in our White House and all Government. Bring back GOD, the BIBLE, and loving one another!! Am I blind? How is it possible to have a strong, leading Country with his brand of leadership?

I received this from a friend in Canada. I don’t know where he got it. It is a possibility with the worldwide situation.

A Lady Physician Sends a Message to The World

I think this is something that we all should be aware of what is happening in Germany and could spread to other countries

A Female Physician in Munich, Germany sends a message to the world

Yesterday, at the hospital we had a meeting about how the situation here and at the other Munich hospitals is unsustainable. Clinics cannot handle emergencies, so they are starting to send everything to the hospitals.

Many Muslims are refusing treatment by female staff and, we, women, are refusing to go among those animals, especially from Africa . Relations between the staff and migrants are going from bad to worse. Since last weekend, migrants going to the hospitals must be accompanied by police with K-9 units.

Many migrants have AIDS, syphilis, open TB and many exotic diseases that we, in Europe , do not know how to treat them. If they receive a prescription in the pharmacy, they learn they have to pay cash. This leads to unbelievable outbursts, especially when it is about drugs for the children. They abandon the children with pharmacy staff with the words: “So, cure them here yourselves!” So the police are not just guarding the clinics and hospitals, but also large pharmacies.

Truly we said openly: Where are all those who had welcomed in front of TV cameras, with signs at train stations?! Yes, for now, the border has been closed, but a million of them are already here and we will definitely not be able to get rid of them.

Until now, the number of unemployed in Germany was 2.2 million. Now it will be at least 3.5 million. Most of these people are completely unemployable. A bare minimum of them have any education. What is more, their women usually do not work at all. I estimate that one in ten is pregnant. Hundreds of thousands of them have brought along infants and little kids under six, many emaciated and neglected. If this continues and German re-opens its borders, I’m going home to the Czech Republic. Nobody can keep me here in this situation, not even double the salary than at home. I went to Germany, not to Africa or the Middle East.

Even the professor who heads our department told us how sad it makes him to see the cleaning woman, who for 800 Euros cleans every day for years, and then meets

young men in the hallways who just wait with their hand outstretched, want everything for free, and when they don’t get it they throw a fit.

I really don’t need this! But I’m afraid that if I return, that at some point it will be the same in the Czech Republic . If the Germans, with their nature cannot handle this,

there in Czechia it would be total chaos. Nobody who has not come in contact with them has no idea what kind of animals they are, especially the ones from Africa , and

how Muslims act superior to our staff, regarding their religious accommodation.

For now, the local hospital staff has not come down with the diseases they brought here, but, with so many hundreds of patients every day – this is just a question of time.

In a hospital near the Rhine , migrants attacked the staff with knives after they had handed over an 8-month-old on the brink of death, which they had dragged across half of Europe for three months. The child died in two days,

despite having received top care at one of the best pediatric clinics in Germany . The physician had to undergo surgery and two nurses are laid up in the ICU. Nobody has been punished.

The local press is forbidden to write about it, so we know about it through email. What would have happened to a German if he had stabbed a doctor and nurses with a knife? Or if he had flung his own syphilis-infected urine into a nurse's face and so threatened her with infection? At a minimum he'd go straight to jail and later to court. With these people – so far, nothing has happened.

And so I ask, where are all those greeters and receivers from the train stations? Sitting pretty at home, enjoying their non-profits and looking forward to more trains and their next batch of cash from acting like greeters at the stations. If it were up to me I would round up all these greeters and bring them here first to our hospital's emergency ward, as attendants. Then, into one building with the migrants so they can look after them there themselves, without armed police, without police dogs who today are in every hospital here in Bavaria , and without medical help.

Is this "situation" coming to America??

I received this on email – it is already IN America!!

With Deep Regret we see > "The wicked prowl on every side. When vileness is exalted among the sons of men" Psalm 12:8

Charlie Sheen is 45 and his story is all over the news because he is a substance abuser, an adulterer, sexually promiscuous and obnoxious.

Lindsay Lohan is 24 and her story is all over the news because she is a celebrity drug addict and a thief.

The same can be said about drug addict Philip Seymour Hoffman who died with a needle stuck in his arm.

Something as frivolous as Kim Kardashian's stupid wedding (and short-lived marriage) was shoved down our throats.

Let's not forget the thug Michael Brown that was made an angel by our Barak Obama, Al Sharpton & Jesse Jackson.

Also Travon Martin who Obama said could have been his son, while.....

Justin Allen, 23; Brett Linley, 29; Matthew Weikert, 29; Justus Barteet, 27; Dave Santos, 21; Jesse Reed, 26; Matthew Johnson, 21; Zachary Fisher, 24; Brandon King, 23; Christopher Geoke, 23; and Sheldon Tate, 27 are all Marines who gave their lives last month for YOU. There is no media for them; not even a mention of their names. They were young men who most likely came from rural America seeking a chance to better themselves and to serve this country.

Honor THEM by sending this on/telling your friends/family about them. I did, will you?

How and Why are we, USA citizens, allowing this to happen. Search your souls, acknowledge that we – you and I – are guilty of allowing this to happen. WAKE UP PEOPLE!! We are as guilty as the Media for staying silent!!

This is why Donald Trump is zooming ahead. He is at least talking about issues that most Americans are concerned about.

My mantra about Trump is this: We are usually in agreement with most of what he says but wish someone else was saying it.

We are getting older and our tickers aren't what they used to be...so here is

Our Special Bucket List for 2015,16....HERE IS WHAT WE WANT..

- 1. Hillary: in prison! Why should she be any different than any other USA citizen who breaks the law?**
- 2. Put "GOD" back in America!!! How many citizens go to church every Sunday then denies GOD in our Government?**
- 3. Borders: Closed! Come into the USA legally!!**
- 4. Congress: On the same retirement & healthcare plans as everybody else. If what they passed for the Citizens to live by is NOT good enough for them they shouldn't be allowed to pass it.**
- 5. Congress: Obey its own laws NOW! If they pass it they should live by it!!**
- 6. Language: English only! If you want to spend money on immigrants teach them English.**
- 7. Culture: Constitution, and the Bill of Rights NO LAWS THAT GO AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS. REPEL EACH AND EVERY ONE!!!**
- 8. Drug Free: Mandatory Drug Screening before & during Welfare! NO EXCEPTIONS – DON'T PASS NO MONEY, FOOD, ANYTHING!!**

9. **NO freebies to Non-Citizens! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

10. **Balance the budget. THEN LIVE BY IT!!!**

11. **Stop giving away our money to foreign countries! Charge them for our help! Don't borrow money from them, then give it back. STOP giving money to other countries. We need it here.**

12. **Fix the TAX CODE! Get rid of the IRS. There are other tax plans that are much better & easier And most of all...**

13. **"RESPECT OUR MILITARY, POLICE AND OUR FLAG!!!" Where would we be if our Military and Police treated us as they are treated? Stand up and be counted as a true, honest United States citizen!!**

We the people are coming! Let your friends & neighbors know how you feel!! What will you do with these thoughts? Shrug and go on? Stand up for what you believe? Please share with all you can -- if only to one person. We the People ARE Coming and GOD is Coming with us!!!

"Obama: It WAS You"....

I'm sure you have heard the outrage expressed by the press and Democrats over the Donald's failure to espouse Obama's Christianity and correct a questioner at one of Trump's events who stated that Obama is a Muslim.

Now we have Hillary chastising Trump for same trying to score political points.

I thought you might find the following instructive.

Keep in mind that if you walk like a duck and quack like a duck there is a very good chance you're a duck!

[Mike Gallagher](#) is the 8th most recognized talk radio personality in the country, is heard by over 2.25 million listeners weekly. He compiled and wrote the following essay entitled, **"Obama: It was You."**

President Obama:

This is why you didn't go to France to show solidarity against the Muslim terrorists:

- ***It was you*** who spoke these words at an Islamic dinner - "*I am one of you.*"
- ***It was you*** who on ABC News referenced - "*My Muslim faith .*"
- ***It was you*** who gave \$100 million in U.S. taxpayer funds to re-build foreign mosques.
- ***It was you*** who wrote that in the event of a conflict- "*I will stand with the Muslims .*"
- ***It was you*** who assured the Egyptian Foreign Minister that - "*I am a Muslim .*"
- ***It was you*** who bowed in submission before the Saudi King.
- ***It was you*** who sat for 20 years in a Liberation Theology Church condemning Christianity and professing Marxism.
- ***It was you*** who exempted Muslims from penalties under Obamacare that the rest of us have to pay.
- ***It was you*** who purposefully omitted - "*endowed by our Creator*" - from your recitation of The Declaration Of Independence.
- ***It was you*** who mocked the Bible and Jesus Christ's Sermon On The Mount while repeatedly referring to the '*HOLY*' Qur'an.
- ***It was you*** who traveled the Islamic world denigrating the United States Of America.
- ***It was you*** who instantly threw the support of your administration behind the building of the Ground Zero Victory mosque overlooking the hallowed crater of the World Trade Center.
- ***It was you*** who refused to attend the National Prayer Breakfast, but hastened to host an Islamic prayer breakfast at the White House.
- ***It was you*** who ordered Georgetown Univ. and Notre Dame to shroud all vestiges of Jesus Christ BEFORE you would agree to go there to speak, but in contrast, you have NEVER requested that the mosques you have visited to adjust their decor.
- ***It was you*** who appointed anti-Christian fanatics to your Czar Corps.
- ***It was you*** who appointed rabid Islamists to Homeland Security.
- ***It was you*** who said that NASA's "foremost mission" was an outreach to Muslim communities.
- ***It was you*** who as an Illinois Senator was the ONLY individual who would speak in favor of infanticide.
- ***It was you*** who were the first President not to give a Christmas Greeting from the White House, and went so far as to hang photos of Chairman Mao on the WH tree.
- ***It was you*** who curtailed the military tribunals of all Islamic terrorists.
- ***It was you*** who refused to condemn the Ft. Hood killer as an Islamic terrorist.
- ***It is you*** who has refused to speak-out concerning the horrific executions of women throughout the Muslim

culture, but yet, have submitted Arizona to the UN for investigation of hypothetical human-rights abuses.

- **It was you** who when queried in India refused to acknowledge the true extent of radical global Jihadists, and instead profusely praised Islam in a country that is 82% Hindu and the victim of numerous Islamic terrorists assaults.
- **It was you** who funneled \$900 Million in U.S. taxpayer dollars to Hamas.
- **It was you** who ordered the USPS to honor the MUSLIM holiday with a new commemorative stamp.
- **It was you** who directed our UK Embassy to conduct outreach to help "empower" the British Muslim community.
- **It was you** who funded mandatory Arabic language and culture studies in Grammar schools across our country.
- **It is you** who follows the Muslim custom of not wearing any form of jewelry during Ramadan.
- **It is you** who departs for Hawaii over the Christmas season so as to avoid past criticism for NOT participating in seasonal WH religious events.
- **It was you** who was uncharacteristically quick to join the chorus of the Muslim Brotherhood to depose Egypt's Hosni Mubarak, formerly America's strongest ally in North Africa; but, remain muted in your non-response to the Brotherhood led slaughter of Egyptian Christians.
- **It was you** who appointed your chief adviser, **Valerie Jarrett, an Iranian**, who is a member of the Muslim Sisterhood, an off-shoot of the Muslim Brotherhood.
- **It was you** who said this country is not a Christian nation.

The Christmas and New Year season has come and gone. Did we all receive the Season Blessings? I pray our LORD blessed us all with no reservations – no exceptions -- even those who wish and work for the demise of the USA. The last I heard there is about 46,000,000 people in the USA that the rest of us are supporting. I do NOT want them hungry, GOD gave us all life and being hungry too long or too much could end life. I want them to continue to live, but they don't need to have non-survival foods. Soda, Candy, **Alcoholic drinks** are not essential to life, therefore they should not be purchased with Food Stamps or any other like monies. Only foods that are essential to living should be purchased – isn't that what it is for -- to preserve life? I am sorry for the children, but how can we be sure the children are receiving good food and not just junk food?

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FOODS STAMPS WON'T BUY SODA AND CANDY IF THIS STATE GETS ITS WAY

Some taxpayers consider it a sweet idea: Trim the purchase of soda and candy from the benefits provided to food stamp users.

The state of Maine wants to do just that. To ban **food stamp recipients** under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) from purchasing specific unhealthy items, state officials have to get approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The state requested a waiver Monday from the federal agency, Maine's top human services official, Mary Mayhew, told The Daily Signal.

"We believe that this is a commonsense reform to actually focus on nutrition and healthier choices within the food stamp program," Mayhew, commissioner of the Health and Human Services Department, said in a phone interview.

The **proposal** aims to improve health and cut the costs of medical care for low-income, obese Mainers.

It also sticks in line with a key policy goal of Maine Gov. Paul R. LePage, a Republican, a press release says: "that welfare benefits should be spent appropriately and only on essential items, restoring taxpayers' faith in the integrity of the system."

How many Maine residents purchase soda and candy with their food stamp benefits? Good question. Mayhew told The Daily Signal that her department is "very frustrated" by the fact that the federal government doesn't release this data. She said:

We need to have greater transparency in the food stamp program and what items are being purchased. How much Mountain Dew versus milk is being purchased within this program? And yet the federal government has consistently said they do not have that data. The fact remains that they have contracts with all these retailers and could absolutely demand that transactional data.

University of Maine research from 2012 found that the annual medical cost of obesity in the state is \$452.7 million, Reuters reported.

"We've got to connect the dots between two federal programs: the Medicaid program and the food stamp program," Mayhew said.

Over the past year, Maine's Medicaid program spent **more than \$115 million** on obesity-related claims.

"And yet we have this other federal program [SNAP] that is absolutely turning a blind eye to the purchases being made within food stamps for candy, sugary drinks, and certainly on other unhealthy items," Mayhew said.

According to her agency, **over 15 percent** of Mainers are on food stamps, and 88 percent of them also are on Medicare.

The ban on certain food stamp purchases wouldn't prevent recipients from buying unhealthy items. Beneficiaries could use

out-of-pocket [money](#) to fund their Pepsi craving.

Some folks, opposed to the ban on sugary drinks and candy, argue it's [unfair](#) to limit the purchase of certain food items. Others say the proposal is an inefficient way to address a poverty issue, the Portland Press Herald [reports](#).

Michelle Lamm, director of the Maine Hunger Initiative, suggested to Portland's [WCSH6](#) that another way to achieve a similar goal would be to create incentives for food stamps recipients to purchase healthy food.

"The SNAP benefits are dismal at best. I think they're \$4 a day for all three meals, so there are a limited amount of benefits and families are doing all they can to buy the foods that they need that are healthy," Lamm told the TV station.

The Daily Signal could not immediately verify the amount Lamm was talking about.

Mayhew said she hopes Maine's request will be "seriously considered by the federal government" and expects to hear back from the USDA within three months.

"Unfortunately, the track record for the federal government on this issue is not great," she said.

[Nine](#) states have been unsuccessful at tries to ban junk food for SNAP recipients: New York, Illinois, Minnesota, California, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Vermont, and Texas.

"What may separate Maine is that this waiver is part of a comprehensive set of reforms that Governor LePage has been pursuing related to our welfare programs, to both restore an employment focus ... and to increase the integrity of these programs," Mayhew said.

"It would be far better if the Congress would act and adopt this prohibition, for the food stamp program, for all states."

The proposal comes amid [welfare reform](#) taking shape in Maine.

"Maine has been a leader in promoting self-sufficiency through work," Rachel Sheffield, a policy analyst at The Heritage Foundation, told The Daily Signal:

Able-bodied adults without dependents [who are] on food stamps are required to work, prepare for work, or participate in community service. Maine has seen a large decline in the number of [those able-bodied adults] receiving food stamps since they began this work requirement. Other states should follow Maine's example, and food stamps should be reformed at the federal level to ensure that self-sufficiency for able-bodied adults is the ultimate goal.

I received the following from a friend. I thought this might be a good time to think about the good things in life. We just passed the American "Holiday Season" and like to think it is a time when we have good thoughts and good things happen. Our lives could be so much better if we applied these thoughts to our lives the year around.

HOW MUCH DO WE NOTICE AS WE GO THROUGH A DAY?????

Lisa Beamer on Good Morning America - If you remember, she's the wife of Todd Beamer who said 'Let's Roll!' and helped take down the plane over Pennsylvania that was heading for Washington, DC back on 9/11.

She said it's the little things that she misses most about Todd, such as hearing the garage door open as he came home, and her children running to meet him.

Lisa recalled this story: "I had a very special teacher in high school many years ago whose husband died suddenly of a heart attack. About a week after his death, she shared some of her insight with a classroom of students. As the late afternoon sunlight came streaming in through the classroom windows and the class was nearly over, she moved a few things on the edge of her desk and sat down there. With a gentle look of reflection on her face, she paused and said, 'Class is over, I would like to share with all of you, a thought that is unrelated to class, but which I feel is very important. Each of us is put here on earth to learn, share, love, appreciate and give of ourselves. None of us knows when this fantastic experience will end.

It can be taken away at any moment.

Perhaps this is God's way of telling us that we must make the most out of every single day. Her eyes, beginning to water, she went on, "So I would like you all to make me a promise. From now on, on your way to school, or on your way home, find something beautiful to notice. It doesn't have to be something you see, it could be a scent, perhaps of freshly baked bread wafting out of someone's house, or it could be the sound of the breeze slightly rustling the leaves in the trees, or the way the morning light catches one autumn leaf as it falls gently to the ground. Please look for these things, and cherish them. For, although it may sound trite to some, these things are the "stuff" of life. The little things we are put here on earth to enjoy. The things we often take for granted."

The class was completely quiet. We all picked up our books and filed out of the room silently. That afternoon, I noticed more things on my way home from school than I had that whole semester. Every once in a while, I think of that teacher and remember what an impression she made on all of us, and I try to appreciate all of those things that sometimes we all overlook.

Take notice of something special you see on your lunch hour today. Go barefoot. Or walk on the beach at sunset.

Stop off on the way home tonight to get a double dip ice cream cone. For as we get older, it is not the things we did that we often regret, but the things we didn't do.

If you like this, please pass it on to a friend, if not just delete it and go on with your life!

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

HAVE A GREAT DAY!

GOD Bless you every day of your life.

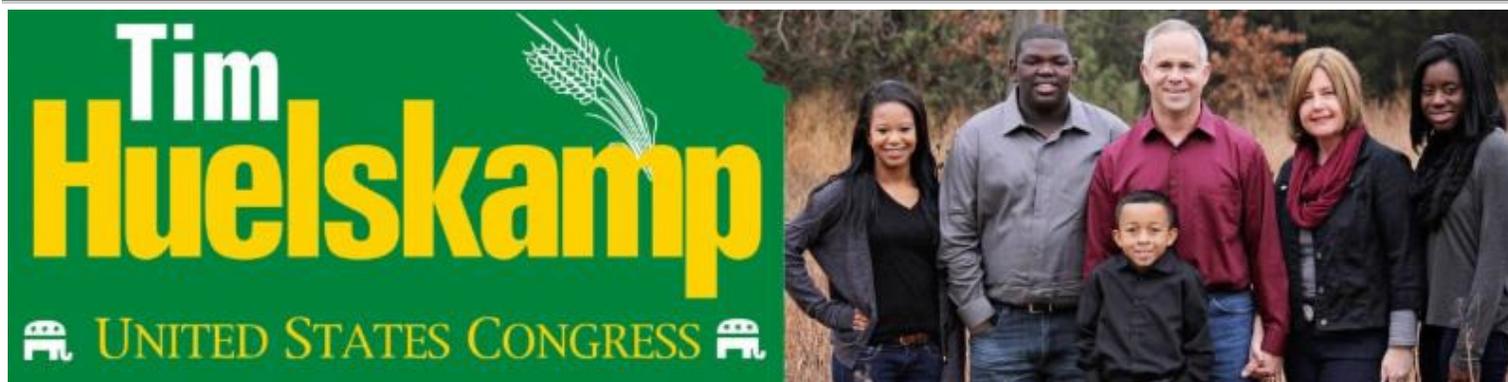
The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts,

The safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is. In the hands of God.

I just received this from Milton Wolf on Facebook:

Approval ratings for Moran, Roberts among Senate's LOWEST

Senator Pat Roberts had 41% approval (which means 59% DISapproval), tying for seventh lowest. Senator Jerry Moran had 40% approval (which means 60% DISapproval), the sixth lowest in the chamber and hardly good news for someone looking at a re-election campaign next year. No wonder Moran's office is out begging for support. We really don't need Congress members representing us in a manner that they earn over 50% disapproval. Let them know how you feel – be sure you let them know HOW they can EARN your support.



December 5, 2015

Dear Friend,

Finally. After five years, Congress is on track to put a bill on the President's desk that repeals the major elements of ObamaCare.

Before **Christmas**, President Obama will be presented with legislation to end the individual and employer mandates, stop Medicaid expansion, repeal most of Obama's tax increases, and end the premium subsidies propping up the faltering Obamacare exchanges.

President Obama announced this week he would veto it.

But he shouldn't.

Millions of Americans have **lost** the health care they liked despite Obama's promises (18 times) they wouldn't. Premiums, deductibles and co-pays have **skyrocketed**. Small businesses **simply can't hire** more people for fear they will fall under more ObamaCare mandates. Those who still cannot afford health care face hundreds of dollars in **penalties** from the Internal Revenue Service. And many insurance companies are deserting the ObamaCare exchanges altogether, further **limiting the choices** Americans have.

But, sending a repeal bill to Obama's desk is only the first step.

Speaker Ryan has told conservatives he will finally lead a real effort in the House to bring an ObamaCare replacement bill to the floor next year. This is something I have been calling for since 2010.

The goal is to have a plan in place that will serve as a blueprint for legislation we can pass when a Republican wins the White House and signs an ObamaCare repeal bill in 2017. **And, it must be a replacement based on our conservative principles.**

We cannot simply replace one big government solution with another. A real replacement would get the government out of the health care system as much as possible. Putting patients in charge of their health care decisions. Requiring insurance companies and hospitals to provide real price transparency so you can make informed decisions and they have to compete for your business. Ending the threat of frivolous lawsuits that drives up health care costs for everyone.

I applaud Speaker Ryan for leading on this issue. But, I can tell you it will not be easy. The powerful Special Interests in Washington will push for a government solution where they control the outcomes and they continue to make money from the hard work of the taxpayers.

You and I know we cannot put forward a Republican replacement bill that tinkers around the edges of the failed health care system where 50% of Americans with health care coverage are reliant on the government to subsidize part or all of it. And one where onerous regulations stifle competition and drive up costs.

Our reform must be a **bold new direction** that stops putting Washington bureaucrats and insurance companies in between patients and their doctors.

Will you help me fight to bring about this reform by making a contribution today?

My opponent is a wealthy health care CEO who refuses to oppose ObamaCare expansion in Kansas. By his own admission, it is because he would personally make hundreds of thousands in new profits if Obamacare is expanded.

Just when we're finally close to repealing ObamaCare and getting government out of health care decisions, we can ill-afford to send someone to Washington who could support ObamaCare expansion. Please consider making a contribution right now to help me stay in Congress and fight to repeal ObamaCare once and for all.

Yours in Liberty,
Tim Huelskamp

After almost a year in office those we voted in LAST year are coming around and beginning to take action. It is up to us to help. Frankly, I don't understand why it takes so much money. I will contact Rep. Huelskamp's office for an explanation.

Folks this a true eye opener, read, think and do something, send to others and talk to all. Our future is truly in our hands.

Love the quote from Plato.

Conundrum

Free people are not equal. Equal people are not free. (Think this one over and over...makes sense!)
The definition of the word Conundrum is: something that is puzzling or confusing.

Here are six Conundrums of socialism in the United States of America:

1. America is capitalist and greedy - yet half of the population is subsidized.
2. Half of the population is subsidized - yet they think they are victims.
3. They think they are victims - yet their representatives run the government.
4. Their representatives run the government - yet the poor keep getting poorer.
5. The poor keep getting poorer - yet they have things that people in other countries only dream about.
6. They have things that people in other countries only dream about - yet they want America to be more like those other countries.

Think about it! And that, my friends, pretty much sums up the USA in the 21st Century. Makes you wonder who is doing the math.

These three, short (and oft repeated) sentences tell you a lot about the direction of our current government and cultural environment:

1. We are advised to NOT judge ALL Muslims by the actions of a few lunatics, but we are encouraged to judge ALL gun owners by the actions of a few lunatics.

Funny how that works. And here's another one worth considering...

2. Seems we constantly hear about how Social Security is going to run out of money. **But we never hear about welfare or food stamps running out of money ! What's interesting is the first group "worked for" their money, but the second didn't.**

This has long interested me – maybe we would all be better off to be on welfare instead of SS. Would our income be more on welfare? Something to consider!! Pay attention Retirees!!!

Think about it.....and now Last but not least:

3. Why are we cutting benefits for our veterans, no pay raises for our military and cutting our army to a level lower than before WWII, **but we are not stopping the payments or benefits to illegal aliens.**

How are we paying **ILLEGAL CITIZENS MORE** than our retired Military? How have we gotten so many things so messed up? It really started coming to a head when a muslim was elected President. Then he was elected a second time **BECAUSE SO MANY HAD GIVEN UP AND DIDN'T BOTHER TO VOTE AT ALL. WHAT KIND OF AMERICANS ARE YOU TO JUST NOT VOTE WHEN YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU SO BAD?** Did Americans give up when the British over taxed them? Did Americans give up when facing all the problems of settling/developing out Country? Have Americans gone soft, lazy, stupid? Am I the only one missing something.

"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools." – Plato Amen and Amen!!!

CONSTRUCTION DISPUTES DELAY FORT RILEY HOSPITAL OPENING

By ROXANA HEGEMAN

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WICHITA, Kan. — The U.S. Army took possession in July of a new hospital at Fort Riley, a project put on the fast track after its 2009 groundbreaking to replace Irwin Army Community Hospital, the oldest Army hospital in the nation.

But the planned completion in 2012 came and went, and now a ribbon-cutting ceremony set for mid-January 2016 has been scrapped. There's no date set for the opening. No one is saying exactly why.

Disagreements between the construction contractor and the government over final inspections sparked the latest delay, said David Kolarik, spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Kansas City District, which oversees the project.

The project has been plagued by numerous lawsuits alleging a mismanaged project, but the Corps says the lawsuits aren't the cause of the most recent delay.

Political pressure is building to finish the work — even if that means issuing new construction contracts.

The Manhattan Mercury first reported in October the delay of the opening and the lawsuits over construction disputes. U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran said that newspaper's story was the first indication he had of problems — even though he had toured the construction in March and was assured he could expect its opening soon.

"I don't have a lot of ability to resolve the battles between the subcontractors and the contractor, but I want to see a decision made that says, "That litigation is ongoing but that is not going to delay any longer the opening of the hospital," Moran said.

"The litigation sounds convoluted — lots of parties, charges and counter charges — and soldiers and their families ought not to be held up as a result of what seemingly is endless litigation," Moran said.

Balfour Beatty Construction, a partner in the joint venture that built it, said Friday in an emailed statement it is not sure why the new hospital opening has been delayed.

"Fort Riley took possession of the new facility for its intended use in July and we are currently working with them to complete punch list items that have no bearing on the opening of the hospital," the company said. "It's a beautiful, high-quality facility that will serve the Fort Riley community well into the future."

Moran said he has contacted the Corps. He expects a meeting later this month to determine what it will take to get the hospital up and running. He also sent a letter on Thursday to Assistant Secretary of the Army Katherine Hammack seeking answers to a series of questions and exploring the possibility of new contracts to finish construction.

A Dallas-based joint venture team of Balfour Beatty Construction and Walton Construction won the contract in 2009 to build

a \$334 million facility. By the time the framing of the hospital was completed in 2011, the cost had grown to \$404 million. Fort Riley, home to the 1st Infantry Division, is 130 miles west of Kansas City, Missouri.

At least four subcontractors have sued in federal court, and the Balfour-Walton joint venture has filed its own claim against the Corps. The case is under review by the federal government's Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, an agency which rules on disputes between contractors and the military.

The subcontractors, contractor and the government have agreed to mediation.

Court documents in the various lawsuits outline numerous delays and disruptions caused by changes in work orders and lack of coordination. In one case, for example, drywall was installed while part of the building was still exposed to weather. That led to water damage that required some of the drywall to be replaced and some to be torn down for mold inspection.

<http://www.stripes.com/news/us/construction-disputes-delay-fort-riley-hospital-opening-1.382449>

The problems seem to be getting attention – It was in the paper this week that the hospital will open in July, 2016. In the meantime the old hospital is standing empty and unused – Why not turn it into a Veterans Hospital? Solving the problem of area Veterans needing to make trips to Topeka to be uncared for. Area Veterans are NOT receiving adequate care at the Veterans Hospital in Topeka.

If you would like to forward this Newsletter as is on to others – be my guest.

If you would like to send comments (just a sentence or two) to the editor – be my guest.

If you have an editorial to submit – be my guest.

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