

# The Patriots' Truth

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**MEDIA COMMITTEE MEETING – MCALISTER'S EVERY WED AT 5:30pm**  
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### **KDOT: Keep political signs away from highways**

**Posted: June 19, 2012 - 7:47pm – By the Capital-Journal**

The Kansas Department of Transportation warned Kansans on Tuesday not to post political signs along highway rights-of-way.

Kim Stich, a KDOT spokes woman, said Kansas law stipulates state highways are to be used for public highway purposes. Only regulatory, guide and warning signs are allowed.

When KDOT crews find political advertising on a state right-of-way, the signs will be removed immediately without notice, Stich said. The signs may be picked up at the closest KDOT area office by the owner with the agreement the signs won't be illegally posted again. Stich said political signs not claimed will be tossed out after the elections.

*My friends, as campaign time becomes more intense, we must strive to stay within the law!! To have the names of those we are working to elect be placed in a favorable light to the public we must be sure we are doing everything proper and legal. We don't want to put ourselves along side those who do NOT respect the laws of our Land. In addition to being sure we are NOT posting signs of any kind on [highwayright-of-ways](#), we MUST be sure we have the permission of the landowners before posting signs on their property or attaching signs to their fences. A county map can be obtained at the County Offices if you don't know who the owner is. The FHTP is all for each of us being able to campaign for the candidates we choose, but let's be sure we keep it legal.*

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I wear an awareness bracelet that says "2010 Resolution." This was the Kansas and National GOP's mantra to Tea Party members leading up to the 2010 election. Remember all that nonsense? Yes the good ole GOP said "We have learned our lesson. Just hang in there with us and everything will change in 2010".

I recall Senator Mary Pilcher-Cook at the end of a Health Care bus tour of Kansas standing between Representatives Brenda Landwehr and Peggy Mast saying "You don't want to 'sweep them all out,' we have some nuggets of gold in the House and Senate and they are on this stage." Gold? Well, fools gold perhaps.

Cook has been denying since June that the Governor had anything to do with bringing the Obama Care grant to Kansas. The evidence proves conclusively otherwise and the Governor has not even denied his involvement nor has his Budget Director.

Landwehr is involved up to her neck in bringing Obama Care to Kansas involving suggesting to the Insurance Commissioner, Sandy Praeger, that Praeger apply for an Obama Care grant that required Kansas to implement Obama Care. Landwehr also served on several committees working to bring Obama Care (now Brownback Care) to Kansas.

Mast has been a "party girl" from a long time back. She has not bothered to speak out about Brownback Care, and tried to convince me I should not speak out about it. She did not support the 2011 budget freeze proposal, but rather supported Brownback's \$350+ million spending increase which unconstitutionally took sales tax money from the highway fund.

All three supported a fraud on the citizens of Kansas by making them think the Health Care Act / Resolution would protect Kansans from Obama Care when nothing is farther from the truth and they all knew it.

Now the GOP once again plays the siren's song "Things will be different in 2012... suckers."

Folks, it's time to get the manure shovel and clean out the barn... well, the Capitol.

~ R. D. Fry

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## **Subject: Gonorrhea-Lectim [new deadly disease]**

Gonorrhea Lectim-new deadly disease (UNCLASSIFIED).

One should be thinking about this seriously. I'm sending this because I know you are bright and I care about you.

The Center for Disease Control has issued a warning about a new virulent strain of this old disease. The disease is called "Gonorrhea Lectim." It's pronounced "Gonna re-elect em" and it is a terrible Obamanation.

The disease is contracted through dangerous and high risk behavior involving putting your cranium up your rectum. Many victims contracted it in 2008...But now most people, after having been infected for the past 1-3 years, are starting to realize how destructive this sickness is.

It's sad because Gonorrhea Lectim is easily cured with a new drug just coming on the market called Votemout, pronounced "Vote 'em out". You take the first dose now and the second dose in Nov. 2012 and simply don't engage in such behavior again; otherwise, it could become permanent and eventually wipe out all life as we know it.

Please pass this important message on to all those bright folks you really care about.

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## **Congressman KEVIN YODER, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist., Newsletter -- June 15, 2012**

The number of Americans filing for first-time unemployment benefits climbed last week, indicating continued trouble for the labor market.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that 386,000 people filed new jobless claims in the week ended June 9, up 6,000 from the previous week's revised figure.

That was 11,000 more than expected. Economists surveyed by Briefing.com had forecast 375,000 people would file new claims.

Initial claims are a volatile number. But because they're closely correlated with layoffs, economists consider them to be a key gauge of the job market.

Nearly 3.3 million people filed for their second week of unemployment benefits or more in the week ended June 2, the most recent data available. That number was down 33,000 from the previous week.

### **How are you coping with the economy?**

Two weeks ago, the government released a [May jobs report](#) that indicated job growth is slowing sharply.

Mark Vitner, a senior economist at Wells Fargo, said the worse-than-expected jobs numbers released Thursday are a sign that economic growth may slow in the second half of the year.

"There is really no getting away from the point that things are slowing, the economy is slowing," Vitner said.

The dour outlook is partially attributable to headwinds from Europe, Vitner said.

"Now that the global economy is slowing, companies in the U.S. are becoming much more cautious about expanding," he said.

### **From CNN Money**

#### **Congressman Yoder co-sponsors *Start-up Act 2.0* in House**

*Bipartisan bill will help attract the world's most talented graduates and entrepreneurs to start new businesses and create American jobs*

**Washington, D.C.** – Today, Congressman Kevin Yoder (R-KS) joined Reps. Michael G. Grimm (R-NY), Loretta Sanchez (D-CA), Robert Dold (R-IL), Jared Polis (D-CO), Russ Carnahan (D-MO), and Devin Nunes (R-CA) and introduced the Startup Act 2.0 (H.R. 5893) in the House of Representatives. The Startup Act 2.0 is a bill to create and keep jobs in America; increase America's access to talent in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) by reforming high-skilled visa policies; and create opportunities for startup businesses with tax incentives and access to resources for innovation.

"The Startup Act 2.0 is a great example of Congress working in a bipartisan manner to put Americans back to work. This legislation will help keep America a global leader in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields, and in the competition for the brightest minds of future generations," stated Congressman Yoder. "Additionally, it will give small businesses much-needed support to stay afloat and add employees. I'm glad to be a part of this team working to move the Startup Act 2.0 through the House, and I thank Senator Moran for his leadership on this bill in the Senate."

The bill creates tax incentives for the creation of new businesses. Research shows that startups create 3 million jobs per year, on average. In addition, over the past 30 years, companies less than five years old have created almost all the new net jobs in America.

Startup 2.0 also helps increase America's access to talent by creating a new set of conditional visas for 75,000 immigrant entrepreneurs and 50,000 foreign STEM graduate students, that are linked to the creation of American jobs. Research has demonstrated the positive impact of immigrants on American job creation: More than 40 percent of all Fortune 500 companies were founded by an immigrant or the child of an immigrant, and each foreign-born advanced degree holder who stays in the U.S. to work in a STEM occupation created an estimated 2.6 American jobs.

The Startup Act 2.0 was originally introduced in the Senate on May 22, 2012 by Senators Jerry Moran (R-KS), Mark Warner (D-VA), Marco Rubio (R-FL), and Christopher Coons (D-DE).

The bill has received industry support from Microsoft, Google, National Small Business Association (NSBA), CTIA, Consumer Electronics Association (CEA), Financial Services Forum, Computer and Communications Industry Association (CCIA), TechAmerica, Information Technology Industry (ITI), Compete America, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, and TechNet. *From Congressman Yoder's June 8, 2012 Newsletter*

**Congressman Yoder can be reached at his Washington, DC office at 214 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20515. 8-5 Mon thru Fri; phone: 202-225-2865; or his Overland Park office at: Overland Park 7325 W. 79<sup>th</sup> St., Overland Park, KS 66204; 8-5 Mon – Fri; at 913- 621-0832. Help Congressman Yoder keep you informed by letting him know what your interests are!!!**

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## **Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist of KS – June 10 2012**

**H.R. 436 Medical Device Tax Repeal Act** On Thursday, H.R. 436, the Medical Device Tax Repeal Act, which I co-authored, passed through the House of Representatives with strong bipartisan support 270 to 146, clearing another hurdle to becoming law. It is now on its way to the Senate.

I authored H.R. 5842, the Restoring Access to Medication Act, which received bi-partisan support during its passage out of the House Ways and Means Committee. It was subsequently attached to H.R. 436, the Medical Device Tax Repeal Act. My section repeals the current requirement for Americans using medical savings accounts to have a doctor's prescription to buy standard over-the-counter (OTC) medications such as Advil or cough syrup. The current restrictions are burdensome and unnecessary.

Under current law, medical savings plan participants such as Flexible Savings Account (FSA), Health Savings Account (HSA), or other similar types of medical savings accounts, may no longer use funds from these accounts to purchase over-the-counter (OTC) medications, unless they have a prescription for the medication.

Nearly 50 million Americans participate in FSAs and other health savings accounts. The accounts allow individuals to set aside their own money each year on a pre-tax basis to pay for health care expenses, such as co-payments, other health care expenses not covered by insurance, prescriptions and over-the-counter medications.

The American public has known for some time now the President's health care law is full of hazards which increase the cost of health care on average Americans households. At work, the President's health care law is squeezing small businesses and making it harder to invest in jobs and the economy. While we wait for the Supreme Court's ruling on the constitutionality of the entire health care overhaul, members of the House of Representatives are working legislative improvements to the burdensome regulations Obamacare imposes on businesses and citizens alike. With broad support, I championed this over-the-counter drug restriction repeal because it is a common-sense solution to a problem that should not have been created in the first place, and I am pleased with its passage today. I look forward to the Senate joining the House in passing this common-sense legislation that benefits Americans in all corners of our country.

**To reach Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins go to: 1122 Longworth House O.B., Washington D.C. 20515; phone: 202-225-6601 or 3550 S.W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Topeka, KS 6606; phone: 785-234-5966. Since I'm not sure what the new districts bring I'm only giving these 2 locations.**

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## Congressman **TIM HUELSKAMP**, First Dist., Newsletter of May 23, 2012

Dear Friend:

If President Obama's radical policies are not enough motivation for building a strong, conservative victory in the House in 2012 - how about this one?

### **The end of Nancy Pelosi's political career.**

The liberal news website, [Salon.com](http://Salon.com) has a piece entitled "[Win-or-go-home for Pelosi?](#)" and I have to share some highlights.

- "Talk to Democrats on Capitol Hill and one impression jumps out: **This might be it for Nancy Pelosi.**"
- "But while her public posture remains as steady and focused as ever, there's reason to suspect that this year's midterms could be a **win-or-go-home** proposition for the 72-year-old California Democrat."
- "Under this scenario, Pelosi might well conclude that her window of opportunity to win back the top job in the House has closed and **opt for retirement.**"

Nancy Pelosi represents everything that is bad about Washington, DC. She is the ultimate example of the Washington insider.

Remember when she railroaded Obamacare through Congress in 2009? She was so arrogant and out of touch, she told us to just trust her. "**We have to pass the bill to find out what's in it,**" Pelosi said. Be quiet you little people. Stop complaining. We in Washington know what's best for you.

Then she ridiculed the Tea Party movement saying it wasn't a real grassroots movement. She dismissed every American worried about trillion-dollar deficits as fake and uneducated about the "brilliant" ideas coming out of D.C.

You know, Nancy Pelosi is completely out of touch with reality. Take for example her opposition to my successful amendment to de-FUND the Obama attack on traditional marriage. Here's what 'ol Nancy thinks about the protection of marriage: "*House Republicans have voted to tie the hands of the Obama Administration with respect to their efforts to end discrimination against America's [families.to](#) defend the indefensible Defense of Marriage Act in court". . . . "These discriminatory actions only serve to advance fundamental unfairness in our society and are against the principles of liberty and equality that our country is built upon."*

Excuse me, Nancy. **One man-one woman marriage is the most defensible institution we have in this country.** Your policies would irrevocably harm this vital place where children are born and nurtured—an institution which builds and secures every future generation.

There could be no more wonderful news on November 6<sup>th</sup> than to defeat Obama, sending Harry Reid to the back row of the Senate - and to secure a real, conservative mandate in the U.S. House.

And with her hopes for returning to the Speaker's chair dashed, **Pelosi will be retired.** And we are well on our way with the help of friends like you.

I don't take lightly the trust you placed in me when we kicked Pelosi out of the Speaker's chair in 2010.

And I am working with my fellow conservatives to press Washington insiders to listen to the will of the American people for the first time in many decades. [So please renew your support of my efforts with a donation of \\$100, \\$50 or \\$25 right now.](#)

If there's any chance you've forgotten, remember that Nancy Pelosi was the **driving force** behind passing Obamacare, Cap and Trade, the Stimulus, and more. From 2009-2010, Barack Obama relied on her to ensure his legislative agenda made its way through Congress.

America can't afford the return of Speaker Pelosi. And with your help, we'll make it happen.

[Please click here and send a donation to Kansans for Huelskamp](#) so we can make 2012 the "go home" year for Nancy Pelosi. Thank you for standing with me.

Sincerely,

Tim Huelskamp, Member of Congress

P.S. I am never going to give up my independence from the Washington Way, the Pelosi Way. **But I will remain dependent on the principles that got us here.** I need your help to kick the Nancy Pelosi's out of Washington. **Please send the best contribution you can right now -- \$500, \$250, \$100 or even \$50 or \$25 will go a long way.**

These are Congressman Huelskamp contacts: 126 Cannon House O.B., Washington D.C., 20515, phone: 202-225-2715 or 100 Military Ave., Suite 204, Dodge city 67801, phone: 620-225-0172 or 1 N. Main, Suite 525, Hutchinson, KS 67501, phone: 620 665-6138 or 119 W. Iron Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite A, Salina, KS 67401, phone: 785-827-6957.

**Just for your information – The following are the percentages our KS Reps voted Conservative: Huelskamp – 100%; Jenkins – 80%; Yoder – 80%; Pompeo – 78%**

I have NOT received a Newsletter from Congressman Pompeo – I have signed up for it!!!

**Remember your Congressional Representatives can only answer your questions and explain things to you IF you let them know YOU care and what your concerns are!! Being the great representatives they are I'm sure any Kansas Representative will do their best to answer your questions, but you might want to check the NEW Congressional maps to be sure WHO your Representative is NOW.**

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## **The Patriot Post, Voice of Essential Liberty, Chronicle – June 20, 2012**

**The Foundation:** "A fondness for power is implanted, in most men, and it is natural to abuse it, when acquired." --Alexander Hamilton

### **Editorial Exegesis:**

"On the subject of [Obama's] decision [Friday] to unilaterally enact sweeping changes to U.S. immigration policy on nothing but his own say-so, we would like to introduce Barack Obama to Barack Obama, who during a Univision interview just last year affirmed: 'America is a nation of laws, which means I, as the president, am obligated to enforce the law. ... There are enough laws on the books by Congress that are very clear in terms of how we have to enforce our immigration system that for me to simply through executive order ignore those congressional mandates would not conform with my appropriate role as president.' A little softness in the polls and one executive order later, the president has reversed himself. The president's executive order will categorically prevent the deportation of certain illegal immigrants who came to the United States as children. It will also grant them work authorizations to which they would not otherwise be entitled under law. ... The president's executive order violates the constitutional separation of powers that defines the political architecture of our republic. If Congress allows this illegitimate executive order to stand, it will have in effect delegated its power to make law to the president. This executive order would, therefore, be entirely unacceptable even if it represented good policy. But it does not. ... The amnesty proponents will of course point to any number of cases in which a young person is facing a painful situation through no fault of his own, and one would have to have a heart as hard as coffin nails not to sympathize, but the fact is that it was not the people of the United States who put these young people in legal jeopardy -- it was their parents. Without first ensuring effective enforcement at the border and at the workplace, any step toward normalizing the status of those here in violation of the law invites more of the same abuse and disorder." --[National Review](#)

### **What's your take on Obama's new immigration policy?**

#### **Upright**

"President Obama's claim that he can refuse to deport 800,000 aliens here in the country illegally illustrates the unprecedented stretching of the Constitution and the rule of law. ... [W]hat we have here is a president who is refusing to carry out federal law simply because he disagrees with Congress's policy choices. That is an exercise of executive power that even the most stalwart defenders of an energetic executive -- not to mention the Framers -- cannot support." --attorney John Yoo

"Make no mistake: this is classic sleight-of-hand, designed to get the country roiled up about something -- make that *anything* -- that will obscure the monumental failure best labeled Obamanomics. It is the proverbial boob bait for the masses, delivered by an administration that desperately needs Americans distracted away from the reality of a double-dip recession, record numbers of people on food stamps, millions of un- and under-employed workers, and *no plan whatsoever* for dealing with our impending fiscal Armageddon, other than blaming Republicans for their failures." --columnist Arnold Ahlert

"Since Ronald Reagan, the Republican Party has given its presidential nomination four times to the Bush family. Other times, to Bob Dole, John McCain and Mitt Romney. Where's the extremist in that lot?" --columnist George Will

"Remember when Obama declared that Americans had to pull together, because what united us was stronger than what divided us? Yeah, not so much. President Obama's re-election campaign has been an exercise in fragmentation. Where the 2008 campaign was built thematically around the notion that a polarized electorate was bad for the country and that election of a third-way, multi-racial president could symbolically overcome our divisions once and for all, the 2012 campaign is built on precisely the opposite notion: Americans united in opposition to Obama's agenda must be divided again. ... Obama now realizes that he can't win by uniting Americans. He can only win by dividing us." --columnist Ben Shapiro

"When President Barack Obama announced his 2012 launch of 'African Americans for Obama', the silence was deafening. Should the same standards be applied to Obama as would be applied to Romney? The answer turns out to be no, because Obama is not held to the same standards as Romney. ... Black people

ought to be offended by the idea that we are held accountable to lower standards of conduct and achievement. White people ought to be ashamed for permitting and fostering racial double standards that have effects that are in some ways worse than the cruel racism of yesteryear." --economist Walter E. Williams

### We Have Some Catching Up to Do

*The Patriot Post's Chronicle* is a one-of-a-kind collection of the week's best conservative analysis of hot-button issues as well as the most outrageous comments made by assorted leftists in politics, the media and culture. Our team works tirelessly to consolidate all this content into a quick-reading information buffet.

We depend on your support to keep this priceless resource coming every Wednesday, but unfortunately we're about **50 percent behind** where we need to be at this stage of the campaign -- we have **\$230,000** yet to raise. Help us by making a secure online donation to *The Patriot Post's* [2012 Independence Day Campaign](#). If you prefer to support us by mail, please use our [printable donor form](#).

Thank you! Nate Jackson, Managing Editor

### Essential Liberty

"2012 may be miserable -- but if it is, it won't be because corporations spend on politics. ... The very *first* amendment that the Founders chose to add to the Constitution couldn't be more clear: 'Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech ... .' Yet most people support laws against political speech -- when they don't like the speakers. ... But political (and religious) speech is *exactly* what the Founders were eager to protect when they wrote the First Amendment. ... Don't progressives realize that corporations (and unions, which also had their speech rights protected) are associations of individuals -- individuals who have rights? ... It is shameful that leftists let their hatred of corporations lead them to throw free speech under the bus. There is a smarter way to get corporate money out of politics: Shrink the state. If government has fewer favors to sell, citizens will spend less money trying to win them." --columnist John Stossel

### Insight

"The Party System was founded on one national notion of fair play. It was the notion that folly and futility should be fairly divided between both sides." --British writer G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

### The Demo-gogues

Fishing for votes: "This is not amnesty. This is not immunity. This is not a path to citizenship; it's not a permanent fix. This is a temporary stopgap measure that lets us focus on resources wisely while giving a degree of relief and hope to talented, driven, patriotic young people. It is the right thing to do." --Barack Obama

Best thing for his campaign: "Is this is the right thing to do for the American people? I didn't ask for an argument, I'm answering your question. It is the right thing to do for the American people." --Barack Obama

Blame game refrain: "I love listening to these guys give us lectures about debt and deficits. I inherited a trillion-dollar deficit. ... This notion that somehow we caused the deficits is just wrong. It's just not true. ... If they start trying to give you a bunch of facts and figures suggesting that it's true, what they're not telling you is they baked all this stuff into the cake with those tax cuts and a prescription drug plan that they didn't pay for and the wars." --Barack Obama

Those nasty Republicans hate the world: "I think we are ironclad on the constitutionality of [ObamaCare]. We believe in the Constitution. We believe in judicial review. ... But I think it's also important for the public to know that obstruction is the agenda of the Republican party. If they win, that will be their agenda. They don't believe in a government role, clean air, clean water. You name it." --House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)

Government solutions: "The argument that the jury is still out on climate change is a false and bogus argument. The jury is not out. In fact, the jury is in, the effects are obvious, they surround us every day, and we need to take action." --Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

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The Solar thing just got a little more interesting: The Tonopah Solar company in Harry Reid's Nevada is getting a \$737 million loan from Obama's Department of Energy. The project will produce a 110 megawatt power system and employ 45 permanent workers. *That's costing us just \$16 million per job.* One of the investment partners in this endeavor is Pacific Corporate Group (PCG). The PCG executive director is Ron Pelosi, who is the brother to Nancy 's husband. **Just move along folks. Nuthin' goin' on here.**

Want verification?

<http://nation.foxnews.com/nancy-pelosi/2011/09/28/obama-gives-737-million-solar-firm-linked-pelosi-clan>

**DOES IT EVER STOP???**

**NOVEMBER CAN'T COME SOON ENOUGH FOR ME!!!!!!**

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## Kansas Could Face Big Costs In Redistricting Lawsuit

By JOHN HANNA, AP Political Writer, Friday, Jun 22, 2012 [Posted on Thu, Jun. 21, 2012]

The Kansas Legislature's failure to redraw political boundaries this year could stick the state with hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal bills from parties involved in the resulting federal lawsuit, court records show.

As of Thursday [21 June], attorneys for **[only]** 18 of the 27 people suing Secretary of State Kris Kobach over unequal political representation had submitted requests to have their attorneys' fees and expenses covered by the state – **totaling almost \$614,000. [emphasis mine]**

The federal judges who imposed new congressional, legislative and State Board of Education districts earlier this month must now determine what costs Kansas must cover.

Kobach promised to fight the requests, calling them "excessive." Kobach was the first defendant, because his office administers elections, but Attorney General Derek Schmidt was allowed to join as a defendant to deal only with the legal expense.

"We will strongly urge the court not to award any attorneys' fees," Kobach told The Associated Press. "It would be a real disservice to Kansas taxpayers."

The redistricting lawsuit was filed in May by Robyn Renee Essex, a Republican precinct committee member from Olathe, but the federal judges allowed another 26 people to join her as plaintiffs.

"This was foreseeable, particularly after the dog pile of plaintiffs who joined the lawsuit," Schmidt said.

The legislative stalemate arose from ongoing conflicts between Republican moderates and Gov. Sam Brownback's conservative GOP allies.

Senate Reapportionment Committee Chairman Tim Owens, a moderate Overland Park Republican who was allowed to join the lawsuit, said it was fair to see that attorneys were paid for intensive work they did over only a few weeks. The court can require the state to pay someone's legal costs if it concludes that person prevailed.

Kobach, a conservative Republican and former law professor, contends that none of the parties prevailed, but Owens argued that his group of four people with common interests did prevail.

The potential bill from attorneys for Owens' group was the largest. Six attorneys from two Topeka law firms – Frieden, Unrein & Forbes, and Irigonegaray & Associates – listed nearly \$188,000 in fees and expenses.

Owens and House Minority Leader Paul Davis, a Lawrence Democrat, who also became a plaintiff, said parties relied on multiple attorneys because lawyers had so little time to prepare.

In all, 39 attorneys were listed as representing the 29 parties, including Kobach and Schmidt, though Kobach represented himself, along with an assistant secretary of state.

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**(NEWSER)** – An article about Malia Obama's spring break is causing ripples across the World Wide Web: The story, which noted Malia's visit to Mexico with 12 classmates and 25 Secret Service agents, first appeared yesterday and then quickly disappeared, [BuzzFeed](#) explains. Links to most versions of the story were broken or redirected, with error messages taking the place of the article. [The Blaze](#) grabbed screenshots from several sites before the story was scrubbed. Predictably, eyebrows were raised, especially considering the State Department recently warned Americans against visiting Mexico—a detail that some felt made it legit to report on the teen's activity.

Reactions: "This unfolding incident ... seems to indicate the White House can get a wide range of sites to take down stories, even if it is just with gentle persuasion or appeals to some higher standard," writes Brian Doherty in [Reason](#). "And that is highly unnerving."

Of course, if you read the State Department travel advisory, you'd know that there is no warning about Oaxaca, Malia's destination, and it's likely that AFP pulled its original story once that was pointed out, notes Mike Masnick on [TechDirt](#). The story certainly "got blown out of proportion," but scrubbing every mention of the original article only made things worse. An explanation or correction "would have been much more effective."

*A White House rep ultimately explained to [Politico](#): "From the beginning of the administration, the White House has asked news outlets not to report on or photograph the Obama children when they are not with their parents and there is no vital news interest. We have reminded outlets of this request in order to protect the privacy and security of these girls."*

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**The problem with this situation is NOT that the trip was taken or that it was hush-hushed from the public. Whatever needed to be done for the safety of the children needed to be done ASAP. However, the need for 25 Secret Service Agents to accompany the group at the expense of the American citizens is outrageous!!!**

Before anyone can suggest differently I want it clearly understood that NO ONE connected with this publication and/or the organization behind it wants in any way to endanger the Obama girls, their friends, or any other children anywhere. What we object to is the taxpayers of the United States of America paying for any part of this unnecessary, extravagant trip for these children just because the President's daughter was one of the group..

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## **How Spring Break for President Obama's Daughter Became News**

By [BRIAN STELTER](#)

“We can confirm that Malia Obama is safe and was never in danger.”

That's what a spokeswoman for the first lady, Michelle Obama, said on Tuesday, shortly after an earthquake struck central and southern Mexico, where her 13-year-old daughter, Malia, is visiting with a school group. [Jackie Calmes](#) [quoted the spokeswoman's statement](#) on The Caucus blog this afternoon.

Normally there would have been no such statement, since major media outlets in the United States have generally abstained from covering the activities of the Obama children when their parents are not present. They did the same for the children of past presidents; it's part of a longstanding, informal pact between the White House and the press corps that covers it.

Even with the advent of the Internet, the informal understanding has held up relatively well, according to White House correspondents. Wire service photographers and network news videographers usually don't point their cameras at the children when they are present, rendering them more or less invisible — again, except when they appear in public with their parents.

It was a photograph, in fact, of President Obama and Mrs. Obama with their daughter Sasha, but without Malia, that initially attracted some attention on Sunday. Several Web sites, in a breach of that past practice, published news articles attributed to the international news wire Agence France-Presse about Malia's trip, but on Monday those started disappearing, as the sites agreed to the White House's requests for privacy.

Politico, whose media reporter wrote a blog post about the unpublished articles, subsequently removed some details from that blog post, [BuzzFeed noted](#). “After some internal discussions and conversations with the White House, we adjusted the post for security reasons,” Politico's White House editor, Rachel Smolkin, told BuzzFeed.

In the White House's view, photos, videos and descriptions of the president's children at play — be it outside their residence or on a school trip — have no vital news interest and inhibit privacy and security.

In the statement on Tuesday, the spokeswoman for Mrs. Obama said, “We would reiterate our request that the media respect the privacy and security of the Obama children and not report on or photograph the girls when they are not with their parents.”

Nevertheless, some Web sites that traffic in anti-administration opinions seized on the 13-year-old's trip and on the disappearance of reports about it on Tuesday, accusing the child of a vacation at taxpayers' expense and the White House of a cover-up. Others on those very same Web sites, though, rebuffed the cover-up talk.

When a thread on the conservative bulletin board [Free Republic](#) was started titled “Obama's daughter spends springbreak in Mexico,” a moderator pulled the thread down and wrote, “Leave the kids alone.”

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I understand that the President's children should take part in school events/trips the same as other American children do. Their lives are different enough from the normal citizens children, their lives should be as normal as possible. However, I do have a problem with the American people footing the bill.

President Obama has made numerous **unnecessary** trips on Air Force One for his families enjoyment and pleasure at a tremendous cost to the taxpayers. For this family, MORE THAN ONE airplane is usually needed. The cost of flying Air Force One all over the world is costly enough, however, adding one or more additional planes usually doubles or triples the trip cost. The last count I heard for vacation/pleasure trips were 9 and that was in LESS THAN one 4 year term. Trips that are completely for the first family's enjoyment and/or convenience are the norm for this First Family. Sometimes family members are even flown in and out and



back again. President Obama and his First Lady are working very hard to spend as much money as possible during this term as President. It is fortunate for them that they will have a huge income for the rest of their lives as they have lost their ability to earn a living as lawyers that their education gave them. The outrageous spending for personal pleasure of this First Family is just building more and more debt for the United States of America just as much as his unreasonable, outrageous, spending as sitting President. The USA citizens will be struggling to bring down the USA debt for decades to come. Thank You, President Obama for: 1. Trillions of dollars of debt; 2. Biggest and longest unemployment record ever; 3. Longest housing slump ever; 4. Longest time of NO National Budget (not to mention a balanced one); 5. Largest loss of guns to foreign criminals; 6.)Federal Government against State Government.

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## **Congresswoman Jenkins' Statement on President Obama's Decision to Evoke Executive Privilege**

Wednesday morning, President Obama took another action that struck at the heart of our system of government. He asserted his executive privilege in an attempt to further stonewall a congressional investigation into the Fast and Furious gun running operation that led to the death of, Brian Terry, an American citizen. The President and I have not agreed on much when it comes to policy since we were both sworn into office in January of 2009, but one area where I believed we had common ground was on the importance of the rule of law and transparency in government. In fact, the President made government transparency a cornerstone to his presidency stating,

*Information will not be withheld just because I say so; it will be withheld because a separate authority believes my request is well-grounded in the Constitution. Let me say it as simply as I can: transparency and the rule of law will be the touchstones of the Presidency.*

With these recent actions, it has become painfully clear to me that we no longer see eye to eye on this topic. Brian Terry's family deserves the truth; whatever that may be. In the same respect, the American public deserves transparency and confidence that any Administration, regardless of party, will operate in a straightforward fashion. President Obama has chosen to go a different direction. That is deeply disappointing and I urge him to reconsider this decision. **Statement on the House Floor Supporting an Energy and Jobs Bill.** Also on Wednesday, the Domestic Energy and Jobs Act, H.R. 4880 was debated on the floor of the House. I had the opportunity to speak in favor of this bill during the floor debate. This legislation is another attempt by House Republicans to assist our country in taking a step towards energy independence. The Domestic Energy and Jobs Act strengthens our energy security, removes the bureaucratic red tape hindering American energy production, and creates American jobs. The House ended up passing the Domestic Energy and Jobs Act with a solid majority of 248-163 voting in support. Hopefully the Senate will follow suit and pass this needed legislation.

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## **Mitt Romney – Personal Information:**

- His full Name is: Willard Mitt Romney
- He was Born: March 12, 1947 and is 65 years old.
- His Father: George W. Romney, former Governor of the State of Michigan
- He was Raised in: Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
- He is Married to: Ann Romney since 1969; they have five children
- Education: B.A. from Brigham Young University , J.D. and M.B.A. from Harvard University
- Religion: Mormon – The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints

## **Working Background:**

- After high school, he spent 30 months in France as a Mormon missionary.
- After going to both Harvard Business School and Harvard Law School simultaneously, he passed the Michigan bar, but never worked as an attorney.
- In 1984, he co-founded Bain Capital a private equity investment firm, one of the largest such firms in the United States.
- In 1994, he ran for Senator of Massachusetts and lost to Ted Kennedy.
- He was President and C.E.O. of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.
- In 2002, he was elected Governor of the State of Massachusetts where he eliminated a 1.5 billion deficit.

## Some Interesting Fact about Romney:

- Bain Capital, starting with one small office supply store in Massachusetts, turned it into Staples; now over 2,000 stores employing 90,000 people.
- Bain Capital also worked to perform the same kinds of business Miracles again and again, with companies like Domino's, Sealy, Brookstone, Weather Channel, Burger King, Warner Music Group, Dollarama, Home Depot Supply, and many others.
- He was an unpaid volunteer campaign worker for his dad's gubernatorial campaign 1 year.
- He was an unpaid intern in his dad's governor's office for eight years.
- He was an unpaid bishop and stake president of his church for ten years.
- He was an unpaid President of the Salt Lake Olympic Committee for three years.
- He took no salary and was the unpaid Governor of Massachusetts for four years.
- He gave his entire inheritance from his father to charity.
- Mitt Romney is one of the wealthiest self-made men in our country but has given more back to its citizens in terms of money, service and time than most men.

## Mitt Romney is Trustworthy:

- He will show us his birth certificate
- He will show us his high school and college transcripts.
- He will show us his social security card.
- He will show us his law degree.
- He will show us his draft notice.
- He will show us his medical records.
- He will show us his income tax records.
- He will show us he has nothing to hide.

Mitt Romney's background, experience and trustworthiness show him to be a great leader and an excellent President of the United States .

It is not commonly known he and Bain Capital were involved in so many successful businesses. All we ever hear is all the jobs his company eliminated. It looks to me like there were a lot of jobs created.

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!

*We have been told that Mitt Romney is even more **conservative** than this info indicates. With this record as a businessman it appears to me we would have a lot to gain to have this man at the helm of running this nation. This is an impressive list of successful business accomplishments; as well as speaking of a man committed to others success. I would like to have like info on Barack Obama to put side by side with Mitt Romney's. Stop and think about that comparison; then decide which man you would prefer to put in the White House, which man do you want to be working on the economy of the USA; helping individual Americans succeed? Which man actually cares about business' success and individuals success in our country? One very important comparison would be that Mitt Romney continues to hold his ability to work/act as a lawyer if he so desires; unlike both Barack & Michelle Obama, whose law license has been revoked.*

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I've been thinking a lot about race lately. There's no way to escape the topic since nearly everybody and his brother are accusing conservatives of being racists.

Eric Holder said that Americans are cowards when it comes to race. Maybe we are. No one likes to be called a racist. I'm not a coward. I want to talk about race since many black neighborhoods and schools are disintegrating. Too many young blacks have succumbed to an ingrown black culture that is not healthy. Cultural integrity can be a good thing, but not when it's manufactured in the name of a blame-game.

Blacks are going to have to save themselves. The place to start is where the disintegration is most visible.

Consider these statistics from The New Century Foundation's *The Color of Crime* (2005), an American report on the differences in crime rates by race. It found the following:

Blacks are seven times more likely than people of other races to commit murder, and eight times more likely to commit robbery.

Hispanics commit violent crimes at roughly three times the white rate.

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Of the nearly 770,000 violent interracial crimes committed every year involving blacks and whites, blacks commit 85 percent and whites commit 15 percent.

Blacks are an estimated 39 times more likely to commit a violent crime against a white than vice versa, and 136 times more likely to commit robbery.

Blacks are 2.25 times more likely to commit officially-designated hate crimes against whites than vice versa.

Only 10 percent of youth gang members are white.

Hispanics are 19 times more likely than whites to be members of youth gangs. Blacks are 15 times more likely, and Asians are nine times more likely.

Blacks are seven times more likely to be in prison than whites. Hispanics are three times more likely.

As difficult as blacks had it during the days of segregation, a distinctly black culture developed even in the prevalence of racist attitudes and restrictive laws. We forget, or have never been told, that Washington, D.C., from 1920 to 1960, "was a financial, spiritual, and cultural stronghold. Because Washington was a segregated city, blacks simply created their own metropolis. . . . The first black bank, the Industrial Savings Bank, was started here." While "the black population of New York's Harlem inherited many of its buildings from previous white owners, . . . many of the buildings in Shaw were paid for by black businessmen and built by black hands." [1]

Families were intact, the divorce and unwed mother rates were no different from that of white communities.

Take a look photographs of the 1963 March on Washington led by Martin Luther King, Jr. Notice how everyone is dressed. Most of the men are wearing suits and ties. Many of the women are wearing hats, as are the men. There is a dignity about the crowd.

Blacks are not helped by the continued claim that all problems for them are racial. Some are, but most aren't. Black on black crime is not the fault of white people. Sky-high out-of-wedlock births are not the fault of whites. High dropout rates among blacks are not the fault of whites. The solution is not to cry "racism" and blame everything on whites or hundreds of years of oppression. Blacks won't find their problems solved by appealing to the State.

Welfare programs have done a lot to keep black families down by subsidizing family fragmentation and fostering multi-generational dependency. Black problems aren't solved by naming streets after Martin Luther King, Jr. The same can be said for the King Holiday and Black History Month. These are liberal crumbs to appease the black community, but have any of these actions helped blacks?

Guilt-ridden whites vote for the advocates of government dependency, and anyone who does not will be labeled — you guessed it — a "racist." It's a cover for the bill of goods that so-called black leaders sold to their people in the name of "social justice."

Subsidies have led to the immobility of the poor, the breakup of the black family, and dependency on government programs. My message to blacks: Do the right thing and work to fix it. Cast aside those who have been leading down the real road to recovery. Will the task be hard? Herculean. Are there people who will pitch in to help? Lots! But we won't do it if the answer is going to be more government, guilt, and charges of 'racism' every time you don't like what's being offered as real solutions.

Blacks of America unite . . . the only thing you have to lose are your chains of dependency and victimhood.

**(Incidentally — Gary DeMar is a Black Man!!)**

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The decision on OBAMACARE just came down from the Supreme Court. There is no time to put that info in here – that will be for the next issue. Hmmmmmm – The Supreme Court is saying parts of it is OK because IT IS A TAX AND CONGRESS CAN PASS A TAX. IT SEEMS A LOT IS BEING LEFT TO THE INDIVIDUAL STATES!! How do YOU want it to play out? Let US know. We need to know what YOU want!! We need more info all the way around!!

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