

Amnesty to illegal aliens

Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano announced that the Obama administration would grant election-year amnesty to certain illegal aliens age 16 to 29.

It would apply to those who came here before the age of 16, have not been convicted of any major crimes, are in or have completed school or military service and can somehow prove they have never returned to their own country since coming here.

In addition to freedom from criminal prosecution for immigration law violations, the administration will allow these illegal aliens permission to work.

When the 1986 Immigration and Reform Control Act gave amnesty to roughly 3 million illegal aliens, it also gave the attorney general the authority to change the terms of work authorization as he or she sees fit. Since then, the Department of Homeland Security secretary has assumed that authority.

I support the HALT Act (HR 2497), which would reserve that authority to the elected Congress, not a political appointee or the president.

With this election-year amnesty, once again the Obama administration has put politics ahead of the U.S. Constitution and the Executive Branch's obligation to enforce the law evenly and across the board.

And, with this ruling, the Obama Administration has created an enforcement nightmare by design. How and to what extent can agents determine the actual fulfillment of the eligibility criteria?

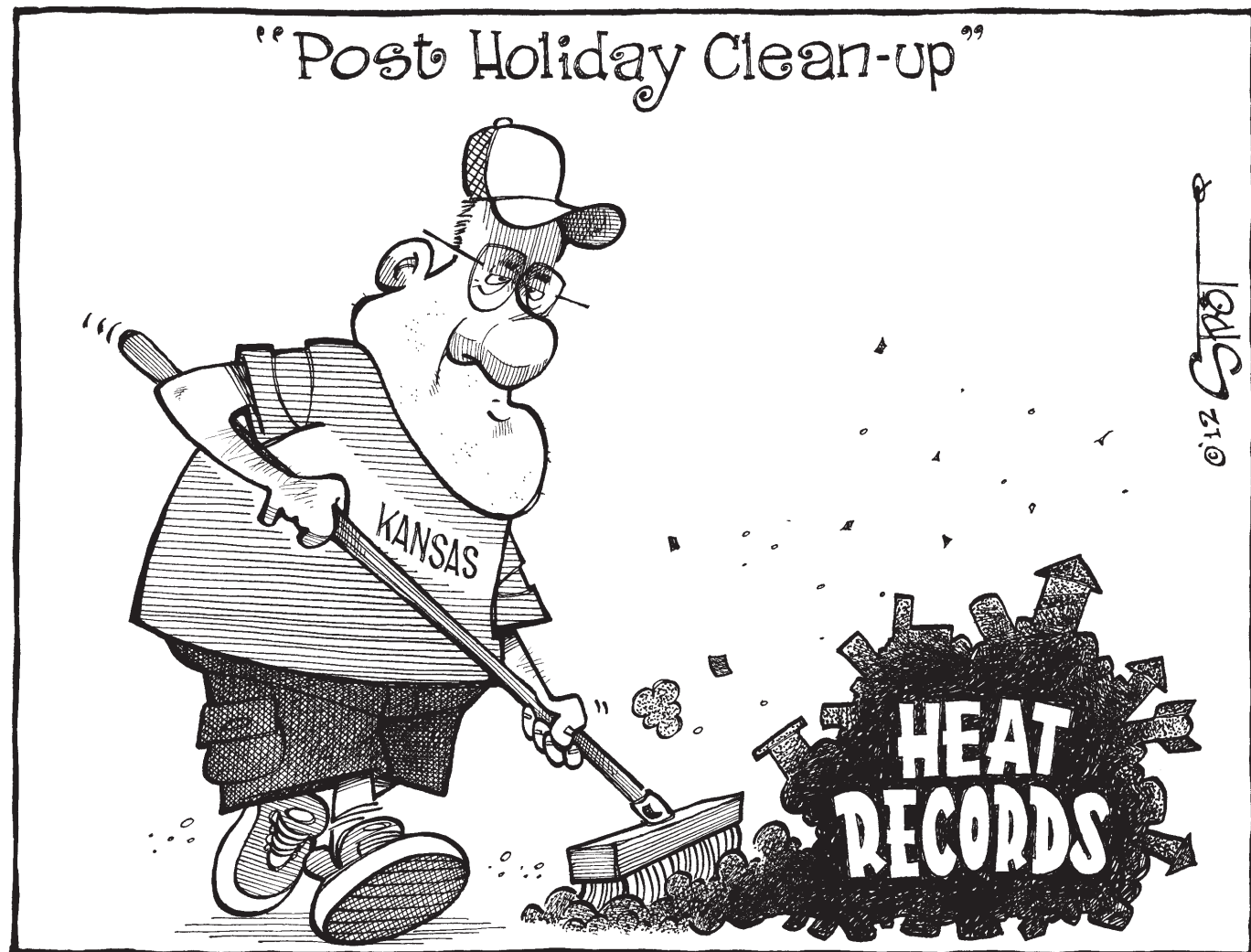
The terms of this arrangement say that an eligible person cannot have committed a crime. However, entering the country illegally, overstaying a visa or using fraudulent documents like fake Social Security cards or birth certificates are all crimes. Yet, many people eligible for this amnesty will not have a charge or conviction for any of these crimes.

Ours is a nation of laws, yet Secretary Napolitano said immigration laws are not supposed to be "blindly enforced." Ironically, America is an attractive place to live, work, and raise a family because the rule of law protects the freedoms to do all of that. Yet, undermining the rule of law is exactly what the Obama Administration does with this new order.

We already have millions of people who are out of work, and now President Obama wants to make more people legally eligible to work? One out of two recent college graduates are unemployed or underemployed and more than 70 percent of teenagers are without summer jobs. Certainly America is about opportunity, but not when the law has been broken and exploited by those illegally in this country.

President Obama's announcement shows only crass election-year politics, not any concern for the responsibilities and duties – as well as limitations – of his office.

Tim Huelskamp, a Republican from Fowler, and a former state senator, is the congressman for the 1st District of Kansas.



A cry for help in finding a loved one

Whether one uses the phrase, "It's a Small World", or "Six Degrees of Separation", the basic tenet is the same. We are a connected species. Which brings me to the point of today's column. I am asking for your help. My 74 year old cousin, Patricia Wallace of Lafayette, Colorado, is missing. She is an avid hiker, having hiked all over the world and recently returned from Costa Rica. She became separated from the Colorado hiking group on Tuesday, July 3rd, and hasn't been seen since. They were hiking in the Camp Dick area near the 50 mile marker of the Peak to Peak Highway. There have been search and rescue teams, dog teams, airplanes, a helicopter and teams to search the bodies of water, but to no avail.

According to an article in Sky-Hi News: "Wallace was last spotted by hikers near the top of Buchanan Pass around 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3,

Phase II Mary Kay Woodyard



heading away from the trailhead where she was supposed to meet her friends. Buchanan Pass is about 9 miles east of Monarch Lake in the Indian Peaks Wilderness."

Let me tell you about her. She is a mother, a grandmother, a sister, a cousin, a friend, and a traveler. She loves to snow shoe and, as I said, is a seasoned hiker. She retired a few years ago as a librarian for the University of Colorado in Boulder. There have been signs of early dementia, but she still fulfills her volunteer work in Denver,

travels, hikes frequently, and lives independently.

She is 5-feet 5-inches tall, 135 pounds with dark brown hair and hazel eyes. She was wearing a big floppy hat and often hikes with trekking poles. We hope if you are in the hiking area or have friends or family in the area you will pass along this information. Tips can be called to the Boulder County Sheriff's Office at 303-441-4444.

If it is true we all know someone, who knows someone, who knows someone, then maybe she can be found through our combined efforts. Because people from this area often vacation in Colorado or have family, we would ask all to keep your eyes and ears open. But most of all I believe in the power of prayer and I ask you to pray for guidance for rescue personnel, and peace and strength for all involved. mkwoodyard@ruraltel.net

CITY OF NORTON ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor: David Corns
785-877-2990
dcorns@ruraltel.net

WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3
Jerry Jones 785-877-2170	Roberta Ryan 785-877-2182	Ron Briery 785-877-3807
Harriett Gill 785-877-3051	Donna Foley 785-877-3585 rockonmom_49@hotmail.com	Jerry Moritz 785-877-3104

Call Dana for your next ad. 877-3361!

Fundraising for a cause by baking pies

Our town does not have a true restaurant so having a Sunday noon benefit at the Legion translates into successful fundraisers for all kinds of groups.

We go eat (because we like to eat) but I live in fear I will be asked to help out. I prefer writing a check to hours cooking, serving, setting and cleaning up.

I've helped several non profits raise money over the years. However in the end, even non-profits sell a product or service. If enough income cannot be generated to keep the doors open, outside fundraising is not the answer.

Sometimes fundraising is so every kid has an opportunity to participate in an activity. Cheerleading and dance come to mind. I agree that it's unfair that only kids who can afford camp be eligible. But I wonder does anyone ever think about the dollars two 9x13 desserts plus hours at the fundraiser by mom, dad and the kid represent.

Our church is to provide pies for a fundraiser in a nearby town because Jenny, the recipient of the funds, has strong ties to our community. She is also the hubby's cousin. In this case I am more than happy to help out.

However the process of providing a pie has me stymied. The day the pie request was made, it was explained that a pie at an area bakery was \$10. A volunteer would pick up and deliver the

This Too Shall Pass Nancy Hagman



pies to the venue the day of the event. So all you would have to do is make a phone call to order pie.

Perhaps I do not know the congregation well--I do know that Alice makes the finest custard pie I've ever eaten. (That's saying a lot because my mom's was fantastic.)

What I thought I knew was if you don't want to bake a pie, you wouldn't sign up to bake a pie. In my world if you want to give \$10 you should give it to Jenny not the bakery.

Undoubtedly the issue of who bakes the pies bothers me because of the reason we are raising money. Which is Jenny has cancer and no health insurance.

In another situation we know that a young couple is taking bankruptcy because of medical bills. It is not an uncommon situation.

We live in the greatest nation in the world. No one should have to depend on the fundraising efforts of friends for healthcare. Choose between bankruptcy and healthcare.

I have my doubts that "Obamacare" will solve anything but it is time we tried something.

I read if you don't have health insurance in 2014 you will pay one percent of your income as a penalty. I figured it out and decided the hubby and I would be better off dropping our health insurance. Until our income rises to 1.5 million we will be ahead.

I'm a little fuzzy about what would happen if we got sick. Will health care be available or will we be left hoping someone planned benefit for us?

Depending on the year our health insurance is 20-30 percent of our income. And we are healthy. This penalty seems to indicate if everyone paid only one percent we'd have enough money.

But that can't be right? We pay more than that for Medicare, which is hardly awash in cash.

I readily admit I have not read the "Obamacare" law. Have you?

Government interference rarely helps, but our current system is hardly an enviable success others clamor to duplicate.

We have the potential to do great good. Rather than play partisan politics and generally live in fear, why not put our best efforts into forming a sustainable plan?

Until then, I guess I'll be baking pies!

THE NORTON TELEGRAM

OFFICE HOURS:
8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Thur.
8 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Friday
Phone: (785) 877-3361
Fax: (785) 877-3732

E-mail: nortontelegram@nwkansas.com

ISSN 1063-701X
215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton, KS 67654

Published each Tuesday and Friday by Haynes Publishing Co., 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton, Kan. 67654. Periodicals mail postage paid at Norton, Kan. 67654.

Postmaster: Send address changes to Norton Telegram, 215 S. Kansas, Norton, Kan. 67654
Official newspaper of Norton and Norton County. Member of the Kansas Press Association, National Newspaper Association, and the Nebraska Press Association

Nor'West Newspapers
Dick and Mary Beth Boyd
Publishers, 1970-2002

Kansas Press Association



Letters to the Editor and Thumbs Up:
e-mail dpaxton@nwkansas.com
or to write 215 S. Kansas Ave. 67654
785-877-3361



Remember there is no charge for rendering a Thumbs Up. Thumbs Up are meant to give recognition for a positive person or event in the community. Also remember all Letters to the Editor must be signed.