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EXCLUSIVE:
House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has directed nearly $100,000 from her political action committee to her husband's real estate and investment firm over the past decade, a practice of paying a spouse with political donations that she supported banning last year.
Financial Leasing Services Inc. (FLS), owned by Paul F. Pelosi, has received $99,000 in rent, utilities and accounting fees from the speaker's "PAC to the Future" over the PAC's nine-year history.
The payments have quadrupled since Mr. Pelosi took over as treasurer of his wife's committee in 2007, Federal Election Commission records show.
FLS is on track to take in $48,000 in payments this year alone - eight times as much as it received annually from 2000 to 2005, when the committee was run by another treasurer.
Lawmakers' frequent use of campaign donations to pay relatives emerged as an issue in the 2006 election campaigns, when the Jack Abramoff lobbying scandal gave Democrats fodder to criticize Republicans such as former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas and Rep. John T. Doolittle of California for putting their wives on their campaign and PAC payrolls for fundraising work.

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Last year, Mrs. Pelosi supported a bill that would have banned members of Congress from putting spouses on their campaign staffs. The bill - which passed the House in a voice vote but did not get out of a Senate committee - banned not only direct payments by congressional campaign committees and PACs to spouses for services including consulting and fundraising, but also "indirect compensation," such as payments to companies that employ spouses.

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By: tslate
I think you're being too hard on poor Nancy, after all she has cosmetic surgery to maintain, eye lifts, cheek lifts, butt lifts, boob enlargments and lifts, teeth replacements, hair dressing, coloring. Cmon, how else can she afford the

essentials? Do you people know nothing?! I think Congress needs these things to look attractive when they tell us the nations bankrupt. How big a S-eating grin did Harry Reid have and Dodd behind him? I'm sorry I disagree this is simply deductible job expenses. God bless the lame-o-crats, at least they don't hide being a den of thieves and prostitutes anymore.

October 1, 2008 at 6:26 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: jeffjohn

shaktima,
I guess it is only credible if it is written about Republicans without any sources? I don't think you can confuse pelosi with a centrist or moderate Republican. So I therefore think you are the one that is full of S**T.

October 1, 2008 at 6:14 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: johnannvw

What bigger joke is there??? They think their invincible and therefore hypocrisy is inevitable. It's like the Hollywood connection and their opinions. You know what they say about opinions!

October 1, 2008 at 6 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: jeckelmyhyde

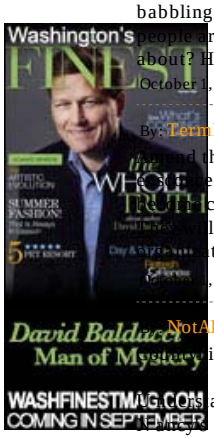
LOOKS LIKE A CULTURE OF CORRUPTION

October 1, 2008 at 5:50 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: shaktima

All of you are full of crap. The Wash Times isn't exactly credible journalism, and they cite no proof or sources for this "scoop". And regarding the Dems--it is you and your ilk who are traitors and filth, liars, cheats, thieves, criminals. Punk Bush and Cheney should be in jail. And the so-called far left you idiots keep babbling about--what far left? You wouldn't know it if you saw it. Most of these people are centrists and moderate Repubs.. And socialism--wtf are you talking about? Hitler? Look to G.WB for dictator status.

October 1, 2008 at 5:42 p.m.



By: TermLimits4Congress

[illegible] the Constitution: we need term limits for Congress. These people get [illegible]ed once they are elected and forget whom they are working for. They [illegible] career wheelers-and-dealers. No more than 2 or 3 terms for these bozos. [illegible] never vote themselves term limits, so we have to create a grass roots [illegible]tion to get 3/4 of the states to vote YES. Enough is enough.

[illegible], 2008 at 5:35 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: NotALefty

[illegible]iner, I couldn't have said it any better than you!

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October 1, 2008 at 5:32 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: jeffjohn

Thanks for all you democrats that voted her in.
California Democrat Nancy Pelosi is now in line to become the first woman Speaker of the House. Pelosi thanked ecstatic Democrats at party headquarters in Washington and said her party stands ready to meet what she believes is a desire for change among voters. I think you democrats that are knocking her now , will be saying the same things you are now saying about palosi, about obama in a couple years if he is elected.

October 1, 2008 at 5:29 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: Punkin

The only way is to Vote them out & since there are more dems than us, we need to recruit more republicans or get the ones that don't vote to the polls on election day.. Talk to the independants too, Keep trying at every election, large or small.

October 1, 2008 at 5:28 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

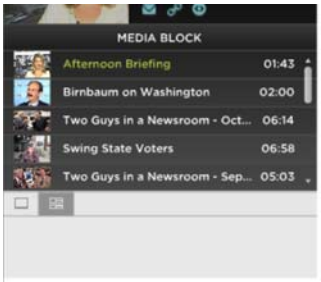
By: DJ JIMMIE P.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS INFESTED WITH FAR -LEFT , INCAPABLE ELECTED OFFICIALS. WITHOUT BEING DISRESPECTFUL, THEY ARE THE NUMBER 1 CAUSE OF THE GRID-LOCK IN WASHINGTON. THEY ARE WORKING VERY HARD TO CHANGE OR REWRITE THE VALUES THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED ON .THE DEMS HAVE SOLD OUT THEIR PARTY TO THE FAR-LEFT. THATS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE INMATES RUN THE ASYLUM.

October 1, 2008 at 5:25 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: zalty

all self serving crooks
seems there is not one politician who has the interest of the country and the people as their priority. they are all there to enrich themselves and get reelected.
its time to vote out all incumbents and get a 3 rd american people's party .



also known as a bulla or stamp, discovered near the ruins of what has been identified as King David's palace a bearing the name of an influential cour mentioned in the Hebrew Bible.

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the least government by these self servants is best.
its interesting that you never find a broke politician
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By: Cleveland Steamer
I JUST READ ALL COMMENTS. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THERE IS A REVOLUTION BEGINNING TO FORM. SLOW, VERY SLOW AT FIRST. WHEN WE REALLY LOSE OUR RIGHTS AND BEGIN TO LIVE IN A SOCIALIST STATE, THEN PEOPLE WILL RISE UP AND THROW ALL THESE CORRUPT POLITICIANS OUT AND PUT PEOPLE WHO LOVE THE USA IN OFFICE WITH TERM LIMITS...
October 1, 2008 at 5:01 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: birch
how did Pelosi become speaker of the monkey house??? She is 2 deaths away from the presidency. Yet she remains stuck on stupid!!!! {rememberthe Black Generals advice to the Democrat leadership of the state of Lousiana and the city of New Orleans in the aftermath of Katrina.} Yo Nancy use your 7th grade education and unstick yourself STUPID.
October 1, 2008 at 4:58 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: issm
Politicians are a necessary evil. They're weird enough to go to all the trouble of running for and then holding office, rather than being with their families, in front of the computer typing diatribes about politicians or whatever. That said, I don't like Pelosi.
If all the steam being blown off in this forum could be captured, we wouldn't need nuclear power.
October 1, 2008 at 4:57 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: Cleveland Steamer
SHE IS THE MOST CORRUPT, ARROGANT AND INEFFECTIVE SPEAKER IN MY LIFETIME, PERHAPS OF ALL TIME. SHE CARES MORE ABOUT POWER AND HERSELF THAN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. SHE SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED.
October 1, 2008 at 4:57 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: stevenja
Is this proving to be newsworthy anywhere other than here (WT)? I'll bet that if I watch any of the major 'news' networks tonight other than Fox, I won't hear a peep. Forget about getting rid of Pelosi, her creepy far-left constituency won't vote her out no matter what she does or says. She has only further contributed to the public's apathy and mistrust towards the federal government, and unfortunately we can probably look forward to seeing her front and center for years to come.
October 1, 2008 at 4:42 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: CO-Ariesdancer
I want to stop paying this womans wages, (Pelosi). She as a government official works for us. I want to fire her and few of her colleagues and stop paying their wages. How do we do that? I will be the first in line to sign any petition to get her out of politics and off my payroll.
October 1, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: Chuck Rivers
You think this is bad (and it is), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) paid her family over $300,000 in about the same time period. And, she Blackburn failed to report $440,000 in campaign contributions and expentitures.
Pelosi should step down as speaker, Blackburn should give up her leadership positions with House Republicans, and both should be investigated by the Justice Department.
October 1, 2008 at 4:23 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: stephenwe66
Nancy has been an extremely negative figure to lead Congress. She always points her finger at President Bush and stands in stubborn arm locks with her buddies Reid and Frank. She has certainly reached her level of incompetence and should politely and quickly step down. At this time of serious financial crisis we do not need a thief as our Speaker of the House.
October 1, 2008 at 4:21 p.m. | Mark as Offensive

By: ozymandias888
In all honesty, what difference does it make?
Dems can do anything they want - whether it's graft or bringing on the current financial crisis or stealing votes - and the MSM will cover for them.
Things will have to get a LOT worse before they get better.
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