

IS NANCY PELOSI CALIFORNIA'S MOST CORRUPT ALCOHOLIC?

Taxpayers' \$101,000 includes Pelosi's in-flight 'food, booze'

Speaker's trips 'are more about partying than anything else'



[Bob Unruh About](#) | [Email](#) |

[Archive](#)

Bob Unruh joined WND in 2006 after nearly three decades with the Associated Press, as well as several Upper Midwest newspapers, where he covered everything from legislative battles and sports to tornadoes and homicidal survivalists. He is also a photographer whose scenic work has been used commercially.



[Subscribe to feed](#)

Share on Facebook

Share on Twitter

Email



[Print](#)

It reads like a dream order for a wild frat party: Maker's Mark whiskey, Courvoisier cognac, Johnny Walker Red scotch, Grey Goose vodka, E&J brandy, Bailey's Irish Crème, Bacardi Light rum, Jim Beam whiskey, Beefeater gin, Dewars scotch, Bombay Sapphire gin, Jack Daniels whiskey ... and Corona beer.

A
BOLLING
(20
PHYLLI
CALLENDERPHYLLISRAAFES COM

J WALKER RED 750ML SCOTCH 86 08811002130	15.50
GREY GOOSE VODKA 80PF 75CL 08048028002	53.30
2 @ 26.65/	
E&J BRANDY 80PF 750ML 0850000413	8.25
BAILEYS ORG. IRISH CRM 750ML 08676721006	18.15
MAKERS MARK 90PF 750ML 08524613943	18.00
COURVOISIER COGNAC 1.75L 08058696102	47.75
COURVOISIER VS 80PF 750ML 08058696104	24.50
BACARDI LIGHT RUM 80PF 750ML 08048001540	9.65
JIM BEAM 4YR 80PF 750ML 08058600140	10.25
COURVOISIER VS 80PF 750ML 08058696104	24.50
BEEFEATER GIN 94PF 1L 08954033348	18.99
DEWARS WHT LBL 750ML 08048023002	19.95
BOMBAY SAPPHIRE GIN 750ML 08048030102	14.99
JACK DANIELS BLK 750ML 80PF 08218409046	18.95
CORONA EXTRA 12/12 OZ NRB 08066095615	21.98
2 @ 10.99/	
CANADA DRY TONIC DRY 10 OZ 07800000123	5.90
2 @ 2.95/	
CANADA DRY 6-PK 10 OZ SODA 07800000119	5.7
2 @ 2.95/	
MEZZACORONA MERLOT 08724168112	8.99

But that single receipt makes up just part of the more than \$101,000 taxpayers paid for “in-flight services” – including food and liquor, for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s trips on Air Force jets over the last two years. That’s almost \$1,000 per week.

[Fed up with the condescending clowns in Congress? Send them a “pink slip!”](#)

Documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by [Judicial Watch](#), which investigates and prosecutes government corruption, show Pelosi incurred expenses of some \$2.1 million for her use of Air Force jets for travel over that time.

“Speaker Pelosi has a history of wasting taxpayer funds with her boorish demands for military travel,” Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton said today. “And these documents suggest the Speaker’s congressional delegations are more about partying than anything else.”

Pelosi, D-Calif., [recently joined President Obama on a Judicial Watch list of Top 10 corrupt politicians](#) because of her “sense of entitlement,” the group said.

“Politicians believe laws and rules (even the U.S. Constitution) apply to the rest of us but not to them. Case in point: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her excessive and boorish demands for military travel. Judicial Watch obtained documents from the Pentagon in 2008 that suggest Pelosi has been treating the Air Force like her own personal airline,” the evaluation said.

And [WND reported almost a year ago](#) that Pelosi was shown to have been erratically canceling and rescheduling flights, as one would with an on-call taxi service.

[Do the tone-deaf lawmakers in D.C. make your blood boil? Read all about Washington and its politics of corruption in “Breach of Trust.”](#)

“We have ... folks prepping the jets and crews driving in (not a short drive for some), cooking meals and preflighting the jets etc,” said one Department of Defense e-mail then.

Another official sent an e-mail questioning a series of Pelosi’s requests for aircraft.

“Any chance of politely querying [Pelosi’s team] if they really intend to do all of these or are they just picking every weekend?” it stated. “[T]here’s no need to block every weekend ‘just in case’...”

The e-mail noted that the speaker’s office had “a history of canceling many of their past requests.”

Yet another e-mail exchange at that time revealed Pelosi’s demand that jets pick her up at Travis Air Force Base rather than San Francisco’s airport.

“She lives about 1.5 hours from SFO and much closer to Travis. ... Whether it is the best use of assets is not the question. But instead is it worth upsetting the speaker. ...”

Said another, “This is a battle that we are bound to lose if we tell the speaker(‘s) office. In the end, this is what will happen. I wish that I could say this is a one-time request, but we know it will probably happen again in the future.”

Yet another indicated a deep level of frustration:

“Here is the laydown: there are five G5s. Two are broke. Two off on CODELS. One slated for priority White House... we should keep on G-III for now for Tuesday afternoon and start sacrificing goats and chickens.”

Judicial Watch said the newly obtained [2,000 pages of documentation](#) show Pelosi’s military travel cost the U.S. Air Force \$2,100,744.59 over two years – including \$101,429.14 for in-flight expenses, including food and alcohol.

Among the newest highlights revealed:

- Pelosi used Air Force aircraft to travel back to her district at an average cost of \$28,210.51 per flight. Of 103 Pelosi-led congressional delegations (CODEL), 31 trips included members of the House speaker’s family.
- One CODEL traveling from Washington, D.C., through Tel Aviv, Israel, to Baghdad, Iraq, May 15-20, 2008, “to discuss matters of mutual concern with government leaders” included members of Congress and their spouses and cost \$17,931 per hour in aircraft alone. This flight included the purchase of the long list of alcoholic drinks.
- According to a “Memo for Record” from a March 29-April 7, 2007, CODEL that involved a stop in Israel, “CODEL could only bring kosher items into the hotel. Kosher alcohol for mixing beverages in the delegation room was purchased on the local economy i.e. bourbon, whiskey, scotch, vodka, gin, triple sec, tequila, etc.

Pelosi’s office could not be reached for comment. The answering machine said the office would be closed until Monday, and the mailbox was full, so no messages could be left.

Judicial Watch Inc. describes itself as a constitutionally conservative, nonpartisan educational foundation that promotes transparency, accountability and integrity in government, politics and the law.