

FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

Faith, Freedom & Citizenship Class

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DEER SEASON IS HERE

Friday I will leave to deer hunt for a week. This issue is being written on Tuesday so some of the material may not be as current by Sunday. Please forgive me. Ed.

Vote 'Em Up or Vote 'Em Down ...Just Vote!

"Weary of Senate Democrats' continued efforts to block President Bush's judicial nominees, Republicans have planned a 30-hour, all-night session Wednesday to force a marathon debate about Democratic stalling tactics that have left several nominations in limbo.

"The talkathon, supported by the entire 51-member GOP caucus, would freeze the business of the Senate, preventing further work on the nine unfinished fiscal year 2004 spending bills, a comprehensive energy measure and Medicare legislation. It also endangers the target recess date of Nov. 21. 'The objective is to get an up or a down vote. These nominees deserve their day in court,' said Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., architect of the GOP strategy.

"...Republicans plan to debate throughout Wednesday night and possibly Thursday, and if a window opens in which all 51 GOP senators are present but no Democrat is available to object to a unanimous consent motion, Brown, Kuhl and Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen could be confirmed. 'One of the reasons you do it at night is you may have a situation where someone doesn't drink enough coffee and you have the opportunity to put a vote and if we have that opportunity, we're going to take it,' Santorum said." - *Fox News, 11/7/03*

COMMENT: It is about time, after over two years. No one ever accused the Senate of being reckless. If you call your Senators today congratulate them on finally taking action. Let's all pray that we will confirm these conservative judges. Ed.

TV & HI TAXES, BAD FOR KIDS

...Television networks tried to push the envelope this season with racy adult-oriented programming. But while critics raved about the shows, viewers turned them off. Fox cancelled the new show *Skin* after just three episodes. NBC's explicit *Coupling* is headed for the shelf during the fall sweeps when viewership is measured. The reason? No one is watching, says Family News In Focus. Dr. Ted Baehr of the Christian Film and Television Commission says pushing this type of programming shows how out of touch Hollywood is with mainstream America. "Many of these producers don't think that there's anything between New York and L.A. -- they call it the 'flyover district.' And because of that, they ignore the great body of Americans who

want good material," says the media scholar. Baehr says quality family shows like *Doc* and *Seventh Heaven* are maintaining solid viewership.

...For 25 years, Dr. Ted Baehr has reviewed secular movies and shows from a Christian perspective. The entertainment critic says now more than ever, concerned parents need to be on guard when it comes to entertainment for their teenagers and children. Baehr says sex and violence are so common in television and movies that, unfortunately, many Christian parents do not adequately monitor Hollywood entertainment. The Christian media expert says by age 17, the average child has spent anywhere between 40,000 and 63,000 hours watching television and movies and playing video games. Parents, he says, need to be informed about what their children and their peers are watching. "That is a tremendous amount of time when you consider that they only go to church for 11,000 hours," he says. "Forty or fifty years ago, we didn't see what they do today [in the media]. They've seen 50,000 murders; children today have seen over a million sex acts -- things that you wouldn't have thought about years ago." Baehr says parents should to go God's Word for guidance -- specifically, the fifth chapter of the Book of Ephesians, which warns believers not to speak any foul or vulgar language. "And those who do are in danger of not getting into the Kingdom of Heaven -- so it's a very serious issue," he says. Earlier this year, the American Medical Association said violence in the mass media is leading to increased violent behavior in teens and young adults.

...A study by Brown University has found that children who come home to an empty house often get into a lot of trouble -- and while that information may not surprise many people, some may find the depth of the problem quite startling. About a third of the 10- to 14-year-olds studied were into anything from drug abuse to stealing when coming home to an empty house. Dr. Allan Josephson, professor of child psychiatry at the University of Louisville, tells Family News In Focus that family finances often dictate the "home alone" situation -- but sometimes it is by choice. "There's a cost to being a parent," he says, "and a lot of families might be trying to buy a nicer car and their kids are running the risk of becoming delinquent. That's something that parents have trouble hearing, that kids don't raise themselves." Moms in the workforce were just 1 in 3 in 1950. Now, by necessity or by choice, that number is approaching 80%. *From AgapePress Christian News Service 11/11/03.*

COMMENT: The root problem of why parents are not at home is HIGH TAXES. Both parents have to work so hard to make ends meet supporting BIG GOVERNMENTS. The high taxes are needed to support a huge bloated government. This applies at all levels, Federal, State and local

governments, they are all too big. If you want to know who the guilty culprits are, just check the voting lists for the elected officials voting for yet another big spending bill. If we could just get our government to obey the Constitution the government would cost about 25% as much, and we would all prosper. Editor.

PREPARING FOR A ONE WORLD GOV'T

...U.S. Supreme Court Justices Anthony Kennedy and Sandra Day O'Connor have indicated that Americans ought to adopt European-style laws. But at least one leading conservative is recommending impeachment for even suggesting such a thing. Pro-family activist and former presidential candidate Gary Bauer says the justices' remarks should incite freedom-loving people all over America. He believes the comments are meant to "soften up" the American public in preparation for future court decisions that will take into account existing laws in Europe. For that reason, Bauer considers the comments "an impeachable offense." He explains his reasoning: "The Constitution is clear that the purpose of the Supreme Court is to explain and interpret the Constitution. There's nothing [in there] about European Union, United Nations, or other law of any nation around the world," Bauer says. Others have called the comments "treasonous."
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ACTION: Is it time for impeachment action against about 4 justices that ignore the constitution and push their own activists agenda? Write to your congressman and Senators to express your outrage. Ed.

WTO RULES AGAINST US

U.S. Loses Trade Ruling Regarding Steel. The WTO, a United Nations organization, has ruled against the United States in a tariff dispute. Along with the ICC, the World Court, they have never ruled for the US. They don't like us. Ed.

Emboldened by a World Trade Organization ruling, China, Japan, South Korea and the European Union on Tuesday demanded the United States immediately drop its duties on imported steel or face the possibility of billions of dollars in retaliation.

The EU said it will impose retaliatory sanctions of up to \$2.2 billion by introducing 100 percent duties on some U.S. imports, effectively pricing those goods out of the EU market. Tokyo, meanwhile, said it was ready to retaliate by the end of the month unless Washington backs down.

EU officials said they plan to target tariffs at goods produced in important swing states in the 2004 presidential election, and will act if the U.S. steel duties are still in place five days after the report has been formally adopted by the WTO, which must happen within 30 days.

In a 170-page report, a three-member WTO panel on Monday rejected the bulk of the U.S. appeal of an earlier ruling that said duties of up to 30 percent introduced in March 2002 by the Bush administration breached trade rules.

The United States criticized the ruling, and

insisted it was right to impose the "safeguard" tariffs for three years.

But while WTO director-general Supachai Panitchpakdi said he hopes the countries will be able to solve the problem without resorting to sanctions, the ruling bolstered the position of countries threatening retaliation.

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ACTION: Write to your electeds and the President. Tell them not to back down under this pressure. The UN is communist, wants to destroy us, and will not ever give us a break. We need to get out of the United Nations. Ed.

PRO CHOICE CATHOLICS WARNED

...Pro-life groups are using a meeting of Catholic bishops in Washington to issue a challenge to those church leaders. American Life League president Judie Brown says there are currently 71 members of the U.S. Congress who claim to be Catholic yet promote the "culture of death" through abortion. Brown says it is time for their local bishops to take a stand. "According to Catholic teaching, the act of abortion is an act of murder," Brown states. "In the face of such undeniably mounting evidence, it is not advisable for Catholics like myself to remain silent. Something must be said and repeated consistently until the situation changes."

Brown and other Catholic lay organizations are urging the Bishops Conference to instruct members to correct those of their flocks who are promoting actions in direct conflict with church doctrine and teachings -- something that has not been done for 30 years. From AGAPE PRESS.

COMMENT: Are there any PRO-DEATH members of the Presbyterian Church that need to be rebuked? Ed.

ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT

A little history. The US Senate rejected the League of Nations after WW I. The people that formulated the League were a group of power hungry elitists. One of the leaders was a Col. Mendal House, President Wilson's special aide. His goal was "Socialism in America as dreamed of by Karl Marx."

They were shocked when the US Senate rejected them but they regrouped and formed the CFR, Council For Foreign Relations in 1921.

The CFR made its top priority preparing the United States for entry into world government, both by molding public opinion and by insinuating its members into positions of power and influence. By the time of the Second World War, CFR members were to be found in many influential posts in the federal government, particularly in the State Department. And with the conclusion of the war, conditions were finally ripe to create an international body, a protoworld government designed along socialist lines, just as Wilson, House, and their contemporaries had dreamed of. It was primarily members of the Council on Foreign Relations who were the American architects of the United Nations system. Since the founding of the UN system, the CFR-based "Anglo-American establishment" has grown considerably in clout. Editor.