

FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

Faith, Freedom & Citizenship Class

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APPOINT RECESS JUDGES

The largest pro-life organization in the U.S. says President Bush should take advantage of next month's Senate recess and appoint pro-life judges to the federal benches. In a full-page ad in today's The Washington Times, the American Life League is urging the president to "stop playing political 'dodgeball'" and use his constitutional power to make recess appointments of pro-life judges. "After two years of doing nothing but fidget and fuss over the Democrat filibuster of your nominees," the ad reads, "the Republican leadership on the Senate Judiciary Committee has proven they don't have the guts to do the right thing." Judie Brown, president of American Life League, says she is hopeful Bush will heed her group's call for action. "This is his best option for breaking the deadlock created by pro-abortion zealots in the Senate," she says. A spokesman for the League says reaction from the Senate and from pro-lifers around the country will dictate other venues for the ad. It is currently slated to appear in several other national newspapers next week. The next Senate recess is scheduled to begin just before Thanksgiving, on November 21.

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Please pray on this day, and every day, for our Patriot Armed Forces standing in harm's way around the world in defense of our liberty, and for the families awaiting their safe return. Ed.

MEDIA WRONG ABOUT IRAQ

A Marine sergeant who recently returned from duty in Iraq says despite the perception painted by the mainstream media, many Iraqis are very happy that the U.S. is helping rebuild their country. Sergeant Zachary Anderson served in Operation Iraqi Freedom as a crew chief on a light-attack helicopter. He says for the most part, the Iraqis he encountered were very friendly to the U.S. troops and appreciated that they were there. "I think the majority [of Iraqis] were generally happy to see us there," Anderson says. "Of course, you're always going to have [those who feel differently], but I think they wanted us there and they were glad for what we've done." He implies that the majority of media reports from the field are one-sided. "If I wanted to go to Iraq and find someone who didn't like Americans, I could find someone like that. But there's also plenty of people who like us [and] who we could go find," the combat veteran says. "I think it's all what you're looking for and your perception of things." Anderson says the Iraqis appreciated that the Americans gave them water and medical attention. So despite all the negatives reported by the mainstream media, he says there were plenty of positive

things to report as well.

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"It is a principle incorporated into the settled policy of America, that as peace is better than war, war is better than tribute." --James Madison

FAMILY FOUNDATION VOTER GUIDES

The Family Foundation of Virginia announced that it will be distributing approximately 200,000 non-partisan voter guides prior to this year's 2003 General Assembly elections.

Every election is critical and every vote matters, and Family Foundation voter guides will assist citizens in knowing where candidates stand on issues important to the family while fulfilling a mission of The Family Foundation - educating citizens to give Virginia families a voice.

Voter Guides will not be available in every election! Districts where voter guides will be available were selected based upon the competitiveness of the race, distribution capacity, and available financial resources. Voter guides will be distributed in the following local districts:

6 - Andy Protogyro (D) v. Nick Rerras (R), Norfolk /Eastern Shore

To find out who your legislators are go to

<http://conview.state.va.us/whosmy/constinput.asp> and type in your address.

Visit the web site at www.familyfoundation.org

LAWYERS GET PAID

"It takes more time and effort to stalk beasts in the backwoods than it does to shoot fish in a barrel. . . . (For this appeal) not much stalking by plaintiffs' counsel was required."

- 11th Circuit Court of Appeals rejecting a bill of \$76,109 from attorneys who successfully argued for the removal of a Ten Commandments shrine from an Alabama courthouse. The court noted that the lead attorney in the case had focused on First Amendment religious cases for the last five years, including seven other Ten Commandments cases

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Comment: *The only winners in most of these long court cases are the trial lawyers who get paid by the hour no matter who wins. It is sad that in our country the loser does not have to pay in many if not most cases. In the rest of the world the loser pays. This cuts down greatly on frivolous lawsuits. I'm glad the taxpayers didn't get stuck with the bill for removing the 10 Commandments. Editor.*

BE ACTIVE, CALL OR WRITE TODAY!!!

Let's Play Hardball

"Senate Republicans plan a blitz to confirm President Bush's stalled judicial nominations soon after returning from break next week. Though their first priority will be passing Mr. Bush's \$87 billion request for occupying and rebuilding Iraq, top Republicans said the blocked judges will be next on the agenda. Their plans include forcing around-the-clock debate on filibustered nominees, introducing a change in Senate rules that would bar filibusters against judicial nominees and creating a 'judges week,' during which all other legislative issues would be pushed aside to make way for debate on the nominees. . . . Democrats said they've heard rumblings about Republican plans but remain committed to blocking the nominees."

- Washington Times, 10/12/03

ACTION: It is about time. Write to Senators Warner and Allen now and urge, no demand, that they play hardball and get those judges approved. Ed.

Prayer and "Under God" etc.

TAKE ACTION: U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard and U.S. Rep. Chip Pickering have introduced identical bills in their respective chambers of Congress to strip federal courts like the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals from ruling on matters involving the Pledge of Allegiance, the national motto and the Ten Commandments. To learn more about these and other bills to fight activist judges, and to contact your congressman and senators and urge them to support those bills, visit the "Take Action" section of our Stop Judicial Tyranny Web site.

http://www.family.org/cforum/judicial_tyranny/take_action.cfm?pt=tc from CITIZENLINK

Comment: "How many of these decisions will we have before the people say, 'Enough'?"

EAGLE FORUM---TAKE ACTION:

The attacks on traditional marriage are escalating. Congress must act. During Marriage Protection Week (Oct. 12-18), call, write, or e-mail your U.S. Representative and Senators.

1. Tell them to co-sponsor a constitutional amendment that protects traditional marriage.
2. Tell them to co-sponsor legislation limiting jurisdiction of the federal courts, as granted in Article III, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution. Rep. John Hostettler is expected to introduce a bill this week that protects DOMA from federal judicial activism by limiting the court's jurisdiction in cases questioning traditional marriage.

Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121

Read this alert IN FULL online:

<http://www.eagleforum.org/alert/2003/marriage-10-14-03.html>

HOME SCHOOLED

As World magazine notes, just 29 percent of 18-24 year olds voted in elections over the last five years, but among

former home schoolers in that exact same age bracket, "a whopping 74 percent went to the polls." Among the general population of all age brackets, around 40 percent voted, "but among folks with home schooling backgrounds, 93 percent went to the polls."

While those percentages are impressive, it should be noted that there are only about 2-3 million home schoolers in a voting population of 80-100 million. BUT...the numbers of home schoolers is increasing dramatically and will continue to do so as the Internet makes such a choice more appealing and more and more parents flee the government schools.

But there's more.

Home schooling families don't just vote. In fact, they are "at least two or three times as likely as others to be financial contributors to political candidates, parties and causes." In addition, they are "two to ten times as likely to be on-the-ground workers." What this means, concludes World's report, is that "home schoolers' extraordinary activism eclipses their relatively small numbers."

Looks like the right has found a potent David to take on the left's Goliath. And don't be surprised to see a similar result. Home schoolers don't just win spelling bees.

COMMENT: Did anyone catch the CBS special on problems with home schooling last night, 10/14/03. I caught a piece of it and it sounded like they were exaggerating and outright lying about home schooling. Are they(CBS) owned by the NEA union, or do they have an agenda? But then CBS and ABC are the worst of the media "spinnners." Ed.

TERRORISTS AMONG US, JIHAD IN AMERICA

This is a video that we all should see. The more we know of the threat the better prepared we will be when it is needed. Knowledge is power. The video was produced in 1994, but it plays like 2003. You will be astounded. You will want to demand something be done. But what? We should show the video to the Sunday school class and then possibly to the congregation.

In the near future we will fight two wars, one against world communism and two a war against Islam. We must win! Ed.

GUN CONTROL LAWS

We are shocked – SHOCKED -- to report that a comprehensive review of "gun-control" laws across the nation, including the Left's darling mandatory waiting periods and bans on certain so-called "assault weapons" -- found no proof any of the laws or restrictions reduce crimes committed with firearms. The study, conducted by a Centers for Disease Control scientific review task force, evaluated 51 published research reports on various gun-control measures, and found "insufficient evidence to determine effectiveness." In other words, there is no evidence such laws and regulations reduce crime. From the Federalist 10/10/03.

Let's all mourn United Nations day Fri. 10/24/03