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FAMILIES

"Families must continue to be the foundation of our nation. Families—not government programs—are the best way to make sure our children are properly nurtured, our elderly are cared for, our cultural and spiritual heritages are perpetuated, our laws are observed and our values are preserved. Thus it is imperative that our government's programs, actions, officials and social welfare institutions never be allowed to jeopardize the family. We fear the government may be powerful enough to destroy our families; we know that it is not powerful enough to replace them. The New Republican Party must be committed to working always in the interest of the American family." — Ronald Reagan

Senate To Vote On Homosexual Marriage Ban In Early March

The U.S. Senate will vote on the Marriage Protection Amendment (MPA) in early March. This constitutional amendment will make marriage between one man and one woman the only legal marriage. Your help is needed in sending one million emails to the Senate in support of the MPA.

Senators who vote against the MPA, or support a filibuster to avoid a vote on the MPA, are supporting homosexual marriage.

ACTION NEEDED TODAY! Those favoring homosexual marriage are already contacting their Senators urging defeat of the MPA. Time is short! Please send your letters today! Ask members of your Sunday School class and church to send an email in support of the MPA. Ask your pastor to put an announcement in the church bulletin and newsletter. From the AFA.

Comment: We should all do our best to pass this amendment. Two years ago I would have said no to this but events in the last two years show that this may be the only way to stop activist sodomites from forcing their culture on us. Ed.

NBC Abandons Plan to Attack Christians With Spears

Responding to pressure, NBC has decided to strike a particularly offensive segment from an upcoming episode of the sitcom, "Will and Grace," featuring a guest appearance by pop music star Britney Spears. The American Family Association (AFA) reports that the network cancelled plans to include a reference in the show's April 13 episode that would have offended Christians, both by its timing and its content. From AGAPE Press.

Comment: It took hundreds of thousands to make NBC cancel, but AFA got it and they did. Well done Christians. Ed.

Bush Is Kicking Away His Base

by Phyllis Schlafly

The conservative movement that elected Ronald Reagan twice, George Bush I once, and George Bush II twice, is essentially a movement of grassrooters who don't like to take orders from the top and who revolt when they believe they are betrayed or bossed by those they elected. That's why the grassroots abandoned the first George Bush when he reneged on his "no new taxes, read my lips" promise.

Resentment against the Bush Administration is still festering about the combination of threats and bribes that pushed through close votes in Congress to pass the costly Medicare prescription drug bill in 2003 and CAFTA (Central American Trade Agreement) in 2004.

Maybe the intra-party divisions between fiscal vs. Big Government conservatives that lay behind the former battle, and between pro vs. anti free-traders in the latter battle, were evenly balanced enough that the Bush Administration alienated only a handful of Republicans. But in demanding guest-worker/amnesty, the Bush Administration is taking the unpopular side of a Party division that is at least 80-20.

That evening, the Bush Administration sent in its big guns, Vice President Dick Cheney and Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS), to insist that RNC members support the guest-worker plan or else they would be labeled disloyal and disrespectful of President Bush. RNC Chairman Ken Mehlman made the rounds to regional caucuses to demand approval of Bush's guest-worker plan and defeat of the Pullen resolution.

At the RNC meeting on January 20, the Hall-approved resolution was incorporated and passed as part of a package of nine resolutions in order to preclude a specific vote on the border-security guest-worker issue. This donnybrook happened on the same day that the *New York Times* reported that 18,207 illegal OTMs (Other Than Mexicans) have been the beneficiaries of the Bush Administration's scandalous "catch and release" procedure in the three months since Homeland Secretary Michael Chertoff promised to "return every single illegal entrant — no exceptions." Catch and release means that the illegal OTMs are not deported but, after catch, are released on their own recognizance with instructions to reappear a few

Jay Leno—"Walk The Line" was passed over for best picture nomination. Which makes "Brokeback Mountain" the clear favorite. If Johnny Cash had fallen for Jimmy Carter instead of June Carter... they would have had a lockout. ...

In Washington news the Pentagon announced plans to build a new long range weapons as a deterrent to China. Unfortunately, we don't have any factories left in this country so the weapons will be built in China. ...

weeks hence, with everybody understanding that they will disappear into the American population.

Also on the same day, Lou Dobbs reported on CNN-TV that Mexican troops are crossing our southern border twice a month in uniform, in military vehicles and carrying military weapons. The Bush Administration's response to this invasion is don't-ask-don't-tell.

It's bad enough that President Bush is pursuing a vastly unpopular guest-worker/amnesty plan, but the Administration's bullying to prevent debate and a vote by the full Republican National Committee was intolerable. It forecasts the sort of intimidation we can anticipate in the upcoming Senate debate about Bush's guest-worker plan.

The Administration-imposed RNC defeat of the majority view of Republicans is bad news for the 2006 congressional elections because Bush is alienating his political base and creating what one RNC member calls an "enthusiasm deficit." In the words of the old adage, elephants (*i.e.*, conservative Republicans) never forget.

Comment: This is a no-brainer. Illegals must be stopped and the ones here must go home. Why is President Bush going against the American people and his own party on this? Wouldn't you like to be able to put him under oath and ask him what gives? Ed.

THE ARMED CITIZEN

George Swita, who served in Gen. Patton's Third Army in World War II, brought back a German Luger that was on a truck full of captured German arms. Though he kept the pistol clean, he no longer used it for target practice. He began carrying it between his home and vehicle, however, after an assailant hit him in the face and stole \$60 from his wallet. It was a decision that may have saved his life. Police say an attacker grabbed Swita around the neck as he unlocked his front door. Swita fired two shots, hitting the crook in the head and killing him. "Was I scared? You bet, both times!" Swita said. (*The Vindicator*, Youngstown, OR, 11/01/05)

Christians in the Crosshairs

A three-judge panel of the Second U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has just issued a split ruling in *Skoros v. City of New York* that shows how actively hostile to Christians and Christianity elements of the federal judiciary and the liberal education establishment have become. The issue was whether New York's public schools should display a creche during the Christmas season. The suit was brought by Christians who complained that the city's public schools were displaying menorahs during Hanukkah and the star and crescent during the Muslim month of Ramadan but *banning the creche*. The school system had said YES to the menorah and star and crescent, finding them acceptable *secular* symbols, but NO to the creche.

This incredible, illogical, thoroughly dishonest policy *seethes* with hostility to the Christian faith--yet the court upheld it. This infamous decision is one more reason why Christians must become involved in the battle over the courts. We are encouraged that Chief Justice Roberts and Associate Justice Alito have been confirmed--but they are only two. The majority of the Supreme Court is still liberal on church and state issues.

That, combined with the 53 vacancies yet unfilled for the lower courts, reminds us the battle is far from over. From FRC.

Comment: Christians need to fight back for every little injustice. The other side does and they get away with it. We need letters and phone calls, this is the way you build backbone in the legislators. They must know we support them, or not. Ed.

"Christians, Jews, Buddhists, [and] Mormons...don't lash out in violence when their religious sensibilities are offended. They certainly don't expect their beliefs to be immune from criticism, mockery, or dissent. But radical Muslims do." —Jeff Jacoby

"Government cannot achieve the efficiencies of a business. Trying to get government to be as efficient as business is as hopeless as trying to teach cats to bark and dogs to meow." —Walter Williams

"Free Trade" Impacts Sovereignty

by John F. McManus, February 20, 2006

America's ability to make its own laws and rules in every aspect of life is being transferred piecemeal to the UN's World Trade Organization.

The underlying goal of the drive for so-called free-trade agreements has always been control of national sovereignty. When the world-government advocates couldn't entice nations to give complete control of their governments to the United Nations via some single act, they aimed to achieve this goal through incremental power grabs by such UN subsidiary groups as the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Faced with temporary defeat, the advocates of world government bided their time, changed the name of their proposal to the Geneva-based World Trade Organization (WTO), and finally gained U.S. admission to it in 1994. Its most important champion, Congressman Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), unabashedly labeled the vote on WTO membership "a transformational moment [through which] we are transferring from the United States at a practical level significant authority to a new organization." Over the past decade, the WTO -- prominently listed by the UN on its organizational chart -- has ruled against U.S. tax laws, cotton subsidies, steel tariffs, oil importation, and more. The U.S. Constitution grants power to Congress alone to "regulate commerce with foreign nations," but this doesn't seem to bother the globalists in and out of government.

Here in America, the Bush administration seems unwilling to risk defeat of FTAA in Congress. So provisions of this sovereignty-targeting pact are being implemented piecemeal in the same way as additional provisions of the EU pact are being fastened around the necks of Europe's once-sovereign nations. Here, the step-by-step progression into world government is being called "NAFTA Plus" by some, or the "Security and Prosperity Partnership" (SPP). What all of this really boils down to is an attempt at piecemeal transfer of sovereignty -- essentially America's ability to make its own laws and rules in every aspect of life, not just business deals -- to the UN's WTO.

Il portions of this sovereignty-destroying program -- call it "NAFTA Plus" or "SPP" or "FTAA" -- must be blocked.

"Get the US Out of the UN"