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SD State Legislative Taskforce Provides Roadmap for Overturning Roe

A new report from a South Dakota legislative taskforce may provide a roadmap for challenging and overturning Roe v. Wade. The taskforce's report enumerates six assumptions of fact made by the Supreme Court in their 1973 decision and concludes that "it is clear that the most essential assumptions made by the Roe Court are incorrect . . ."

The 71-page document was prepared at the request of the South Dakota Legislature which created the taskforce to study abortion. Read more at Website: <http://www.culture-of-life.org>
Comment: We must pray that this happens. Ed.

Canada's Conservatives Defeat Pro-Abortion Liberal Party

In national elections this past Monday, the governing Liberal Party of Canada, led by Prime Minister Paul Martin, was decisively defeated by the opposition Conservative Party. Monday's win represented the first time in 12 years that a Canadian right-wing party has taken the reigns of power from the long-governing Liberals. Some pro-family and pro-life advocates hope the change will positively effect Canada's representation at the UN which has been notoriously hostile to their issues.

Over the past 12 years, the Liberal Party's choices for Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations and for membership in delegations to U.N. conferences have advanced the pro-abortion, pro-homosexual marriage and pro-prostitution agenda. Wendy Wright, Executive Vice President of Concerned Women for America, told the Friday Fax that under a Liberal Government the foreign social policy of Canada "has been in the forefront" in supporting the "most radical policies" that are considered at the UN. Wright points out that these are "policies that do not even conform to Canadian" legal standards such as a Canadian delegation's recent opposition to anti-prostitution language being put into drafts of proposed UN treaties. From CFAM.

Comment: We can only hope that the Liberal disease that has held Canada hostage for the nearly 2 decades is over. Pray that they will move to the right, it could also improve the US/Canada relations. Ed.

It's a Good Economy

"Twenty-five years ago...Ronald Reagan was inaugurated as the 40th President of the United States promising less intrusive government, lower tax rates and victory over communism... [O]ver this 25-year period prosperity has been the rule, not the exception, for America—in stark contrast to the stagflationary 1970s. Perhaps the greatest tribute to the success of Reaganomics is that, over the course of the past 276 months, the U.S. economy has been in recession for only 15. That is to say, 94% of the time the U.S. economy has been creating jobs (43 million

in all) and wealth (\$30 trillion). More wealth has been created in the U.S. in the last quarter-century than in the previous 200 years. The policy lessons of this supply-side prosperity need to be constantly relearned, lest we return to the errors that produced the 1970s... Where Republicans have most strayed from the Reagan vision has been on controlling federal spending. But most still adhere to his tax-cutting lessons, with a few prominent exceptions (notably Senator John McCain). They should all recall the Gipper's words in his inauguration speech 25 years ago: 'It is no coincidence that our present troubles parallel and are proportionate to the intervention and intrusion in our lives that result from unnecessary and excessive growth of government'." —*The Wall Street Journal*

Comment: This is really good news, but totally missed by the MSM. Ed.

"The more profoundly we study [the Bible], and the more closely we observe its divine precepts, the better citizens we will become and the higher will be our destiny as a nation." —President William McKinley

The State of the Union - Of Marriage

MSNBC is running an online poll. It asks respondents what they want to hear in the President's State of the Union Address. Typically, the media offer their own laundry list of pressing business -- Iraq, Medicare, the economy -- the usual fare. Not surprisingly, issues like life, marriage, and defending religious liberty are *not* on MSNBC's "menu." For two years now each day has brought news of the stately wedding march--not the one in church, but the one proceeding through the state legislatures.

State after state is opting for marriage, or asking their citizens to affirm it on the ballot. This is an issue that should be nonpartisan but now heavily favors conservatives and their candidates. It's an issue that appeals to Americans across the board. Racial, religious, and even some political barriers fall when life, marriage and religious liberty are on the table. It's

not surprising MSNBC wants no part of them. It *would* be disappointing if President Bush, who owes his re-election to the Values Voters, were to ignore such key cultural issues as well. We really can't talk about the State of the Union without addressing the state of our unions. From FRC 1/26/06.



The Armed Citizen

Indianapolis merchant Roger Dean owns Mr. Dee's Tobacco and Variety. He says that in response to numerous robberies in the city in 2005 and the nearby killing of a restaurateur friend of his, a policeman told him privately to arm himself at work, reported the *Indianapolis Star* in December.

Of course, publicly, the message from the police is different. Captain Phil Burton said that it is a person's right to bear arms, but it is up to the individual to decide whether or not to arm himself. Yet even publicly the police admit that they alone cannot stop robberies and protect citizens. Lt. Dianna Ferguson-Mosley, head of the Indianapolis Police Department's robbery division, commended businesses that took steps to thwart robbers: watching for loiterers (potential robbers), and modernizing video surveillance equipment. In giving praise, she commented that police cannot be everywhere.

"People think criminals are stupid," she told the *Star*, "but most of them are not stupid." Only three out of 10 robberies committed in Indianapolis get solved. Nationally, it's 23 percent. .- *KURT WILLIAMSEN in The New American 1/23/2006*

Hunting Legislation

There are several bills awaiting action in the Virginia legislature that would have a profound impact on hunters in the Commonwealth. SB 387 and HB 632 would open up limited Sunday hunting. SB 387 would allow hunting on the first Sunday of deer season and HB 632 would allow Sunday hunting in counties west of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Also in Virginia, HB 705 eliminates the ability of counties to ban certain types of hunting. If the bill passes, all regulation of hunting will be done by the state wildlife agency and counties will no longer be able to restrict certain types of hunting without basis. From the NRA.

Comment: We don't need or want Sunday hunting. We should oppose SB387 & HB632. I would oppose HB705 also. I believe that hunting is still a local option. Our hunters should contact their legislators . Ed.

Radiation-Truth

Excerpts from the book The Politically Correct Guide to Science by Tom Bethell.

Early in the book, Bethell takes a close look at radiation and nuclear power. The author notes that Three Mile Island was the "catastrophe" that ended the expansion of nuclear power in the United States. The perceived wisdom of curtailing investment in nuclear power technology was confirmed for many when an accident at the Soviet nuclear plant at Chemobyl spewed radiation over much of the Ukraine.

The fear of radiation, and of nuclear power in general, still exists, but Bethell notes that it is unfounded. In fact, the Three Mile Island and Chemobyl disasters were not disasters at all. Regarding Three Mile Island, Bethell notes that today "few people seem to realize that disaster was averted and no one in the plant or in the Three Mile Island neighborhood was hurt." At Chemobyl, despite the fact that what happened there was a worst-case scenario facilitated by the lack of a containment building - the venting of the plant's nuclear inventory into the atmosphere few people died.

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Indeed, nuclear power has an incredible record of safety. There are over 100 nuclear plants operating safely each day in the United States, and there are hundreds more worldwide. Yet despite all the hype about the danger of nuclear power, other industries are far more dangerous. In just one accident alone, almost 3,000 people were killed initially and as many as 15,000 died subsequently as a result of the notorious gas leak at the Union Carbide chemical plant in Bhopal, India, in 1984.

In any case, a little radiation a day might serve to keep the doctor away. The case in point is radon gas. Radon is a naturally occurring, colorless, odorless gas derived from the radioactive decay of radium. The EPA and the National Academy of Sciences maintain that radon is deadly, causing as many as 15,000 to 22,000 deaths by lung cancer each year. But Bethell points out that data collected by University of Pittsburgh physicist Bernard L. Cohen contradict the official government line on radon. In a study that covered radon measurements for 90 percent of the U.S. population, Cohen found that cancer rates declined with increased exposure to radon, just the opposite of what should have been observed. "The data showed a clear tendency for lung cancer rates, whether corrected for smoking or not, to *decrease* with increasing radon exposure," Bethell writes in summary of Cohen's findings.

Indeed, Bethell says, these results give further support to the notion of hormesis. In fact, he points out, in some areas of the world people are actually seeking out natural radiation sources for their healthful benefits. In Boulder, Montana, people suffering rheumatoid arthritis and other autoimmune disorders are descending 85 feet into a former mine to benefit, they say, from acute exposure to radon. "Customers pay \$5 an hour and about fifty people a day go there in the summer," writes Bethell. "The radon concentration, 1,700 picoCuries per liter, is over four hundred times the EPA-recommended level."

Comment: We must always weight what we read against a known quantity or a known fact. The liberal media will not tell you all of it and sometimes they even lie. The rest of his book is interesting too. Ed.

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