

# FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

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## GOOD NEWS

### Sweeping Abortion Ban

A bill that would ban nearly all abortions in South Dakota and spark a challenge to the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision is heading to Governor Mike Rounds for his signature. **Planned Parenthood, which operates the only clinic performing abortions in South Dakota, has pledged to challenge the measure in court if Gov. Rounds signs it into law.**

Gov. Rounds' signature would mark the first time since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion nationwide that a state legislature has passed such a sweeping ban. **The bill, known as H.B. 1215, makes abortion illegal except to save the life of the mother.**

The bill was sponsored in the House by **Rep. Roger Hunt, a Republican**, and in the Senate by **Sen. Julie Bartling, a Democrat**. The bill states that **"life begins at the time of conception ..."** and that **"under the Constitution of South Dakota, a pregnant mother and her unborn child ...each possess a natural and inalienable right to life."**

The legislators went through the proper legislative channels to pass the law, **and did not depend on an activist judge to make law like the pro-abortion supporters do.** From AFA.

**Comment:** This should be interesting. According to emails I'm seeing there are over 30 states waiting to pass the same law. We may yet overturn Roe. Ed.

### High Court to Hear Challenge to Federal Partial Birth Abortion Ban

By Mark Adams in C-FAM

The Supreme Court announced that it will hear a case on the constitutionality of a federal law prohibiting partial birth abortion. The high court will likely have to decide whether or not to uphold a

previous decision that struck down a Nebraska ban on partial birth abortion because the law did not contain an exception for the health of the mother.

When the US Congress passed the partial birth abortion ban in 2003 it did so without a health exception but only after conducting an extensive finding of facts in which it determined that the procedure was never required to preserve a mother's health. Three separate circuit courts of appeal have struck down the federal law citing Stenberg v. Carhart, the 2000 case which invalidated the Nebraska law forbidding partial birth abortion.

The case will be the first significant abortion case for the new Associate Justice Samuel Alito and Chief Justice John Roberts. Alito replaced Justice Sandra Day O'Connor who was the deciding vote in Stenberg which was decided by a narrow tally of 5 to 4. The questions raised in the new case will be similar to those addressed in Stenberg in that the court will determine whether a partial birth abortion ban must contain an exception for the health of the mother. **Comment:** Remember, the "health of the mother" is the hole you can drive an 18 wheeler through that California passed which started this whole abortion mess. Ed.

### U.N. Reform a Long Haul

The U.S. is pressing to reverse six decades of problems. The United Nations is mired in the oil-for-food scandal, mismanagement of funds and sexual abuses by peacekeepers in Uganda. Reform appears the only way out.

A plan to improve the world body is expected to be announced Thursday. John Bolton, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N., said he fears the recommendations won't be either fundamental or tangible.

"We could pass resolutions till the cows come home," he said, "but unless we can really implement those resolutions and have a secretary general who's just as committed to reform as we are, ultimately our chances of success are much lower."

Nonetheless, Bolton told Family News

### This Month In History...

March 16, 1751: James Madison was born in *Port Conway*, Virginia.

March 5, 1770: The Boston Massacre occurred.

March 23, 1775: Patrick Henry delivers his famous "Give me liberty, or give me death!" speech in Richmond, Virginia.

March 1, 1781: Congress announced ratification of the Articles of Confederation.

March 4, 1789: The first meeting of Congress under the Constitution took place in New York City.

March 6, 1836: The Alamo fell to Mexican troops led by General Santa Anna.

in Focus, the U.S. Is committed to the process. "We're going to continue with this for some time here," he said. "The institution acquired these problems over the course of 60 years, and no matter whether you're an optimist or not, you can't turn something like that around overnight."

"It's difficult to reform the people of the organization," he said, "because the member states themselves are largely responsible for putting the problems in place."

**Comment:** Just reinforces what I've said for years. We need to get out of the UN and then force the UN out of NYC. Ed.

### HIV Travel Restrictions Lifted for Gay Games

Pro-family advocates are asking President Bush to reinstate a federal ban that prohibits HIV-infected travelers from coming to United States. A lobbying campaign succeeded in getting the ban lifted in time for Chicago's 2006 Gay Games.

Homosexuals from around the world will travel to Chicago for the event slated for July 15-22. The official Web site claims 8,000 people have registered.

Gay advocates, with the help of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, convinced

the federal government to waive restrictions on international travel for those with HIV so they could attend the games. Pro-family analysts argue that such a move is counter to the goal of stopping the spread of the disease.

Peter LaBarbera, executive director of the Illinois Family Institute, is calling on the president and Congress to reinstate the ban. He said the people of Chicago should not be subjected to activities that facilitate immoral and reckless behavior.

"Mayor Daley has forgotten his role as 'chief protector' of the people of Chicago," he said. "The public-health goal of stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS must take precedence over the political wants of homosexual advocates."

"The evidence is clear: the extracurricular activities surrounding the Gay Games present a real health hazard to those involved and the surrounding community," he said. "Inviting thousands of HIV-infected visitors to a Gay Games celebration that officially promotes promiscuity will only put Chicagoans at risk and help spread HIV." From CITIZEN.

Comment: We need to call President Bush and demand that he reinstate this ban. Why should we be put at risk for someone's illicit pleasures. Ed.

"A cynical, mercenary, demagogic press will produce in time a people as base as itself."  
—Joseph Pulitzer

## He Moved Them

"More information has surfaced in recent days about Saddam Hussein and his weapons of mass destruction programs, and the possible roles of Syria and Russia in spiriting WMD and massive arsenals of conventional munitions out of Iraq prior to the start of the war three years ago. The new information includes audio recordings of 12 hours of conversations from the early 1990s through 2000 involving Saddam Hussein and his top aides, in which Saddam discusses how to conceal Iraqi weapons programs from UN inspectors and the possibility that the United States could be the target of terrorist attacks... One new piece of information revealed on the tapes...is that Saddam was actively working on a plan to enrich uranium using a technique known as plasma separation. This is

particularly worrisome because of the date of the conversation: It took place in 2000, nearly five years after Iraq's nuclear programs were thought to have stopped... It is apparent that the American public has much more to learn about Moscow, Damascus and WMD and precisely when Saddam's nuclear weapons programs actually stopped." — *The Washington Times*

**Comment:** I always felt that Saddam had WMDs. It's just that he was so good at hiding them from the inspectors, inspectors that couldn't find, well whatever. Ed.

**On Wednesday President Bush will fly to India. See, last week he met with American workers. This week he will go to India and visit their old jobs. ... Jay Leno in the Federalist.**

## ARMED CITIZEN

Just one day after a Dallas, Texas, woman sought a protective order against her ex-boyfriend, he confronted her outside her home, blocking her way. Upon noticing the disturbance, a neighbor came to her aid and helped her get inside as the ex-boyfriend left. Once in her home, she closed the door and the neighbor left, but the ex-boyfriend returned. When he bashed down her door, the frightened woman drew her firearm, shooting and killing him. "She was trying to protect herself," said Dallas police Sgt. Gil Cerda. (*The Dallas Morning News*, Dallas, TX, 07/02/05)

## Language a Key to National Unity

*History shows that no nation can survive the tension, conflict and antagonism of two or more competing languages and cultures. It is a blessing for an individual to be bilingual; however, it a curse for a society to be bilingual... A nation is much more than a place on a map. It is a state of mind, a shared vision, and a recognition that we are all in this together... [and] one indispensable element must be that we all speak one*

*common language.* - Former Colorado Governor Richard D. Lamm

## HISTORY REPEATS

When allowed to do so, history repeats.

As reported by Oxford historian Peter Heather in his recent book, *The Fall of the Roman Empire*, the twin causes leading to the collapse of Rome were uncontrolled immigration followed by a refusal of the massive influx of new residents to adopt the Roman culture. Those who crowded into the empire soon became more powerful than the existing authorities. **Americans should learn from history.** Once aware of history's clear lessons, we should then pass along our knowledge to our leaders so that the awful consequences of uncontrolled immigration do not destroy our wonderful country as they did the Roman Empire more than 16 centuries ago.

*From the New American.*

**Comment:** We now have 8-12 million illegal Mexicans in the US. Add to that 5-6 million Chinese. In the five Southwestern states the radical Mexicans have formed groups that are calling for the return to Mexico of the five SW states that they say were illegally taken from Mexico. One of the prominent members of this gang is now the Mayor of LA. Folks, we are in trouble. Ed.

Sen. Warner, 441-3079.  
Senator Allen at 518-1674.  
Congresswoman Drake – 497-6859.  
Cong. Randy Forbes 382-0080.  
Cong. Robert "Bobby" Scott – 380-1000.

## CALL YOUR VA ELECTEDS---NOW!

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Sen. Rerras-855-7044; 1-804-698-7506  
Sen. Wagner- 671-2250; 1-804-698-7507  
Sen. Miller-627-4212; 1-804-698-7505  
Del. Tata-340-3510; 1-804-698-1085  
Del. Welch-340-2800; 1-804-698-1021  
Del. Cosgrove-547-3422; 1-804-698-1078  
Del. Suit, Terrie-421-3309; 1-804-698-1081  
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