

# FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

Faith, Freedom & Citizenship Class

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## SAY NO TO OVER-THE-COUNTER SALE OF PLAN B Tell the White House to refuse FDA approval!

*From the Eagle Forum.*

The FDA may approve the abortion-causing drug known as "Plan B" or the "morning after pill" for over-the-counter sale unless concerned Americans act NOW!

### What You Won't Hear About Plan B

\* "Plan B" is a powerful hormonal drug that can prevent a developing embryo from attaching to the uterine wall, causing an early abortion.

\* "Plan B" has not been tested for its effects on under-age girls. If the FDA approves the drug for over-the-counter sale, 16- and 17-year-old teenage girls will be able to purchase it without a prescription and without the knowledge or consent of their parents.

\* Girls under 18 who are sexually active are often victimized by predatory adult (over 18) males. Allowing over-the-counter sale of "Plan B" would allow men to procure the drug with the intention of using it to ensure that their victims, willing or not, never show the consequences of their behavior.

Remember, sexual activity on the part of an adult with a minor is statutory rape. In that case, "Plan B" conceals the crime.

\* "Plan B" gives a false sense of security while leaving a young girl or woman open to the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases including HIV. "Plan B" kills.

The FDA will make this decision any time between now and August 31st. Call the White House to demand that President Bush instruct FDA Commissioner Lester Crawford to reject the application for over-the-counter sale of "Plan B."

**Call the White House today:  
202-456-1111**

**Comment:** Folks please call the White House and follow the instructions above. If we cannot stop it now then we will

have to work harder to stop it later. Call today and call often. Ed.

## How Public Schools Have Changed

*Aug. 17, 2005 by Phyllis Schlafly*

...I wish those parents would show as much concern about what is being taught in the classroom.

The largest teachers union, the National Education Association (NEA), held its annual convention this summer in Los Angeles displaying its usual favoritism toward the gays and the feminists, hostility to parents, and support of liberal causes.

The badges worn by the delegates included messages bashing President Bush and supporting gays and lesbians. There is a Conservative Educators Caucus within the NEA membership, but all its proposals were buried in committee except one on academic freedom, which the delegates voted to send back to committee without allowing any floor debate.

The NEA convention handed a big victory to its large Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus by easily passing its proposal calling on the NEA to "develop a comprehensive strategy" to deal with the attacks on gay curricula, policies and practices by what the NEA calls "extremist groups" (that's the NEA's term for parents). A delegate who asked for respect for ex-gays was loudly booed, while the delegates cheered the speaker who pronounced that there is no such person as an ex-gay.

Resolutions passed by the NEA convention that have nothing to do with education included a call to boycott Wal-Mart, statehood for the District of Columbia, affirmative action, opposition to private accounts in Social Security, opposition to capital punishment, gun control, "single-payer health care" (i.e., government medicine), and endorsement of the International Criminal Court and the UN Declaration on Human Rights.

NEA resolutions pertaining to education called for the teaching of global, multicultural, suicide, environmental, and bilingual education. Somehow, resolutions about the need for improvement in the teaching of phonics or basic math didn't make the cut.

NEA resolutions endorsed all feminist

goals, including abortion, Comparable Worth, the Equal Rights Amendment, and taking over the baby-sitting of children "from birth through age eight." The gay lobby's influence extends even over these infants, whom the NEA wants to provide with "diversity-based curricula" and "bias-free screening devices."

One of my readers recently sent me a book published by the NEA in 1951. It provides a look down memory lane of what public schools used to be a half century ago. Called "**The American Citizens Handbook**," this nearly-600-page book was intended to promote good citizenship among public school students. It includes essays on citizenship, brief biographies of "heroes and heroines of American democracy," and reprints of historical documents that are the "great charters of American democracy."

The book unabashedly celebrates old-fashioned virtue and patriotism. One section entitled "A Golden Treasury for the Citizen" offers passages suitable for memorization by children.

This NEA civics handbook embraces "the creation of national unity" and "Americanization" as explicit tasks for the public schools. The book states, "It is important that people who are to live and work together shall have a common mind -- a like heritage of purpose, religious ideals, love of country, beauty, and wisdom to guide and inspire them."

Numerous Old and New Testament selections are included, including the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. The Golden Rule, the Boy Scout oath, national songs and uplifting poems appear along with geography facts and a household budget.

"The American Citizens Handbook" is a stunning contrast to the radical resolutions adopted by the NEA at its convention this year. [www.eagleforum.org](http://www.eagleforum.org)

**Comment:** Our children are so important I thought I would run almost all of Schlafly's report. We must work with our school board to minimize the NEA and their puppet VEA from influence in our schools. Call the school board and tell them how you feel. Ed.

There are NO atheists in foxholes, and NO ACLU lawyers either. Ed.

**On a clear disk you can seek forever!** Old computer joke. Ed.

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

## Event Alert: Fox News Host Fred Barnes Headlines Tidewater Salute!

Victoria Cobb, Executive Director Family Foundation

[The Family Foundation](#) is thrilled to host Fox News political analyst [Fred Barnes](#) at our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Tidewater *Salute to The Family* on Tuesday, September 27, 2005. This dinner event will take place at 7:00 p.m. at The Founders Inn in Virginia Beach. Mr. Barnes will address the current political landscape in America. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door.

Please contact us today to reserve your seats or sponsor a table!

For sponsorships, tickets, or more information, contact Bob Lawrence at The Family Foundation at (804) 343-0010 or at bob@familyfoundation.org

## DO WE WANT GOV'T HEALTH CARE?

*The Patriot* took a look at Tennessee's golden experiment to provide near-universal health care.

TennCare, based on Hillary Clinton's idea of healthcare reform, consumes an ever larger share of the state budget because lawsuits stripped the state of its ability to limit enrollment and manage its risks. According to a 2003 study, if Tennessee does not control TennCare spending, the program would require 90 percent of all new state revenue by 2008, and unchecked TennCare growth will consume up to 40 percent of the state's budget.

How is the current Demo governor dealing with such inept program management in 2005? By removing several hundred thousand citizens from the program based on their private financial and health information, and resorting to claims and accounting tricks to make the program appear somewhat more solvent. Leftists seductively prescribe a transition to government-provided healthcare as the cure to make the world a better place. **The reality shows government-mismanaged healthcare is bad medicine.** *From the Federalist.*

**Comment:** Is this in store for Virginia, I hope not. Ed.

## Get U.S. Out of The United Nations!

## Candidate McDonnell Calls for 25-Year Sentence for First Time Sexual Predators

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### "Safe Kids Initiative" also entails GPS Tracking of Predators

Today, along with Hanover County Commonwealth's Attorney Kirby Porter, I was pleased to announce my "Safe Kids Initiative" to dramatically strengthen and overhaul the state's violent sexual predator laws.

The "Safe! Kids Initiative" calls for a mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years of imprisonment upon conviction of a first violent sexual offense of a child under the age of 13. The "Safe Kids Initiative" also entails mandatory global positioning system (GPS) tracking upon release for up to life, as well as a mandatory life sentence for the commission of a second offense. None of the prison time can be suspended by the court.

### A major step toward ensuring that Virginia's children grow up safe and secure is to put convicted sexual predators behind bars for a very long time the first time they offend.

The "Safe Kids Initiative" puts Virginia on par with at least 2 other states who have strengthened their laws pertaining to sexual predators in light of recent, tragic events involving victimized children.

### Scientific studies show that sexual predators can not be rehabilitated, and state statistics reveal that they are likely to commit new crimes. We must act now in Virginia to reform our laws to reflect this known danger to our children.

**Comment:** We can not endorse candidates in this paper but this looks like a good issue. Ed.

## Men Prefer a 'Leader' Jesus Over a 'Warm, Fuzzy' One

By Mary Rettig  
August 18, 2005

(AgapePress) - A Christian author says men are leaving the Church in increasing numbers -- and it's a problem the Church needs to solve, he adds.

David Murrow, author of [Why Men Hate Going to Church](#), says only about 20 percent of churches have

active men's ministries, while women's and children's ministries are in abundance. Murrow says it is just a response to the market.

Women and children show up; men don't," the author explains. "But still, that sends a very strong message to men that [they] are unwanted and unneeded. And Dr. John Gray wrote in *Men are From Mars, Women Are From Venus* that not to be needed is slow death for a man. We have to do a better job needing our men."

Murrow says one way churches can do that is by starting ministries that involve men's gifts and interests. He says his own church has a car ministry in which men get together and fix up donated cars to give to single mothers and the working poor. He says they are not only fixing cars, but they have begun praying together and supporting each other in an environment that brings men alive.

The author says men's attendance at church is falling because the Church itself is not "man-friendly." Men, he contends, tend to find little or no interests for them at church.

"Our modern churches strive very much to be very warm, loving, accepting environments," he acknowledges. "We provide a very safe, nurturing, secure place where people can get to know friends and get to know God." And while that is "a wonderful thing on one level," he says "men and young people are more interested in challenge and adventure than they are in nurture and security."

Murrow says churches have feminized Jesus and focus too much on His gentility and meekness -- and seem to forget about the excitement He had with His disciples during His ministry.

He adds that recapturing the "wildness" of Jesus should start in Sunday School. Once boys get to their teenage years, the author feels it is time to tell them about the adventures Jesus had. Boys and men cannot identify with a "warm, fuzzy" Jesus, Murrow says -- but they will model a Jesus who is a strong leader.

**Don't forget, Mr. John McManus will be speaking here Friday 9 September on very important issues. Editor.**