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"Abortion ends that human life. Therefore a Catholic is no more open to negotiating the abortion issue than an African American is open to debate over slavery. Catholics believe that abortion is murder, and when the state permits abortion, Catholics believe that abortion is state sanctioned murder. Regardless of whatever stance a candidate puts forward when it comes to other issues, abortion trumps them all. As practicing Catholics we believe in freedom of choice within the abortion debate only insofar as a well-formed Catholic conscience always chooses a pro-life candidate over one who is pro-abortion. We simply have a hard time voting for politicians who campaign on the killing -- rather than the kissing -- of babies." --Pete Vere

Comment: It does my heart good to see someone standing up to misguided Christians that support abortion. Ed.

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

(<http://headlines.agapepress.org/archive/2/52004h.asp>)

...Prayer was on the menu in the nation's capital today(2/5/04). The National Prayer Breakfast is an annual gathering of religious, political and military leaders, including the president and up to half the members of Congress. It was the first thing on today's agenda for President Bush and his wife Laura. Speaking at the gathering, the president praised the generous and kind spirit of America's military men and women. He said that spirit has been evident in a number of different ways during the war in Iraq, and offered this example: "One member of the Army National Guard, Specialist Glen Carson, spent his time on leave in New York collecting children's clothing to take back to Iraq," the president said. "Here's what he says: 'I think that in the end, it will be the simple acts of kindness that make the difference.'" Bush also praised U.S. military personnel in Iraq for showing respect to the Muslim religion. Prison Fellowship founder Chuck Colson says he always looks forward to the National Prayer Breakfast as an opportunity for Washington officials to "pay respect to God almighty and use His name freely" -- and he says he knows the president to be a committed Christian who has surrounded himself with other strong Evangelicals. *Isn't it great!!!*

"The object of war is not to die for your country but to make the other bastard die for his." -- General George S. Patton

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS EVERY DAY!!!

Virginia Considers Abortion Laws

There is a lot going on regarding abortion in Richmond this week. All of the abortion bills will be heard tomorrow (Thursday) in the Senate Education & Health committee. I have introduced legislation that would require anesthesia for babies that are aborted, if they are 12 weeks or older in their development. We have garnered 17 cosponsors in the Senate and Delegate Black's companion bill in the House has 53 cosponsors.

While there is some disagreement on when pain is first felt in a baby's development, it has been accepted for some time that the unborn baby does feel pain. My bill, and Delegate Black's bill, in and of themselves will not stop any abortions, but they would provide for the compassionate treatment of the child being aborted. Abortions after week 12 generally consist of procedures that require amputation of the unborn child's limbs or chemical scalding (e.g., saline abortions). These are very painful for the baby. All we are trying to do is bring a measure of humanity to this process.

Hopefully, as young mothers hear about the pain that their child will experience during the abortion procedure, they will rethink their decision and choose life for their child. We continue the fight for hearts and minds.

My other abortion bill would require abortion clinics to meet basic health and safety standards. It too will be heard in the Senate Education and Health Committee tomorrow. My bill this year is similar to the bill I put in last year, but it has been refined somewhat. The pro-abortion folks continue to oppose this legislation, but apparently they are not being totally candid when they maintain that they want abortions to be "safe, legal and rare." With this bill I will try to make the clinics safer (for the mother).

For those who are not aware, we have had a variety of deaths and lesser emergencies at a number of the abortion clinics in Northern Virginia. Can you imagine a doctor's office that performs surgery needing to call the ambulance 5 times in the last year just to save his own patients? Well, that's where we are with some abortion clinics in Virginia.

For today, if you have not done so, please take a moment now to go to www.notaxhike.net and sign the online petition opposing tax increases. It is an easy way to express grassroots opposition to the tax increase proposals.

Please contact my office at District37@sov.state.va.us with comments of support or concern for any of these issues or others that might be of interest to you. You can also contact my Richmond office by phone at 804-698-7537. Sincerely, Senator Ken Cuccinelli
Comment: Good place to place a few comments and give your opinion. Also call your own elected's. Ed.

NEW TAXES

Take a moment to thank Sen. Wagner for holding the line. Wagner, Frank W. 7 district07@sov.state.va.us (757) 671-2250 (804) 698-7507

Also note that our other Senator from Virginia Beach has not only caved in (again) but is actively trying to raise your taxes and is campaigning to help the Governor. Last year he was campaigning for the failed tax increase for roads, what next. Ed.

MUST SEE TV

The president's poll numbers are dropping. Naturally, the media is saying this is due to the concerted Democrat attacks on his handling of the war on terror and Iraq. Personally, I think the media is giving WAY too much credit to the Democrats. More likely the sinking approval ratings are due to average Americans who are ticked off over the GOP spending orgy and the illegal alien amnesty plan. Either way, the White House is clearly on defense and in damage-control mode.

The fact that President Bush has agreed to risk a one-hour grilling by Tim Russert on Sunday's "Meet the Press" is an indication of just how worried the White House is these days. Of course, they'll "spin" it some other way, but it's clearly more than a coincidence that the president agreed to do his first Sunday talk-show interview of his presidency at the same time his support by the general public appears on the wane.

You don't want to miss this one, boys and girls.

Russert may well be the best in the business. The President will have his hands full. *From GOP-NEWS&VIEWS, by Chuck Muth.*

Comment: We could all tune in and see how Mr. Bush fares on live TV. Then write or call him and thank him or ask him to change as you desire. But get active. Ed.

UM, DIDN'T THE UN ABANDON US IN IRAQ?

"You've got to be kidding me. The new White House budget for 2005 contains a \$1.2 billion, 30-year loan to the United Nations to renovate their headquarters and build a new annex. The real outrage? The UN is upset that we're planning on charging them interest." - Talk-show host Neal Boortz

Comment: Makes you wonder what is going on. We should write the President and all our elect representatives, Senators etc. and tell them to get the U.S. out of the United Nations, not reward them. Ed.

A Great American---Reagon

Public servants say, always with the best of intentions, "What greater service we could render if only we had a little more money and a little more power." But the truth is that outside of its legitimate function, government does nothing as well or as economically as the private sector. Ronald Reagon. Feb. 6 was Ronald Reagon's birthday. Say a prayer for him. Ed.

TSA Anti Guns Again

In the latest slap at the nation's airline pilots, the Transportation Security Administration has rejected 100 pilots who applied to carry weapons with them in the cockpit for ostensibly failing what the pilots maintain are ridiculous psychological tests. According to one pilot's description, the evaluations assume that all pilots are "drunken wife-beaters."

One of the pilots who washed out for allegedly failing the psych exam is a retired Air Force colonel and fighter wing commander who carried a pistol while flying multi-million fighter jets. "The USAF considered me psychologically sound enough to be directly responsible for nuclear weapons," he told the Washington Times. "Yet a TSA psychologist has determined I am unreliable to carry a weapon in my own airliner."

When will President Bush lay down the law to the TSA and put an end to this insulting insanity?

From <http://chuckmuth.com/newsandviews/nv.cfm>

Comment: In the 2 years and 3 months since 9/11 we have processed only 1000 of 40,000 pilots, and of which only 400 will carry arms due to the ridiculous rules applied by the TSA. They clearly do not want armed crew members. This is a direct slap at congress which overwhelmingly voted to arm our pilots. It is time President Bush clarified this, or maybe he agrees with the TSA. Ed.

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Baghdad scene

A U.S. worker in Iraq's capital city sends this update on life for the average citizen:

"The Iraqis are enjoying life to an extent they haven't had for decades. Every commodity is available, the shops are full, a few nightclubs are reviving, satellite dishes are like mushrooms sprouting everywhere.

"Families are out at night (although there is still a crime problem in some areas). Dozens of Internet cafes have appeared. The Iraqis are watching 'Friends' and 'Ally McBeal' (one of the favorites). Arab music (which I love) is booming out everywhere. Food is plentiful, booze is available; the girls are out in western dress, beautifully attired and made up. And I might add, many are exceedingly attractive.

"No, Iraq isn't up to U.S. standards. Decent dental or medical care is only available to the very wealthy, and the infrastructure is falling apart. Saddam invested an unbelievable amount of money in palaces and hunting clubs, and his cronies emulated his example." *From the Washington Times Weekly 1-19-04*

Comment: We are still losing far too many of our troops to enemy fire, but this report shows up the media again. Our media is helping the enemy by not being fully truthfull in their reports. Ed.