

# FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

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## The Short-term and Long-term Strategy to Protect Marriage

As the dust settles on the first go round of debate over the marriage amendment in the U.S. Senate, the various political camps are strategizing for the next battle, which will most likely be the Hostetler court stripping measure now scheduled to hit the House floor in the coming week. This is the next battle line and as I've said here before, while I firmly agree that taking certain powers away from the courts is necessary and support these efforts, including this bill, ultimately to win this war against the family and marriage we must have an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. That is the only way to ensure that activist judges are forever kept in check from destroying the institution of marriage. I believe a national civics lesson outlining the proper roles for our three branches of government would greatly benefit the American public. Any legislation that draws attention to our nation's runaway judiciary is legislation worth debating, and in the case of the Hostetler bill, supporting. From the Family Research Council (FRC)

**Comment:** *Both Senators Warner and Allen voted for closure, but of course we lost 48-50. It is interesting that neither Kerry nor Edwards voted at all. Ed.*

## 'The Reagan's' Mini-Series Garners Seven Emmy Nominations

Liberal Hollywood is celebrating a made-for-television movie that boasted a negative portrayal of Ronald and Nancy Reagan with seven Emmy nominations, CNSNews.com reported.

"The Reagans", a mini-series about the former president and his family, attempts to discredit Ronald Reagan and rewrite history, according to many who read the script and saw the movie.

"Their reputations are smeared by a collection of Hollywood liberal screenwriters and actors who concoct false events and statements in a desperate attempt to redefine the Reagan Legacy," said the conservative group Move America Forward, in a news release.

In addition to fabricating a story line that portrays Reagan as having a callous disregard for AIDS patients -- among other unflattering scenes -- it ignores Reagan's historic role in the fall of communism and for the economic turnaround the nation saw during his presidency.

Even Reagan's daughter, Patti Davis, found that the movie didn't ring true.

"Everyone is a caricature, manufactured and inauthentic," Davis wrote in a Time Magazine article last November. "My father is depicted as some demented evangelist, going on about Armageddon every chance he gets. My mother is cast as a female Attila the Hun, and I and my siblings, are

unrecognizable to me."

After CBS revealed plans to air the controversial mini-series during prime time during sweeps, many pro-family conservatives took action. CBS subsequently moved "The Reagans" to its sister pay-cable Network, Showtime. The Emmy Awards are scheduled to air on Sept. 19 on ABC. From CITIZENLINK.

**Comment:** *So we have to place the "Emmy Awards" in the same category as the "Nobel Peace Prize" and other noteworthy liberal/communist awards. Why even watch, I don't. Ed.*

***Abolish the God, and the government becomes the God.*** -- G.K. Chesterton, 1933

## House Hearings on Cable Choice

*by Keith Peters, Washington, D.C. correspondent*

**SUMMARY:** Does your cable package include channels you wish were not even coming into your house?

Members of Congress consider why families should have more control over what comes into their homes via cable. A House subcommittee heard testimony Wednesday that cable customers should be given the power to select only the channels they want, freeing them from paying for those they would never voluntarily support.

The hearing focused on the idea of "a la carte" -- or individually priced -- programming, called cable choice. The idea is to let the consumer decide which cable channels they want for their money and block all the other channels.

"We should have (cable companies and broadcasters) explain to us why . . . a family that wants to buy a cartoon program, 'Nick-toons,' should be forced to also buy 'Logo,' a gay-and-lesbian channel," Deal said.

Jan LaRue, chief legal counsel at Concerned Women for America, urged the committee to let Americans choose what they want in their homes.

"Let's let the American people decide if they're willing, if necessary, to pay a little more for the programs they want rather than paying the higher and higher cable bills they are paying for programming -- most of which they don't want," LaRue said.

She said a la carte programming would give consumers complete control over what comes into their homes and would help them control their cable bills.

A poll released by Concerned Women for America in May revealed that 80 percent of Americans say cable customers should not be required to pay for extra channels that they do not want to view.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** The Concerned Women for America Web site offers more information about the cable choice proposal. (Continued next page)

<http://www.cwfa.org/channelchoice.asp>

**Comment:** *I don't even have cable, took it out over 20 years ago after observing what it offered. Ed.*

## National Heritage-A U.N. Endgame

On Wednesday, July 14, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will vote on bill that SPELLS DOOM FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS, LANDOWNERS, AND LOCAL ZONING.

Sen. Craig Thomas' "**National Heritage Partnership Act**" (S. 2543) would create a National Heritage Areas program that threatens to swallow every community in the United States.

The National Heritage Partnership Act is a FEDERAL ZONING scheme perpetrated under the guise of preservation.

It will spur a FLOOD of National Heritage Areas, each of which will DEVOUR private property rights and local land use control.

Funding for National Heritage Areas is administered through the National Park Service to Green special interest groups. The Park Service and the Greens then team-up to preserve EVERYTHING within the Heritage Area that they deem fit!

**Private property rights will be LOST.**

**Local control over zoning and land use will be LOST.**

**UNLESS WE ACT NOW!**

The National Heritage Areas Policy Act is the latest attempt by the federal government to snuff-out property rights and purchase influence over local communities and their zoning practices. To read more about the dangers of National Heritage Areas go to: <http://www.americanpolicy.org/prop/main.htm>

## S. 2543 MUST BE STOPPED!

**Comment:** *Remember the Heritage Rivers act, the Biosphere Program etc. ALL U.N. sponsored programs, and so is this bill S.2543. We must write to our Senators right away and let them know we don't want a Federally sponsored U.N. rezoning at the local level. Get the Feds out and keep them out. I wonder sometimes what these so called leaders are smoking. They seem to want to give away our country. Ed.*

## WHY STOP THE CAFTA & FTAA

The U.N. is the framework for a world government or "new world order" as some have called it. World government requires the abolition of sovereignty of the United States and all other countries.

The U.N. is promoting at least seven "regionalism" movements around the world. Each one slowly abolishes the sovereignty of it's former countries as the super government grows in power. The best known and farthest advanced example is the European Union. The FORMER countries of the E.U. have (1) lost their currency and their

financial system is under the control of a central bank, (2) their court systems and laws are submissive to the dictates of the E.U., (3) their constitutions are being abolished as the "constitution" of the E.U. takes control, and (4) they have lost their military. Their sovereignty is gone! The exact same procedure is taking place in the United States.

The first phases are deceptively called "free trade agreements". First, NAFTA, (North American Free Trade Area), was a baby step, it included only Mexico, the U.S., and Canada. And we all know what a disaster that was and is.

Second is CAFTA, (Central American Free Trade Agreement) includes five additional countries.

Third is FTAA, (Free Trade Area of the Americas) including ALL of North and South America.

The present government wants to abolish our sovereignty AT THE STROKE OF A PEN just as surely as if we had lost a shooting war on our own soil.

When all of the regional governments have been completed, the leaders of them will declare a combining of the regions into a world government. This is the plan as stated by several of the supporters. The reason that the national media will not divulge this process is that it is a participant!

Further information and confirmation of the above is available at the Web site, [www.stoptheftaa.org](http://www.stoptheftaa.org).

Since President Bush is in favor of this process, congressmen MUST understand the process and vote against CAFTA & FTAA. That is our ONLY HOPE of survival as a nation. **Write or call your Congressman and Senators. Let them know of your opposition to the Free trade agreements. The first vote on CAFTA is due very soon. Call today. The vote on FTAA is set for January.** Editor.

## GOOD GRIEF..HERE WE GO AGAIN

The Bush administration announced yet ANOTHER new government program on Wednesday, this one to train parents to teach their kids that drugs are bad (duh). The new "Parent Corps" program will be started with \$4.2 million of your money coming from the same government agency which funds Bill Clinton's "paid volunteer" program, Americorps. Aside from the fact that there is no constitutional authority for the feds to get involved in this, does anyone doubt for a minute that this program's cost will do anything but INCREASE dramatically over the coming years?

"Compassionate conservatism" is driving us to the poor house. From the GOP-NEWS & VIEWS.

**Comment:** *Is it time for us to stand up and shout enough, enough of this already? Ed.*

**"The trouble with practical jokes is that very often they get elected." --Will Rogers**