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DVD Parental Control Law

...A conservative online advocacy group is encouraging parents to sign a petition in support of a piece of legislation that would clarify the freedom families have to determine what they allow to be viewed while watching a DVD movie they have rented or purchased. Recent innovative technology permits parents to set up their DVD player to automatically skip or mute over movie scenes they deem inappropriate for their family. The technology does not compromise the DVD in any way, but gives parents control over what their children see or hear. But Grassfire.org says Hollywood is suing to keep that technology out of parents' hands, citing copyright and trademark infringement issues. That is why the advocacy group has launched a petition in favor of the Family Movie Act of 2004 (H.R. 4586), which has passed one House committee and now sits before the House Judiciary Committee. Steve Elliott, president of Grassfire.org Alliance, says he is puzzled by Hollywood's reaction. "Technology like this can only widen their audience and put more money in their pockets," he says. "The fact that they are so passionate about this issue tells us that this is less about money and more about control -- or in this case, losing control." Elliott's group hopes to deliver at least 300,000 petition signatures to Judiciary Committee members and other House lawmakers in the coming weeks. URL: <http://www.agapepress.org>

Comment: *Looks like a law we should get behind if we care for our children. I don't like to sign online petitions but I highly recommend that you bring this bill up with your electeds. Call or write. Ed.*

NON-Violent Video Games

...Not all video games have sex and violence. Some have a spiritual theme. One -- from a company called Two Guys Software -- is called "Eternal War: Shadows of Light." You play an angel named Mike whose job is to save the life of a troubled teenager. The goal is to outsmart adversaries who are out to steal the teenager's soul and yours. There are no references to the Bible, but the game is a fight for a person's soul. There's no blood, and spiritual beings that are eliminated come back to life. Patrick Ponech is one of the two guys in Two Guys Software. He says teenagers are looking for alternatives to blood and violence in many games and they offer that alternative. URL: <http://www.agapepress.org>
Comment: *There is hope yet, isn't it wonderful. Ed.*

SELLING SEX TO KIDS

...A pro-life advocate says Planned Parenthood will stop at nothing to promote sex to children -- because in the end, it

means they will be able to sell more contraceptives and perform more abortions. Planned Parenthood recently conducted a "Nobody's Fool 2004" conference in Waco, Texas. The American Life League's (ALL) Jim Sedlak says the conference was a thinly veiled attack on parental rights and the health and well-being of children. Sedlak says the conference was for children ages 10 to 14, and parents were not allowed to attend. He says PP passed out free copies of a book called It's Perfectly Normal. That book is "essentially kiddie porn," he says. "It is a book that has illustrations of all kinds of sexual activity." And the conference, he says, is another way PP is "sexualizing" the nation's young people. "[W]e believe this whole conference was an effort by Planned Parenthood to get kids interested in sex, to tell them how to do it." The ALL spokesman says Planned Parenthood's actions are irresponsible at best and child abuse at worst. URL: <http://www.agapepress.org>
Comment: *The effort to defeat Planned Parenthood continues, lets hope it will gain strength. We really need to derail this hideous organization. One thing we haven't been able to do is cut off government funding. PP still gets millions each year from the Federal Government, this should stop immediately. Ed.*

DANGER OF LOW BIRTH RATES

"Gender Equality" Partly to Blame For Fertility Decline, Says UN Official

In a speech delivered this Spring that was largely ignored by the news media, the United Nation's chief demographer declared that the very existence of some nations has now been endangered by fertility decline, and the international community's insistent call for "gender equality" is making the problem even worse.

According to Dr. Joseph Chamie, Director of the Population Division of the UN's Department of Economic and Social Affairs, "A growing number of countries view their low birth rates with the resulting population decline and ageing to be a serious crisis, jeopardizing the basic foundations of the nation and threatening its survival. Economic growth and vitality, defense, and pensions and health care for the elderly, for example, are all areas of major concern."

Chamie, who was speaking in his personal capacity at the Population Association of America's annual meeting, asserted that one-third of the countries in the world now have "below replacement" level fertility, which means that women have fewer than 2.1 children on average. In 15 countries, the fertility rate has shrunk to 1.5 children or less.

In an unprecedented statement for a high-ranking UN official, Chamie claimed that the drive for gender equality is partly to blame for low fertility, stating that,

"While many governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and individuals may strongly support gender equality at work and in the home as a fundamental principle and desirable goal, it is not at all evident how having men and women participate equally in employment, parenting and household responsibilities will raise low levels of fertility. On the contrary, the equal participation of men and women in the labor force, child rearing and housework points precisely in the opposite direction, i.e., below replacement fertility. And this is in fact precisely what is being observed today in an increasing number of countries."

C-FAM (Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute). Website: www.c-fam.org .

Comment: In the US we are in deep trouble. The birth rate for white Christian women is about 1.4 per female. This is way below the breakeven point of 2.4. What we really need is for more Christians to marry and have big families, 6-8 kids, and raise them up to be good Christians. Ed.

DNC Delegates Favor Same-Sex 'Marriage' 2-to-1

The Associated Press has released a poll of the Democratic convention delegates who will represent that Party at its convention in Boston next week. The poll found that by an astonishing 2-to-1 margin, DNC delegates favor same-sex "marriage." Compare that to a Pew Research poll released yesterday finding that Americans oppose homosexual "marriage" 67 to 32 percent, and you see just how far out of the mainstream the DNC's delegates truly are. It will be interesting to see how the marriage issue is addressed at the DNC's convention, especially given that both Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) and his running mate Sen. John Edwards (D-NC) have said they oppose same-sex "marriage" (it should still be noted that Kerry was one of only 14 Senators who voted against the Defense of Marriage Act back in 1996).

Further, the DNC has said that its delegates are comprised of a "historic" number of homosexuals, and within the delegate contingency from Kerry's home state of Massachusetts support for same-sex "marriage" is at 80 percent! The truth is, if Kerry and Edwards supported traditional marriage they would both use their power as U.S. Senators to vote for the only tool we have to fully protect marriage - an amendment to the U.S. Constitution defining marriage as one man, one woman. Instead, both Kerry and Edwards opposed the amendment. How can you be a supporter of traditional marriage while at the same time oppose the only measure that will protect it? Perhaps we'll find out during Kerry's address at the DNC convention next week. <http://www.frc.org> by Tony Perkins. Comment: Just so you would know. Ed.

Some Phone numbers:

Senator Allen is 518-1674; 202-224-4024
Senator Warner is 441-3079; 202-224-2023
Cong. Ed. Schrock, 497-6859; 202-225-4215
Cong. Randy Forbes 547-1000, 202-225-6365

Dems Showcase Their Anti-Gun Policies

(CNSNews.com) - A Second Amendment group says Democrats are showing their true colors by inviting a "rabidly anti-gun" lawmaker to address the Democratic National Convention next week.

The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) said Rep. Carolyn McCarthy will have a "plum opportunity" to push for legislation extending the ban on so-called assault weapons - a ban that will expire in mid-Sept.

"For months, Democrats have been out hustling gun owners for their votes, trying to portray themselves as pro-Second Amendment," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb. "Giving McCarthy a microphone proves Democrats haven't abandoned their failed gun control policies."

CCRKBA notes that McCarthy's husband was murdered by a "deranged racist gunman" named Colin Ferguson, who also wounded her son in a shooting on a commuter train in 1993. But Ferguson did not use an "assault weapon" in that crime. He used a handgun he purchased in California -- a state with some of the most restrictive gun laws in the nation.

"So much for John Kerry's pheasant hunting and skeet shooting photo ops with borrowed firearms, or any other lip service that Democrats are offering gun owners back in their districts," Gottlieb said.

"Allowing McCarthy a forum to campaign against the firearms rights of millions of law-abiding Americans in the middle of their national convention should tell firearms owners all they need to know about the true Democrat agenda."

CCRKBA is urging all gun owners to listen to McCarthy's speech and the applause it elicits from the party leadership - "and then decide whether Democrats deserve to be trusted with their Second Amendment rights."

By Susan Jones, CNSNews.com Morning Editor
Comment: We must protect our Second Amendment rights at all costs. Without the Second we cannot hold the other nine. Ed.

ARMED CITIZEN

When they heard two fugitives were on the loose in their Paradise Valley, Wyoming, neighborhood, Eugene Summers and his stepson, Bobby Allison, armed themselves with a shovel and a gun and took a look around Summers' property. They discovered the two men hiding under a tarp in Summers' shop. One of the crooks snatched a crowbar off the wall and swung it at Summers, who responded by hitting the man in the head with his gun. When the accomplice approached Summers' stepson, Allison whacked him with his shovel. "They minded a lot better after that," Summers reported. Police arrived soon after and led the pair of criminals away in handcuffs. The men, identified as Christopher Sylvester and Joel Schott, were charged with buying and receiving stolen property and criminal entry. (*Casper StarTribune*, Casper, WY, 04/24/04)

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