

FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

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CAFTA PASSES BOTH HOUSES-Drake & Forbes vote YES

A NO vote was a good vote. Most Democrats opposed it, and so did some Republicans – but in the end, the House of Representatives narrowly passed the Central American Free Trade Agreement. The vote was 217-215, with 27 Republicans voted against CAFTA and 15 Democrats supporting it. Passage is a victory for President Bush...

Virginia CAFTA votes: Rick Boucher- VA 9th- no Eric Cantor- VA 7th- yes Jo Ann Davis- VA 1st- Did not vote Tom Davis- VA 11th- yes Thelma Drake- VA 2nd- yes Randy Forbes- VA 4th- yes Virgil Goode- VA 5th- no Bob Goodlatte- VA 6th- yes Jim Moran- VA 8th- yes Bobby Scott- VA 3rd- no Frank Wolf- VA 10th- yes

Comment: Well, we tried. I still do not believe CAFTA will be good for the US. We lose sovereignty to the WTO etc. and our borders become more open. More jobs will go south and ---standby for massive aide packages for these poor countries, with your dollars. Ed.

PTA Again Sides with Homosexual Group

The National Parents and Teachers Association hosted a workshop in June that stressed the need to incorporate more "gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender" issues in public school policies and curricula. Meanwhile, a group that presents a message of hope for homosexuals and ex-homosexuals was refused space for their own display. From AGAPE PRESS.

Comment: Does anyone know how to overcome a bad PTA and a bad union, the VEA/NEA? Christians have just got to start standing for Biblical principals while we still can. Ed.

Time to Defund Feminist Pork

If Republicans are looking for a way to return to their principles of limited government and reduced federal spending, a good place to start would be rejection of the upcoming reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) sponsored by Senator Joe Biden (D-DE). It's a mystery why Republicans continue to put a billion dollars a year of taxpayers' money into the hands of radical feminists who use it to preach their anti-marriage and anti-male ideology, promote divorce, corrupt the family court system, and engage in liberal political advocacy.

Accountability is supposed to be the watchword of the Bush Administration, but there's been no accountability or oversight for VAWA's spending of many billions of dollars. There is no evidence that VAWA has benefited anyone except the radical feminists on its payroll. Let's have a reality check. VAWA's gender-specific title is pejorative: it's based on the false, unscientific, unjust, and blatantly offensive premise that men are innately violent and abusive toward women, making all women victims of men.

The president of Harvard University was publicly pilloried for months earlier this year for implying innate differences between men and women. But VAWA is spending a billion dollars a year to inculcate that very notion in the minds of men and women who are having marital difficulties, as well as police, prosecutors, psychologists, and family court judges.

Feminists staged tantrums at the suggestion of innate math-aptitude differences between men and women, but the whole premise of VAWA is that men have an innate propensity to violence against women. It's not because some are bad individuals or drunks or psychologically troubled,

but because men want to keep women subservient in an oppressive patriarchal society.

VAWA was passed using such bogus statistics as "a woman is beaten every 15 seconds" and "80% of fathers who seek custody of their children fit the profile of a batterer." Remember the Super Bowl Hoax, the ridiculous claim that "the biggest day of the year for violence against women" is Super Bowl Sunday (an assertion conclusively refuted by Dr. Christina Hoff Sommers' research)?

VAWA refuses to provide any help whatsoever for male victims of domestic violence. Let's hear from Professor Martin Fiebert of California State University at Long Beach who compiled a bibliography of 170 scholarly investigations, 134 empirical studies and 36 analyses, which demonstrate that women are almost as physically abusive toward their partners as men.

A woman seeking help from a VAWA-funded center is not offered any options except to leave her husband, divorce him, accuse him of being a criminal, and have her sons targeted as suspects in future crimes. VAWA ideology rejects joint counseling, reconciliation, and saving marriages.

It's time to stop VAWA from spending any more taxpayers' money to promote family dissolution and fatherless children.

by Phyllis Schlafly
Comment: I love Phyllis Schlafly, she just gets it right. Read the whole article and other great articles at EAGLEFORUM.org. Ed.

No-fault divorce

"No-fault divorce does not expand everyone's personal choice. It empowers the spouse who wishes to leave, and leaves the spouse who is being left helpless, overwhelmed, and weak. The spouse who chooses divorce has a liberating sense of mastery, which psychologists have identified as one of the key components of personal happiness. He or she is breaking free,

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

embracing change, which, with its psychic echoes of the exhilarating original adolescent break from the family, can dramatically boost self-esteem. ... The spouse who leaves learns that love dies. The spouse who is left learns that love betrays and that the courts and society side with the betrayers. In court, your marriage commitment means nothing. The only rule is: Whoever wants out, wins. By gutting the marital contract, no-fault divorce has transformed what it means to get married. The state will no longer enforce permanent legal commitments to a spouse. Formally, at least, no-fault divorce thus demotes marriage from a binding relation into something best described as cohabitation with insurance benefits." --Maggie Gallagher from the Federalist.

Comment: There are some 31 states with No-Fault Divorce, Virginia included. It is time we mount a challenge to this law in Virginia and Nationally. It is a bad law. Ed.

On cross-examination...

"In view of these...repeated acts of terror, the incitements against all things Western, Jewish and Christian in who knows how many mosques in Britain and the U.S., the teaching of seditious ideas in radical Islamic schools funded by our 'friends' the Saudis, and the refusal of most Muslim communities to assimilate and learn the language, history and practices of their host countries, why do Britain and the United States continue to allow such things to exist within their borders? Unless we are prepared to accept continued terrorist attacks as 'normal' because of some sick understanding of tolerance and pluralism, we had better do whatever is necessary to root out these radicals and to forbid any more from entering our countries." --Cal Thomas in the Federalist

Open query...

"The fact that native-born Muslim Europeans are committing terror acts within their own countries shows that this Islamist malignancy long predates Iraq, long predates Afghanistan and long predates 9/11. What Europe had incubated is an enemy within, a threat that for decades Europe simply refused to face. Early news reports of the London bombings mentioned that police found no

suspects among known Islamist cells in Britain. Come again? Why in God's name is a country letting known Islamist cells thrive, instead of just rolling them up? ... Decadence is defined not by a civilization's art or music but ultimately by its willingness to simply defend itself."

--Charles Krauthammer in the Federalist
Comment: The crusades did not end the fight. I believe we will some day fight followers of Islam. They have sworn to kill us, why do we refuse to acknowledge that and prepare to defend ourselves. Ed.

The Armed Citizen

A Somerville, Massachusetts, resident had just stepped out of his shower when he heard unusual sounds at the back of his house. When a man broke through his back door, the homeowner retrieved a handgun, confronted the intruder, and shot him in the shoulder. The wounded burglar ran from the house, but police were able to track him by following a trail of blood to a nearby rail station. The suspect was treated at a local hospital for the gunshot wound, and police were expected to charge him with breaking and entering. (*Boston Herald*, Boston, MA, 01/23/04)

"Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." Inscription on the Liberty Bell

PLANNED PARENTHOOD Cutting off Planned Parenthood?

For the past several years, The Family Foundation has led the fight to remove state funding of the radical pro-abortion organization Planned Parenthood, first by bringing public attention to the issue and then through supporting legislative action. Several attempts have been made at amending the state budget to ensure that Virginia's taxpayers are not forced to fund this extremist group. While these efforts have been unsuccessful, it appears that public and legislative attention may be having an impact. According to the Virginia Department of Health, Planned Parenthood organizations in Virginia did not receive state funding in the budget year 2005! Considering the tens of thousands of dollars the state has funneled to Planned Parenthood in recent years, this is an extremely positive step, if it is indeed true. Because of your efforts in contacting your elected officials, several legislators have been investigating this issue and have promised legislative action. Perhaps the threat of a real

ban on taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood drove the decision to not hand over taxpayer money to this group in 2005. But you and I know that this battle is not over. We know that Planned Parenthood will be back demanding money to support their agenda. In addition, the state still chooses to contract with Planned Parenthood using federal funds for programs dealing with teenagers and sexual activity. It is still incredible to us that an organization that profits from teenagers participating in risky sexual behavior would be given the opportunity to teach those same children about sex!

The Family Foundation will continue working with pro-life legislators who want to see the taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood ended permanently. We cannot let our elected officials point to the 2005 budget and say that because Planned Parenthood didn't receive money in 2005 they don't need to act. While removing funding for 05 is a positive step, it is in no way the end of the fight. The Department of Health has the discretion of deciding where the money goes and can award Planned Parenthood whenever it chooses. In addition, every future budget must be amended to ban this funding, so this will be a continuous struggle. From the Family Foundation.

The World Government Two-Step

by T. R. Eddlem in the *New American Special Edition*

Regional arrangements such as the EU and the proposed FTAA supposedly promote free trade, but their real purpose is to gradually merge nations into a world government...

Likewise, in a more cleverly disguised fashion, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is a subset of the United Nations. The NAFTA Treaty is part of a United Nations' sub-unit, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which was renamed the World Trade Organization, WTO, in 1995. The 1993 NAFTA Treaty states: "The Parties affirm their existing rights and obligations with respect to each other under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and other agreements to which such Parties are party." Thus, NAFTA and the pending Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) and the yet-to-be-finalized Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) are all obligated to follow edicts set down by the United Nations.

More to follow... Ed.

"Get US Out of the United Nations."