

FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

Faith, Freedom & Citizenship Class

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Ronald Reagan's faith

Ronald Reagan spoke eloquently in many ways. But the Great Communicator may be best remembered for his words of faith and the cultural changes that followed them. Faith was the wellspring of his optimism; it was the guiding star of his presidency. Mr. Reagan's faith was the foundation of all he did, and it remains the cornerstone of his legacy.

Mr. Reagan spoke from faith when he saw dawn beyond America's dark hours, when he saw freedom piercing the Iron Curtain. A committed Christian, Mr. Reagan was convinced that everything happened for a reason and that he had been chosen by God to play a part in America's great mission.

Comment: He was a great Governor and the greatest President in the 20th Century. Ed.

HOTEL CHAIN TO AVOID

...Focus on the Family is warning people about a hotel chain that is offering a "gay pride" package. FOTF says that if you are planning a family vacation to a popular tourist destination this summer, you will want to choose your hotel with care -- or you could be exposed to more than just the sun. It says the Kimpton Hotel chain is offering a variety of incentives to try to attract homosexual customers, including special guides to homosexual nightlife and "gay pride" T-shirts. Peter LaBarbera has worked with a variety of pro-family ministries. He says it is troubling to see the arrogance of businesses casting aside hundreds and hundreds of years of moral and family tradition to get money from a very privileged and very financially wealthy sexual minority. The Focus report says Kimpton Hotels operate under a variety of names, the most common being **Hotel Monaco**.

From AGAPE PRESS

Comment: Please be aware of businesses in general that cater to life styles that are alien to Christian family values. We need to be LOUD AND CLEAR in our denunciation of SIN in any form. Ed.

BLACK ABORTION RATES HIGHER

...America's African-American community has the highest abortion rate in the country -- and that's why two black groups are focusing their efforts in June on making sure the black community is aware of that fact. Black Americans for Life (BAL) and the National Black Catholic Apostolate for Life are co-sponsoring a national program called "Abortion Awareness Month in the Black Community." According to a press statement from National Right to Life Committee, African-American women make up 13.7 percent of the

women in the U.S. who are of child-bearing age, yet their abortion rate is three times higher than that of white women. NRLC says that statistic is no accident, pointing out that 70 percent of all abortion providers are in minority communities. BAL director Day Gardner says "black women should not be silent when it comes to this abomination" -- and laments that after all that black Americans have endured and achieved, "by the end of this day nearly 1,200 black babies will be killed by abortion." Father Jim Goode, director of the National Black Catholic Apostolate for Life, says it is time for the African-American community to realize that abortion is a "great threat ... to the future of all black Americans." He adds that more than 13 billion? unborn black babies have been killed since abortion was legalized in America in 1973. The two groups are encouraging individuals, and churches of all denominations, to use Abortion Awareness Month as an opportunity to raise the consciousness of people about the devastating effect that abortion is having on the African-American community.

From AGAPE PRESS

Comment: ALL of our abortion rates are too high. We must all come together and fight this blight on our land. We have lost one whole generation of Doctors, Lawyers, Farmers, etc. and will soon be two generations. Enough is enough, When will it stop? Ed.

TAX EXEMPT CHANGES?

...Churches that mistakenly mix religious and political activity would face reduced fines but keep their tax-exempt status under a provision in a corporate tax bill the U.S. House is to consider this week. The proposal, which could invalidate the strict separation of religion and politics in current tax laws, was introduced by House Republicans the same week President Bush's re-election campaign targeted 1,600 Pennsylvania congregations to recruit voters. The American Jobs Creation Act would impose reduced fines against churches and other places of worship that inadvertently allow political activity on their properties more than twice a year. On the third violation, the religious organizations would lose their tax exemption for one year. [AP]

Comment: My first reaction was that this is great---but on reflection we should veto this amendment and work harder for a total repeal of LBJ's muzzle of churches. It was in 1954 that Churches lost their "freedom of speech". It is high time we got it back. Write/call Cong. Schrock or Forbes today! Ed.

RESTRICT JUDGES

..Former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore has asked Congress to strip from the federal courts any power to

abridge the public acknowledgment of God. Moore, who was ousted for refusing to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the state courthouse rotunda, testified at a Senate subcommittee hearing titled "Beyond the Pledge of Allegiance: Hostility to Religious Expression in the Public Square." He said the words "under God" in the pledge -- and the monument he installed -- acknowledge God but do not violate the First Amendment's ban on Congress establishing a religion. From AGAPE PRESS.

Comment: Sounds like a super idea to me. This is allowed in the Constitution so that congress can override zealot Judges and has been used by congress on other matters. Write or call Cong. Schrock and Forbes and let them know if you approve. Ed.

OH, WELL, THEN IT'S ALL RIGHT

After a long day of shopping, my mother and I stopped at a grocery store. I dashed in to pick up a few things, leaving her in the car. As I approached the checkout, I was shocked to see my mother there waiting for me. "Mom," I said, "what are you doing in here? I left the motor running." "It's all right, dear," she replied reassuringly. "I locked the doors."

From SIMONE TERPSTRA in the Reader's Digest

GRATEFUL IRAQIS

A myth has developed that Iraqis aren't grateful for their liberation from Saddam. So it's worth noting that the leaders of Iraq's new interim government have been explicit and gracious in their thanks, not that you've heard this from the U.S. media.

First in Arabic and then in English, Prime Minister Iyad Allawi said in his inaugural address to the Iraqi people last Tuesday that "I would like to record our profound gratitude and appreciation to the U.S.-led international coalition, which has made great sacrifices for the liberation of Iraq." In his own remarks, President Ghazi al-Yawer said: "Before I end my speech, I would like us to remember our martyrs who fell in defense of freedom and honor, as well as our friends who fell in the battle for the liberation of Iraq."

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Comment: Once again the ugly head of the liberal media is exposed. Freedom of speech is a two edged sword, the freedom to speak and the freedom to hear. It seems the left has all the freedom to speak and we have all the freedom to hear. Ed.

VETS AGAINST KERRY

...The head of a veterans organization dedicated to keeping John Kerry out of the White House says an overwhelmingly majority of vets dislike the Massachusetts Democrat and do not want him to become Commander-in-Chief, despite Kerry's latest effort to get the veteran vote. Kerry recently rolled out his campaign for the traditionally conservative-leaning veterans' vote. Volunteer veterans from all 50 states will attempt to recruit current and former

**"Congressmen who willfully take actions during wartime that damage morale and undermine the military are saboteurs and should be arrested, exiled, or hanged."
-President Abraham Lincoln**

soldiers to his campaign. But Ted Sampley, one of the founders of Vietnam Veterans Against John Kerry, says Kerry is not popular among veterans in general. "Our website reflects a lot of people's opinion -- we don't censor the guest book," Sampley says. "I'll tell you that nine out of ten Vietnam veterans and other veterans, if not more, do not want John Kerry as their Commander-in-Chief. Without a doubt, the Vietnam vets who support Kerry are a very small minority." Sampley says at the recent Memorial Day festivities in Washington, the vast majority of veterans he talked with stated they could not support Kerry. From AGAPE PRESS.

Comment: Now I'm not endorsing anyone but as a veteran of 21 years during Korea and Vietnam I sure don't want to see Mr. Kerry elected to anything. Ed..

FTA'S WILL KILL US

The Free Trade Agreements being negotiated are anything but free. They are a big hoax wrapped up in sweet platitudes. The three FTA's are **NAFTA, CAFTA and FTAA**.

We have had **NAFTA**, North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada, US and Mexico, now for 10 years and the results are drastic. Remember Mr. Ross Perot and his "giant sucking sound..."? Well he was right, we have lost 10's of thousand of jobs and hundreds of industries that packed up and went to Mexico. We have ghost towns here in Virginia and North Carolina as a result of NAFTA.

The next step, **CAFTA**, means 5 more countries added to NAFTA. The Central American Free Trade Agreement will include El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. These cash strapped countries will not add to our imports, they will be big magnets to take more of our wealth south. President Bush signed the CAFTA agreement May 27th, 2004 and under the "Fast Track" law congress has just ninety days to disapprove it or it becomes law.

The final and possibly fatal blow to American sovereignty is **FTAA**, the Free Trade of Americas Agreement. It should be called the Fraudulent Trade trap. FTAA will include all countries in the Western Hemisphere except possibly Cuba. It will have a giant organization that will rule on all matters assigned. The US will NOT have veto, we will have one vote only. As history has shown in the last few years the US has not won a single case in the world court, World Trade Organization or any UN sponsored organization.

Under **FTAA** our borders would cease to exist, immigrants would no longer be a problem, we would lose the power to enforce our laws, bowing to the higher court. We would be pulled down to the status of all the third world countries. Do we want this? Call or write your electeds now. Editor.