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Faith, Freedom & Citizenship Class

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KPC to Host the 24th General Assembly

During next week, Tuesday June 22 through Saturday June 26 we will host the biggest gathering that KPC has ever attempted. We will have some 700 guests from all over the nation here to attend the 24th annual General Assembly of the EPC. If you have not volunteered you might want to contact Georgina at 479-1422 and help us. Ed.

FMA VOTE IN JULY

"The Senate Republican leadership is aiming for a mid-July vote on a constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage, forcing Democrats to take a stand on the controversial topic just before the party heads to Boston for its presidential nominating convention," reported Roll Call yesterday afternoon. "Some Republicans hope the decision to move the vote up to July would help inoculate the GOP from Democratic charges that the party is trying to play politics with an issue right before an election."

"We want to make sure we are as clear as possible that this is not a political exercise but an issue of substance," an anonymous GOP aide told the paper. No report on whether the aide said this with a straight face...or if his nose grew an extra six inches after saying it.

Comment: This is a big one folks. We really need the Federal Marriage amendment to define marriage. We cannot depend on the courts or weak politicians. Write to Senators Warner and Allen today, tell them to vote for the FMA. Ed.

TAX THE CHURCHES

...A House committee has stripped a tax bill of a provision that would have reduced penalties on churches that allow political activity by mistake. Instead of losing their tax-exempt status, houses of worship would have faced fines for the first two inadvertent offenses. Only after engaging in politics for a third time would the religious organization have lost its tax exemption -- and then only for a year. But the measure drew scant support and attracted broad opposition from both secular and church groups, so the House Ways and Means Committee removed it from a corporate tax bill. [AP]

Comment: Write to Congressman Schrock and Senators Warner and Allen. Tell them it is high time we repealed Lyndon Johnson's law that muzzled churches back in 1956. Churches should have freedom of speech. Ed.

Exodus from Gov't Schools

Now comes what could be the most radical and most successful education reform proposal ever made. The Southern Baptist Convention - the nation's largest Protestant denomination with about 16 million members - is meeting this week in Indianapolis, and among the resolutions it is considering is one calling upon parents to withdraw their

children from public schools and either educate them at home, or enroll them in private Christian academies.

"...If large numbers of Southern Baptist and other Christian parents begin exiting government schools, the education monopoly will be forced to consider returning to real education standards instead of embracing every new education and social 'fad.' Like a business that is required to compete, government schools will either reclaim a once proud heritage, or go out of business; either way, the children will benefit..."

Comment: Unfortunately the SBC did not endorse putting their kids in Christian schools or home-schooling them. Thursday it was announced that they voted it down. Ed.

Christians Must Vote

...At a recent Capitol Hill summit, a Republican official told young conservatives it is crucial that Christians vote their values in this year's upcoming elections. According to an Associated Press report, Republican National Committee's Drew Ryun addressed the Eagle Forum Collegians Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C., saying the Bible clearly teaches that Christians should be morally opposed to abortion and homosexual marriage and should vote accordingly. "The Bible speaks very clearly on those and how we are to act on those issues," Ryun says. The son of Kansas Congressman Jim Ryun told his audience the Bible is the "foundation upon which to build the rest of our lives," but that a growing effort to silence churches on moral issues is under way. The GOP's grassroots development director also told the crowd that this year's election will be a clash of world views between "postmodern relativists who believe that anything goes," and those Americans "who believe in absolute truth."

Comment: I couldn't have said it better. We need to get out and vote. The amazing thing is that these young people got the message. Ed.

Games They Play

Senators Warner and Allen have evidently decided that they want the question of making homosexual marriages legal in all 50 states to be decided by a liberal, activist Federal judge. Despite repeated efforts by Virginia citizens to get Senators Warner and Allen to co-sponsor the Federal Marriage Amendment, they have refused to do so. The FMA will ban homosexual marriage.

Their refusal to co-sponsor the amendment means that they do not have to go on record as voting for or against the amendment. They will not have to tell you where they stand on the issue. They don't want to be forced to vote on the issue. Then, after the action by the activist judge legalizing

homosexual marriage, they can tell you they opposed homosexual marriage but did not have an opportunity to vote for it.

It is a win-win situation for a politician.

We think your Senators owe you the courtesy of telling you if they support homosexual marriage or not. We urge you to call your Senators and insist they tell you with a simple yes or no answer. If they say they favor the amendment, ask them why they are not a co-sponsor.

You will probably be given a long, technical and complicated run-a-round answer instead of a simple yes or no. That is the way politicians work. Many of them will not give you a simple yes or no answer, but will try to confuse you.

The long and short of it is this: If they will not co-sponsor the Federal Marriage Amendment, they are willing for an activist judge to legalize homosexual marriage.

Below are their phone numbers. We suggest you call the District Office if it is a local call, or call the Washington office if no local number is available.

If you want more information on homosexual marriage, go to NoGayMarriage.com[2].

Please forward this to friends in Virginia, then print it and share with others.

Sincerely, Donald E. Wildmon, Founder and Chairman;
American Family Association

Senator John W. Warner Washington Phone: 202-224-2023; NorVA 757-441-3079

Senator George Allen Washington Phone: 202-224-4024; Va.Beach 757-518-1674

Why The UN Isn't A Solution

May 26, 2004 by Phyllis Schlafly

The UN didn't have a lot of enthusiastic admirers before the Iraq war, and as news is sinking in about corruption on a scale never seen before, support for the UN is dropping to near-zero.

Because of the hardships on Iraqi children from the sanctions imposed on Iraq after the Persian Gulf War, beginning in 1996 Iraq was allowed to sell limited amounts of oil to finance the purchase of goods and medicines for humanitarian purposes. This Oil-for-Food program was supposed to be under tight UN supervision, but the UN was the fox guarding the chicken coop.

The evidence is now pouring in that more than \$10 billion in bribes and kickbacks were siphoned off under the noses of the UN monitors. Oil-for-Food was a giant scam that allowed Saddam Hussein to divert that incredible sum to finance his lavish lifestyle and to buy friends to keep himself in power.

The UN had no effective mechanisms of accounting or disclosure, and there never was any audit. Everything was secret: the price and quantity of the oil and of the goods for relief, the identities of the oil buyers, the quality of the food and medicines, the bank statements, and all financial transactions.

Now we know why the UN, and especially France and Russia, opposed our goal of toppling Saddam. It wasn't

because they are anti-American; it was because they were the chief beneficiaries of these secret deals with Saddam and they didn't want to turn off the money spigot.

From 1996 to 2002, Oil-for-Food was a cover that invited and sustained huge transfers of corruption-laden transactions between Iraq and major UN members, particularly Russia, France and China. Their profitable party would still be going on if the United States hadn't kicked Saddam out of power.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan was a chief negotiator with Saddam. Annan's secretariat collected fees of \$1.4 billion to monitor, administer and audit the program, keep the records, and interact with Saddam, plus another \$500 million for weapons inspection.

The Iraq Oil Ministry has now released a list of 270 companies and politicians from 46 countries, especially Russia and France, that profited from this scheme. The list includes former Iraqi officials, a former French Cabinet minister, a British member of Parliament, Benon Sevan who ran the program, a company with which Kofi Annan's son was associated, and other UN personnel who were supposed to be monitoring the contracts.

The smoking gun is a letter to the former Iraqi oil minister obtained by ABC News. It describes the specifics of one deal that would have generated a profit of \$3.5 million.

Some of the food delivered, mostly from Russia, was unfit for humans, and medicines were often out of date. Saddam also handed out vouchers instead of cash for other goods imported illegally in violation of UN sanctions. (This is only part of her article.)

Remember, Candidate Kerry would hand over Iraq to the UN and withdraw our forces.

Comment: I must say it again, **Get the US out of the United Nations.** If we de-fund the UN it will implode and quickly fail. The UN will fall upon the ash heap of history. No communist nation or organization has ever survived without massive aid. Ed.

The Armed Citizen

Three men entered a Houston, Texas, plumbing business and attempted to rob the owner. Proprietor Andrea McNabb was in a back office when the attempted robbery took place. When confronted by the men, McNabb drew a gun and shot two of the miscreants. All three men ran from the store. One suspect was arrested after stealing the owner's car and driving himself to the hospital for medical assistance. A second man suffering a gunshot wound to the leg was picked up within two blocks of the crime scene. The third suspect was not located. (*Houston Chronicle*, Houston, TX, 12/03/03)

Studies indicate that firearms are used over two million times a year for personal protection, and that the presence of a firearm, without a shot being fired, prevents crime in many instances. Shooting usually can be justified only where crime constitutes an immediate, imminent threat to life, limb, or, in some cases, property. Quoted from *The American Hunter*. Ed.