

# FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

Faith, Freedom & Citizenship Class

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## NO PROPERTY IS SAFE

### Decision worse than *Roe v. Wade* for our country.

The High Court gave local governments the right to break at least one of the ten commandments, "thou shall not steal". By the usual slim majority of 5-4, five jurists in black robes the decided in *Kelo et al. v. City of New London* that American citizens own property at the whim of the government. The *Kelo* decision had the majority of the court ruling that local governments can force property owners to sell out and make way for private economic development when officials decide it would benefit the public, even if the property is not blighted.

The monarchial opinion was decided by the usual gang of liberal- leaning justices: John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen G. Breyer, and Anthony Kennedy. While President George W. Bush has established a track record of nominating strict constitutionalist for the courts, the fact that Justices Kennedy and Souter were both nominated by Republican presidents should be a reminder of why we must not sit on the sidelines when the next nomination for the Supreme Court is made. We have to stand our ground - or risk having it taken! From FRC.

**Comment:** Let me illustrate with an example. Pastor Nate buys 10 Acres of land along the future path of an expressway. He hopes to make extra money to send one of his many children to college. Under the Constitution of the U.S. that land is his and any profit would be his. Now however it will be different. Say in 5 years a developer decides he wants to build a shopping center on that land and adjoining land. Pastor Nate is not ready to sell, he is thinking of his kids futures and is waiting on the price to rise. The developer now can go whine to the greedy politicians, the local government, and they can now, by court decision, take his land and give it to the developer. Ain't that nice. Pastor Nate will be paid a price that is usually the lowest price for his land, gone are his profits. Ed.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that 47 countries have re-established their embassies in Iraq?

Did you know that the Iraqi current government employs 1.2 million Iraqi people?

Did you know that 3100 schools have been renovated, 364 schools are under rehabilitation, 263 schools are now under construction and 38 new schools have been built in Iraq?

Did you know that Iraq's higher educational structure consists of 20 Universities, 46 Institutes or colleges and 4 research centers, all currently operating?

Did you know that 25 Iraq students departed for the United States in January 2005 for the re-established Fulbright program?

Did you know that the Iraqi Navy is operational?! They have 5- 100-foot patrol craft, 34 smaller vessels and a navel infantry regiment.

Did you know that Iraq's Air Force consists of three operational squadrons, which includes 9 reconnaissance and 3 US C-130 transport aircraft (under Iraqi operational control) which operate day and night, and will soon add 16 UH-1 helicopters and 4 bell jet rangers?

Did you know that Iraq has a counter-terrorist unit and a Commando Battalion?

Did you know that the Iraqi Police Service has over 55,000 fully trained and equipped police officers?

Did you know that there are 5 Police Academies in Iraq that produce over 3500 new officers each 8 weeks?

Did you know there are more than 1100 building projects going on in Iraq?

"The most important consequence of marriage is, that the husband and the wife become in law only one person. ... Upon this principle of union, almost all the other legal consequences of marriage depend. This principle, sublime and refined, deserves to be viewed and examined on every side."

-- James Wilson

**Samuel Adams advised: "It does not take a majority to prevail...but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men."**

**"The operations of the federal government will be most extensive and important in times of war and danger; those of the State governments, in times of peace and security." -- James Madison, Federalist No. 45**

They include 364 schools, 67 public clinics, 15 hospitals, 83 railroad stations, 22 oil facilities, 93 water facilities and 69 electrical facilities.

Did you know that 96% of Iraqi children under the age of 5 have received the first 2 series of polio vaccinations?

Did you know that 4.3 million Iraqi children were enrolled in primary school by mid October?

Did you know that there are 1,192,000 cell phone subscribers in Iraq and phone use has gone up 158%?

Did you know that Iraq has an independent media that consist of 75 radio stations, 180 newspapers and 10 television stations?

Did you know that the Baghdad Stock Exchange opened in June of 2004?

Did you know that 2 candidates in the Iraqi presidential election had a recent

**Sen. Warner, 441-3079 and Senator Allen at 518-1674. Congresswoman Drake - 497-6859.  
Cong. Randy Forbes 547-1000. Cong. Robert "Bobby" Scott - 380-1000**

televised debate recently?

**OF COURSE WE DIDN'T KNOW!  
WHY DIDN'T WE KNOW?--OUR  
MEDIA WOULDN'T TELL US!**

Instead of reflecting our love for our country, we get photos of flag burning incidents at Abu Ghraib and people throwing snowballs at presidential motorcades. And daily body counts.

The lack of accentuating the positive in Iraq serves two purposes. It is intended to undermine the world's perception of the United States thus minimizing consequent support, and it is intended to discourage American citizens.

All of the above facts are verifiable on the Department of Defense website. This came through the Patriot Republican Women's Club:

**Comment:** Of course we won't here it from the MSM, they want us to lose. They will do anything to defeat President Bush. It is disgraceful. Ed.

**UN Excludes Pro-Life  
Groups from Important  
UN Meeting**

For the last two days, hundreds of UN-picked international lobby groups have gathered in New York for discussions with the UN General Assembly about the upcoming Millennium Summit +5. Numerous pro-life, pro-family groups applied to participate, but all were rejected by a handpicked panel of the United Nations. As a result, yesterday's sessions consisted of repeated and unopposed calls for more access to abortion and homosexual rights through the Millennium Development Goals.

The UN's "informal interactive hearings" with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are the first of their kind. Ominously to pro-life groups, Deputy Secretary-General Louise Fréchette opening remarks called them a "significant new step in the way the United Nations relates to civil society." UN bureaucrats and radical NGOs have sought for years for a way to keep pro-life groups out of UN

negotiations but they have largely failed. This new approach has succeeded. AGAPE PRESS.

**Comment:** Here is a good place to get in a plug for getting the US out of the United Nations. Call your Congressman/woman. Ed.

**FLAG AMENDMENT**

H.J. Res. 10, the flag amendment, passed the house this week. It had the 2/3 majority needed for an amendment. Now to the Senate, the graveyard of good bills. Ed.

**America's Next Tax Revolt**

It hasn't yet hit the intensity level of Howard Jarvis's Proposition 13, the famous ballot measure that slashed California property taxes by 30% and sparked a nationwide tax revolt in the late 1970s. But activists in at least 20 states -- from Alaska to South Carolina -- are working to enact Taxpayer Bill of Rights (Tabor) laws to cap runaway state spending and tax increases.

These Tabor initiatives place a fiscal straitjacket on state legislators and governors, requiring them to rebate surplus taxes back to the citizens rather than spending the funds on new programs whenever states are flush with cash -- as they happen to be now, with revenues rising at a rate of 11% in 2005.

**Comment:** We really need this in Virginia to stop localities from constantly raising our taxes. We need your help in putting pressure on our Republican and Democratic House and Senate to pass this into law. Ed.

**Pentagon Has 12 Million  
Students In Database**

The Defense Department began working this week with a private marketing firm to create a database of high school students ages 16 to 18 and all college students to help the military identify potential recruits in a time of dwindling enlistment in some branches. Over 12 million names currently are on file and collection efforts have been going on for some time. [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/06/22/AR2005062202305.htm?nav=rss\\_technology](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/06/22/AR2005062202305.htm?nav=rss_technology) From **POLITICS-ONLINE**.

**Calls Needed in Support of  
Amendments Denying Social  
Security and In-state Tuition to  
Illegal Aliens**

Your calls are needed immediately to generate support for two amendments expected to come to the floor this week to deny in-state tuition and Social Security benefits to illegal aliens.

Please call your representative right away and urge a yes vote on the King Amendment to deny in-state tuition to illegal aliens and the Hayworth Amendment to prevent Social Security benefits from being paid to illegal aliens from Mexico.

**Capitol switchboard (202) 225-3121 or  
Cong. Thelma Drake's no. 497-6859.**

**THE ARMED CITIZEN**

When Judy Abram had her sisters over to play dominoes, a man walked up to the house and attempted to break through Abram's living room window. She yelled at the man to leave, but he continued coming in the window. Abram then ran to her bedroom and returned with a pistol. She aimed it at the home invader saying, "Can't you see I have a gun? Get out of here!" The intruder continued to advance on her so she fired at him, emptying her gun. Suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest, the home-invader then went to a neighbor's house, where he crashed through the living room window and collapsed. He was pronounced dead at the scene. (*San Antonio ExpressNews*, San Antonio, Texas, 11/03/03)

**PROTECT 2nd AMENDMENT**

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. *American Hunter Magazine*.

**CAFTA PASSES COMMITTEE**

Last week the Senate Committee considering CAFTA passed it out to the full Senate. We are about to be had big time. Call both Senators now, tell them NO, NO, and Heck NO. Ed.

**GET US OUT OF THE UN!**