

# FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

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## MILESTONE: OHIO 38<sup>TH</sup> STATE TO SAFEGUARD MARRIAGE

In case you missed it, in February 2004 Ohio became the 38<sup>th</sup> state to pass a DOMA protecting marriage. The significance of this action is that it takes 38 states to pass a Constitutional Amendment to ensure the long term sanctity of marriage. We need to keep the pressure on congress to pass this legislation as soon as possible, the states are ready. Editor.

## Two-front Cultural War

America is engaged in two wars for the survival of its civilization. The war over same-sex marriage and the war against Islamic totalitarianism are actually two fronts in the same war--a war for the preservation of the unique American creation known as Judeo-Christian civilization. One enemy is religious extremism. The other is secular extremism.

One enemy is led from abroad. The other is directed from home. The first war is against the Islamic attempt to crush whoever stands in the way of the spread of violent Islamic theocracies, such as al Qaeda, the Taliban, the Iranian mullahs and Ramas. The other war is against the secular nihilism that manifests itself in much of Western Europe, in parts of America such as San Francisco and in many of our universities. America leads the battle against both religious and secular nihilism and is hated by both because it rejects both equally.

American values preclude embracing either religious extremism or radical secularism. As Alexis de Tocqueville, probably the greatest observer of our society, wrote almost 200 years ago, America is a unique combination of secular government and religious (Judeo-Christian) society. Not only has this combination been unique, it has been uniquely successful. America, there fore, poses as mortal a threat to radical secularism as it does to Islamic totalitarianism. Each understands that America's success means its demise. This is a major reason why the Left so opposes anti-Islamism just as it opposed anti-communism. In theory, the Left should be at least as opposed to the Islamists as is the Right.

All this explains why the passions are so intense regarding same-sex marriage. Most of the activists in the movement to redefine marriage wish to overthrow the predominance of Judeo-Christian values in American life. Those who oppose same-sex marriage understand that re-defining the central human institution marks the beginning of the end of Judeo-Christian civilization.

Left is preoccupied first with destroying America's distinctive values - a Judeo-Christian society (as opposed to a secular one), capitalism (as opposed to socialism), liberty (as

opposed to equality) and exceptionalism (as opposed to universalism, multi-culturalism and multilateralism). So, if the Islamists are fellow anti-Americans, the Left figures it can worry about them later.

By Dennis Prager To read the rest of the article go to the Washington Times March 8-14, 2004.

Comment: Christians must take the lead in re-claiming the public square. We have to be loud and clear in our denunciation of assaults on our cultural and family values. We have to hit the stump and proclaim our message of truth. So---write letters to the editor, call/write/fax your elected representatives, make your views known. Editor.

## An American Awakening

By Oliver North in the Wash. Times weekly Mar. 8, 2004

It was a tough end of the month for the radical zealots of the American political left. Liberal ideologues were stunned by a presidential call for a constitutional amendment to protect the institution of marriage. Long lines waiting to see Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" shocked those who despise the Judeo-Christian values on which the United States was founded. Anti-Bush partisans took a hit when Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan called on Congress to cut spending and make the president's tax cuts permanent.

And - as if to add insult to injury - Ralph Nader threw his hat in the ring as an Independent presidential candidate. The only question now is whether the counter-cultural revolutionaries running the national Democratic Party and much of the so-called mainstream media are paying attention to anything but the cancellation of "Sex in the City."

For much of the last 12 months, political militants and social extremists have had a free-for-all. They have a presidential target for spewing their hatred. They had US. troops in the field and a war to protest. The Patriot Act offered them an opportunity to dust off old conspiracy theories about the CIA and the FBI.

In Massachusetts, New Mexico and San Francisco, judges and legislators bent to the will of homosexual activists on redefining the meaning of marriage and more than 3,000 same-sex marriages have taken place in direct defiance of California law.

The Washington Post[Liberal] complained in a front page article that the constitutional endorsement was nothing more than a "move to satisfy [his] conservative base." It was no such thing. The president clearly arrived at his decision reluctantly, but resolutely - and rightly so. Decisions to amend the Constitution should not be taken lightly. But what alternative is left when liberal activists simply defy the ' laws enacted by the people's representatives?

Comment: It doesn't hurt to give a little good news. Read the rest of Mr. North's column in the Wash Times. We can use the good news. Ed.

## DRUG-INDUCED POLICY DISASTER

"The Bush White House has been accused of lying about all kinds of things, most of the time without proof. But a flap over its low-balled cost estimates for the new Medicare prescription drug benefit has even its allies concerned.

Anyone who knew anything about Medicare knew that the official \$400 billion price-tag limit was optimistic at best. But now comes the accusation from Richard Foster, chief actuary at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, that he was ordered to hush up about his own 10-year estimates that exceeded that number by more than \$100 billion.

"...As with the steel tariffs, President Bush is paying a price for wandering from his principles. The Medicare bill was the first big test of whether 'compassionate conservatism' would actually promote individual freedom and ownership or simply become the GOP's version of the old command-and-control welfare state. It ended up being mostly the latter, and it looks increasingly as if Republicans won't have even a short-term political gain to show for it. The next time the White House is tempted to threaten legislators in the middle of the night, we hope it's on something worth the effort and true to its convictions."

- "Review & Outlook," Wall Street Journal, 3/17/04

Comment: The Medicare drug bill is another step in the socializing of America. This is not authorized in the Constitution and should have never been passed. Bush is no conservative. Ed.

## Sodomites Not Wanted

"At last night's (Rhea County, TN) commission meeting, a motion was passed unanimously to push legislation allowing Rhea County to charge gays and lesbians with crimes against nature. Commissioner J.C. Fugate says he made the motion because of all the recent controversy about gay marriages. . . . Next week, Rhea County commissioners are scheduled to vote on whether to ban homosexuals from living there altogether." WRBC-TV, Chattanooga

Comment: Do you think we could get the City Council to pass this amendment here? Ed.

## Court Fights for Marriage

Pro-family attorneys are stretched to the limit, but up to the battle.

The fierce battle over marriage is taking place in eight states and counting, and on the front lines two pro-family law groups are taking the lead: the Alliance Defense Fund and Liberty Counsel.

The groups have been relentlessly filing suit to stop government officials from tyrannically and illegally imposing gay marriage on the nation. And with court challenges stretching from New York to California, attorneys like Joshua Carden of the Alliance Defense Fund find themselves enduring grueling cross-country flights, lunches on the cell phone and tedious hours of research.

"There's no downtime at this point," Carden said. "Obviously, there are still battles out there that need to be fought, and so you have momentary exultation, just praising God for His goodness, and then it's back to work, because there are more fights to fight."

Mat Staver, president of Liberty Counsel, called it "a

vicious battle out there" as he got off a flight from Florida to Washington State.

"There's a lot of underhandedness, there's a lot of corruption that's going on within the government," he said. "And there's a lot of hostility to the other side."

**There is no choice, he added, but to fight.**

by Stuart Shepard, correspondent From CITIZENLINK March 18  
Comment: Here is a chance for you to help out. These groups and the local Center For Law and Justice(ACLJ) are always in need of money. It costs lots to defend these suits. So if you are led to help you could send them \$20-30 or so just to help out. Ed.

## THE ARMED CITIZEN

Uzair Khan and two other employees at Dani's Food Mart were preparing to close the store just before midnight when a young man-his face partially disguised-entered the store and began waving a handgun around. Khan later told police that he immediately handed the gunman the cash drawer and begged him to leave. The robber, later identified as Melvin Dugger, seemed in no hurry to leave and kept looking around the store. "I begged him not to shoot me," Khan said. "But he kept looking around. He wouldn't leave." Fearing he would be shot, Khan drew a handgun and shot Dugger, who dropped the cash drawer and his gun and ran from the store. Police discovered his body behind a nearby apartment building. (*Macon Telegraph*, Macon, GA, 12/19/03)

## None of that stuff here!

HB 751, introduced by Delegate Bob Marshall (R-13, Prince William), declares that the Commonwealth of Virginia will not recognize a marriage, civil union, partnership contract or other arrangement purporting to bestow any of the privileges or obligations of marriage under the laws of another state or territory of the United States unless such marriage conforms to Virginia law. This legislation will prevent same sex civil unions from taking place or being recognized in Virginia.

The House of Delegates passed this legislation on February 13th by a vote of 79 to 18. On Wednesday of this week, the Senate also passed the bill on a vote of 28 to 10. The legislation that will prevent same sex civil unions in Virginia will now go to Governor Mark Warner's desk for his approval or veto.

Comment: Let's all write the Gov. and ask him to sign it. Ed.

## TUBE TIP

C-SPAN, as part of its Road to the White House, is broadcasting Sen. Kerry's 1971 testimony before Sen. Fulbright Committee this Sunday night (6:30 & 9:30).

Comment: This is a chance to look for yourself, see what sKerry's all about. I get dozens of emails every week that are very negative on Senator Kerry. If he is half as bad as these messages make out, he shouldn't be the dog catcher. Ed.