

# FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

Faith, Freedom & Citizenship Class

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## New PC Correct Bible

In news from the "Village Church," God's Word was apparently not politically correct enough for 15 American and British scholars who recently "modernized" the New International Version of the Bible, calling it Today's New International Version. The NIV's "dynamic equivalent" translation philosophy was already somewhat suspect in regards to the literal meaning of the Hebrew and Greek, but the TNIV reaches a new level. Examples include the word "saints" being translated as "God's chosen people" and Mary's being "pregnant" rather than "with child." (At least they didn't say "with fetus.") Gender-inclusive language is also used: "When God created Man, he made him in the likeness of God" (Gen. 5:1) now reads, "When God created human beings, he made them in the likeness of God." When the "translators" were finished, more than 45,000 changes -- about seven percent of the text -- had been made. So rather than educate "human beings" about the original meanings, the goal appears to be a dumbing-down the Scriptures so much so that "stoned" no longer refers to a biblical form of execution, but rather the state of mind of these 15 American and British scholars. From the Federalist 05-11

**Comment:** I think I'll stick with the original King James. Ed.

## 2nd Amendment Not Enough?

In the House, Rep. John Hostettler has reintroduced the Secure Access to Firearms Enhancement (SAFE) Act (HR 1243), which would provide for state reciprocity for concealed-carry permits pursuant to the laws of the carrier's home state. Further, the bill would not require a citizen to obtain a permit so as to mesh with states like Alaska and Vermont. The

legislation would allow citizens who can legally carry in their home state - even without a permit -- to carry all across the country. Of course, we at *The Patriot* see the Second Amendment as the only "permit" necessary! From the Federalist

## ACLU Getting Rich Off Taxpayers

...Phyllis Schlafly of [Eagle Forum](#) says the American Civil Liberties Union is getting rich at the expense of religious expression. She contends that the ACLU is stuffing its coffers with money gained by challenging the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance and Ten Commandments displays in various public buildings around the United States, and she wants something done about it. "Congress should repeal the law that allows the ACLU to collect attorneys fees when they have these Pledge of Allegiance and Ten Commandments cases," she says. Schlafly believes U.S. lawmakers should amend the law so that the organization could not benefit monetarily from challenges to the acknowledgement of God under the establishment clause. According to the pro-family spokeswoman, the ACLU litigants are making millions of dollars from these court challenges -- especially when they manage to get an activist judge to hear the case. But Schlafly says the law was never intended as a financial tool to generate windfalls for the ACLU or anyone else. [Bill Fancher] From AGAPE PRESS.

Comment: We should follow Phyllis's advise and put pressure where it'll to the most good. We need to amend the law. Ed.

## U.N. Scandals

"Let's be frank: These international bureaucracies don't work. The UN already is dealing with a sex scandal in the Congo, genocide in Sudan and the Oil-for-Food fiasco in Iraq. Why would we want to create more unaccountable

international bureaucracies [with the Law of the Sea Treaty] and put them in charge of our oceans?" --Ed Fuelner  
Comment: Keep writing your elected's, get US OUT. Ed.

## Deceit, Thy Name Is Islamism

By Beth Goodtree  
from [Isralert.com source](#)

In Islam, lying or omissions for the 'greater good,' according to a strict or radical Islam/Islamist philosophy is not only acceptable, it is holy and blessed work. It is called al-Takeyya (or al-Taqiyya) and is a strategy outlined in the Hadiths and supported by various interpretations of some of the Suras in the Koran. We have just seen it in action and most people never even caught the whiff of mental ether the Islamists were pouring into the airways of the already comatose and choking non-Islamist world.

Al-Takeyya is a policy whereby a Muslim may lie, deceive or omit critical truths if it promotes the spreading of Islam AND the conquest of the non-Muslim world. According to William P. Welty, Ph.D., al-Takeyya/Taqiyya is:

"The Islamic principle of lying for the sake of Allah. Falsehoods told to prevent denigration of Islam, to protect oneself, or to promote the cause of Islam are sanctioned by the Qur'an, including lying under penalty of perjury in testimony before the United States Congress, lying or making distorted statements to the media such as claiming that Islam is a religion of peace and deceiving fellow Muslims when the one lying has deemed them to be apostates."

**Comment:** Makes Mr. Bush's Iran policy sound sensible doesn't it. He can't trust them so we don't make treaties with them. Ed.

## VA Educators Face Lawsuit Over Fifth-Grader's Treatment

By Jim Brown March 18, 2005 (AgapePress) - Public school officials in Virginia are being accused of humiliating an 11-year-old male student by forcing him to wear red fingernail polish, lipstick, and a bow in his hair.

A lawsuit alleges that fifth-grader Matthew Thornberry was the victim of assault and battery when principal Emma Austin and assistant principal Jenny Eaton put makeup on the boy last year while he was a student at Twin Springs Elementary School. Pittsylvania County School superintendent James McDaniel is also named as a defendant in the case. The three educators have also been sued for intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress, and gross negligence.

Thornberry's attorney, Glenn Berger, calls the officials' conduct "outrageous," and contends it will scar the young boy for the rest of his life.

"It's one thing for a child to even ridicule himself or to make a joke," Berger explains, "but it's a very different thing for an administrator to set a child up for ridicule. Administrators should set examples of good behavior -- not mimic bad behavior and set children up for ridicule." From AGAPE PRESS.

**Comment:** What is going on? Did these two idiots read the "Leadership Manual" at all? They need to take the USN Leadership course and if they flunk it, they get to change careers. Ed.

## THE ARMED CITIZEN

A Salem, Mass, resident learned what a great deterrent owning a gun can be. The resident called police, not to report being a victim of a crime, but to say that he discovered a man "all dressed in black" trying to break into his home. The resident aimed his gun at the would-be intruder, who decided to cut his losses and run. (*The Salem News*, Salem, Mass, 11/28/03)

## REAL ESTATE TAX INCREASE

It is time that the citizens of Virginia Beach are enlightened as to how the city council circumvents the intent of the general assembly to cap real property taxes. First of all, the city council uses an annual assessment of the property rather than the biennial assessment to compound the amount of

the assessment over time to realize a higher taxable assessment. Secondly, they use §58.1-3321 paragraph B of the Code of Virginia to gerrymander the rate to produce the revenue that they think the city needs to operate. The code is very specific. In essence it says, that the taxes generated by the new assessment cannot exceed the previous year's taxes by more than 1% and in calculating this amount improvements and new construction since the previous assessment must be omitted.

For purposes of illustration, the assessed value of the property in Virginia Beach was \$31,013,320,973 at the beginning of the tax year. The income to the city was \$371,043,372 based on the tax rate of \$1.1964 per \$100. According to the law, the new amount of taxes the city could collect would be \$374,753,805 which is 1.01 times the previous year. Keep in mind that this new amount does not include taxes on improvements or new construction.

To calculate the new tax rate you divide the new allowable amount (\$374,753,805) by the new assessment (\$37,383,779,314) which does not include improvements or new construction. The new tax rate should be \$1.0024 per hundred to comply with legislative guidelines. From the Virginia Beach Taxpayers Alliance, c/o Reginald S. Early, 748 Pine Tree Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, 757-498-4162

**Comment:** To make it easier to compute: take a \$100,000 house, now taxed at 1.19 per 100. Your tax will be \$1,190, ie:  $100000/100 \times 1.19 = 1190$ . If this year your house is assessed at 120,000 a rise of 20% then without change you pay  $120000/100 \times 1.19 = \$1428$  or \$238 more. If the state law is followed and the City Council does not meet in secret and raise the rate back to where it was you would have new tax rate of .99 per 100. This would be  $120000/100 \times .99 = \$1188$  (NO CHANGE). SO WHEN COUNCIL ACTS THEY ARE REALLY RAISING YOUR TAXES BY 20 CENTS PER HUNDRED IN MY EXAMPLE. They hoodwink the taxpayers into thinking the increase is the due to the value of the home. It is NOT, it is the council raising your taxes each year. It is time we became very vocal with the elected

council members starting with our TAX AND SPEND MAYOR. Ed.

## From the Editor

Taxes are the bane of our existence as a family. Taxes undermine us daily. For that reason I am printing some suggestions for us to fight them. Consider local taxes and go to one of the following:

## Speakers Bureau

The Citizens Action Coalition, Inc. (CACI) and the Virginia Beach Taxpayers Alliance (VBTA) Speakers Bureau have the following confirmed engagements. If you are a member of one of the civic leagues scheduled, please attend. If your civic league has not yet signed up for a presentation about real estate assessments and taxes, please e-mail Bob O'Connor at [roconnor24@cox.net](mailto:roconnor24@cox.net).

### MARCH SCHEDULE

\* Monday, March 7: Croatan CL 7 p.m. at Mai Mai Ramada Inn Oceanfront  
Contact: AI Saferstein 422-0401

\* Thursday, March 10: Homestead CL 7 p.m. at Providence Presbyterian Church. Providence & Whitehurst Landing Roads. Contact: Karen Nuskiewicz

\* Monday, March 14: Pembroke CL 7 p.m. at Pembroke Community Ctr.  
Contact: AlanAltaAZ3-9.458.

\* Tuesday, March 15: Park Place CL time & location not firmed as of 2/25/05  
Contact: Kim Nelson 437-1185

\* Wednesday, March 16: Alanton CL 7:30 p.m. at Alanton Elem School library. Contact: Doris Krantz 481-4906

\* Tuesday, March 22: Baycliff CL 7 p.m. at Alanton Elem School Cafeteria.  
Contact: Christine Westendorf 481 5589

### APRIL SCHEDULE

\* Tuesday, April 12: Shadowlawn CL 7 p.m. at Cooke Elem School. Contact: Mary Sydney Barker W 4631995 C 749-4663

\* Tuesday, April 19: 7:30 p.m. Lake t Smith Terrace, Haygood Pt, Governor's I Sq. civic leagues at Bayside Presbyterian ) Church, Independence

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