

# FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

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## Welfare Reform?

...An Oklahoma congressman says Americans have been misled about the issue of welfare reform. Republican Ernest Istook says there has been very little actually accomplished in the area of welfare reform, despite what most people think. "The public has been led to believe that we've already accomplished welfare reform. All we did is reform one small program," the lawmaker says. "All the other welfare public assistance programs? We have more Americans than ever on them because we've defined the eligibility so loosely. We keep expanding the benefits." For example, Istook says there are 42 million able-bodied working Americans on Medicaid alone. He has calculated that the government spends nearly \$18,000 a year per person through government assistance programs. Istook wants a five-year cap on such assistance. From AGAPE PRESS.

**Comment:** In our history 1963 will go down as a really bad year. We got Lyndon Johnson, the "Great Society" and the start of drastic social reform costing billions and even more in moral values. Yes, a really bad year. Ed.

## TEXAS DISTRICT APPROVES HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE CURRICULUM

A Texas school district has voted to bring the Bible back into the classroom. The Ector County School Board in Odessa has approved a measure that allows district high schools offer an elective Bible study course -- this, after going 26 years without offering one. More details:

<http://headlines.agapepress.org/archive/5/32005b.asp>

**Comment:** Let's see if we can bring it to Virginia. Ed.

## GOP Takes Hits on Spending

by Stuart Shepard, correspondent  
CITIZEN LINK

SUMMARY: Fiscal conservatives wonder what happened to the party of limited government.

Fiscal conservatives are calling Republicans to task for becoming the

"Grand Old Spending Party."

Even with the GOP controlling the House, Senate and White House, government has seen its biggest spending increases since Lyndon Johnson was president.

"Republicans have gone from being the party of small government to being the party of big government," said Stephen Slivinski, director of budget studies for the Cato Institute. "The Republicans are, I think, too focused on what they perceive to be the short-term ways to protect the majority status, and that is by keeping government humming along at faster and faster rates in terms of spending."

He added, somewhat tongue in cheek, that he hopes President Bush can find a spending bill worth vetoing, particularly those that throw in more money for programs than even he requested. Bush did not veto a single bill during his first term and proposed increases for many projects. Veronique DeRugy, an economist with the American Enterprise Institute, said "shaming them, showing them the numbers" is a good place to start the effort to bring Republicans back in line.

"Not allowing them to lie to themselves and to keep telling themselves that they're the party for limited government" is key, she said. "I guess it's the only way we have to go about reforming the way they do things." From CITIZEN LINK. **Comment:** Pres. Bush may be a Christian but he is also the biggest spender since Pres. L. B.J. He hasn't found a spending bill yet he could veto. Ed.

## Voting Trends

Polling data continues to show that people committed to their faith are abandoning the Democratic Party in historic numbers. The shift has become so significant that according to a report from the Pew Research Center, church attendance is a greater indicator of how one voted in the 2004 presidential election than "such demographic characteristics as gender, age, income and region" and is "just as important as race." From CITIZEN LINK.

## QUOTES

"The belief in a God All Powerful wise and good, is so essential to the moral order of the world and to the happiness of man, that arguments which enforce it cannot be drawn from too many sources nor adapted with too much solicitude to the different characters and capacities impressed with it." --James Madison

"Social Security in any form is morally irredeemable. We should be debating, not how to save Social Security, but how to end it -- how to phase it out so as to best protect both the rights of those who have paid into it, and those who are forced to pay for it today. This will be a painful task. But it will make possible a world in which Americans enjoy far greater freedom to secure their own futures." --Alex Epstein

"While Senator [Bill] Frist has 55 Senate Republicans he does not have 55 conservatives." --Paul Weyrich  
*From the Federalist.*

## SENATE "HOLD" SCANDAL

"With a showdown looming over the filibuster of judicial nominees, now is the time to point out another abuse of the Senate's 'advise and consent' power. It's called the 'hold,' whereby an individual Senator can delay indefinitely a Presidential nomination, and it is seriously interfering with the operation of the executive branch. Call it every Senator's personal 'nuclear option.' If he doesn't like a nominee or, more likely, doesn't like a policy of the agency to which the nominee is headed, all he has to do is inform his party leader that he is placing a hold on the nomination. Oh -- and he can do so secretly, without releasing his name or a reason. Like the filibuster, the hold appears nowhere in the

Constitution but has evolved as Senators accrete more power to themselves. Senate rules say nothing about holds, which started out as a courtesy for Members who couldn't be present at votes. ... Also like the filibuster -- which was never intended to block judicial nominees from getting a floor vote -- the hold is being abused by a willful minority of Senators. ... Once upon a time in America, such policy disputes were settled in elections or with votes in Congress. But in today's permanent political combat, Senators wage guerrilla warfare against the executive. No wonder so few talented people want to work in Washington. Senator Wyden and Republican Charles Grassley plan to re-introduce legislation next month to kill holds that are secret. Better yet would be to get rid of all Senate holds." --*The Wall Street Journal*

**Comment:** Add this to your calls to our Senators. We need to be open and honest in government. Ed.

## ANCHOR BABIES

...An Arizona-based physicians group is concerned about a published report that shows "anchor babies" -- babies born in the U.S. to illegal alien mothers -- have caused enormous rises in Medicare costs and other taxpayer expenses. Also, there is a question whether the U.S. Constitution really gives those infants the automatic right to citizenship. An article in the spring issue of the *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons* reveals that between 300,000 and 350,000 "anchor babies" annually become U.S. citizens because of the 14th Amendment. Dr. Jane Orient, a spokeswoman for the Tucson-based Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, says there is a question of jurisdiction. "The 14th Amendment to the Constitution gives citizenship to people who were born in the United States and under the jurisdiction thereof. Well, what does this mean?" she asks. "An illegal alien, really, is under the jurisdiction of the home country; so we believe it's a distortion of the 14th Amend. From AGAPE PRESS.

## ***The Liberals Rally Round Judicial Supremacy***

by Phyllis Schlafly

A recent small gathering of conservatives who dared to criticize judicial supremacists has caused an outpouring of paranoia among liberals

and others who want judges to make the major social and political decisions of our times. The ad hoc group called the Judeo-Christian Council for Constitutional Restoration suddenly became the target of pack journalism.

The judicial supremacists are just plain wrong when they assert that the Rule of Law requires the Supreme Court to be accepted as the final arbiter of constitutional questions. They are actually demanding that the Rule of Judges replace the Rule of Law.

Many people have been fed up with judges for many years and for many different reasons, such as prayer in school, abortion, and capital punishment. What has brought the issue of judicial mischief to a head is the realization that we are not merely dealing with unrelated wrong decisions but with systemic ideological error which proclaims the Rule of Judges rather than the Rule of Law.

**Comment:** As someone said "keep those cards and letters coming." Call or write your Senator again and again on this important issue. Ed.

## Hamas vs. the United States

By Daniel Pipes

The Bush administration's push for quick democracy in the Middle East has an increasingly clear implication: if Islamist organizations such as Hamas are to be likely electoral winners, Western powers should stop classifying them as terrorists and instead come to terms with them. Before this whitewashing of Hamas goes too far, it bears noting that the organization has not just murdered over four hundred Israelis but also prepared itself for war with the United States... From E-Briefs.

**Comment:** We must recognize the facts, Islam teaches murder and worse for "infidels" (read: Christians). Look at many parts of the world where genocide is being done to Christians. We need to write our Senators and the President and let him know that we as concerned Christians do not agree with "dancing with the devil." So me day we'll have to fight them. Ed.

## SAVE OUR COUNTRY

The "countries" of Europe are presently signing away their sovereignty to a "higher level" of government called the European Union (the EU). The process

began there as the Common Market which is identical with NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, involving Mexico, the United States, and Canada. The end result of the process here is planned to be the same as the EU.

Do YOU believe that the plan to abolish the sovereignty of the United States should be nullified by exposure?

Apparently the national news media does not because it has not mentioned the subject and that is why you have not heard about it before!

You can HEAR ABOUT IT NOW by attending a video presentation and discussion program where supporting background materials will be available. TIME IS CRITICAL! Congress may vote on this UNCONSTITUTIONAL "agreement" within a month. Before that occurs, YOU NEED TO KNOW what you can and must do. Ed.

**A video show and brief discussion program will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday May 9 at 7:00 P.M. The location will be the home of Vernon Fix, 4841 Princess Anne Road, VB. Across the street from the Kempsville Meadows Golf Course. Call 495-1541 for info!**

## THE ARMED CITIZEN

During the entire robbery, Habib Howard focused on the gun pointed at him. The intruder had entered Howard's Carryout just moments before, walked to the back, picked up a 12-pack of beer, and brought it to the cash register where Howard had just relieved a female employee. Before Howard could ask for an ID required to purchase the beer, the man drew a handgun, pointed it at Howard, and demanded money. Howard complied, opening the cash register and trying to back away. The robber demanded Howard place the money on the counter. Again he complied and then stepped back. As he took the money and began backing out of the store, the robber raised his gun. Howard responded by drawing his own gun and shooting the gunman, who fled the store. The gunman and an accomplice, identified as Jose Custodia Mota and Alberto Martinez, respectively, were apprehended and charged with aggravated robbery. (*The Blade*, Toledo, OH, 05/18/04)

**"GET U.S. OUT OF THE United Nations"**