

# FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

Faith, Freedom & Citizenship Class

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## Onward Christian Soldier

The Family Research Council has drawn attention to discrimination in the nation's courtrooms and in the halls of Congress against those who hold to a conservative Christian faith. Now such "Christophobia" is being exposed even in the military. Military chaplains have sued the Navy for denominational discrimination in assignments and promotions. Even more shocking are charges that evangelicals are being reprimanded for preaching the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ, instead of a more "pluralistic" message. This happens even though federal law explicitly protects the right of a chaplain to "conduct public worship according to the manner and forms of the church of which he is a member." FRC staff have spoken with Arthur Schulcz, an attorney for several chaplains, and with Lt. Gordon James Klingenschmitt, who has recently gone public with his charges (but is not a party to any lawsuit). Klingenschmitt says he has been reprimanded for offenses ranging from praying in the name of Jesus to, ironically, advocating for a Jewish sailor who wanted kosher meals while at sea. FRC will continue to monitor this situation and defend the religious liberty rights of the men and women who defend our Constitution with their very lives.

From Family Research Council

## SYRIA'S SPY LIE

DON'T get too giddy about the "historic" withdrawal of 14,000 Syrian troops from Lebanon last week. It was a terrific sight, indeed, but it was only the tip of the "Syrian influence" iceberg in Lebanon.

The real source of Syrian power in Lebanon isn't the military. On the contrary, it's Syrian intelligence. As the Syrian army marched homeward,

thousands of Syrian "spooks" — perhaps as many as 5,000 — remained behind. After 29 years of holding Lebanon by the throat, Syria isn't going to loosen its iron grip without a struggle. Evicting Syria's "burrowed-in" security apparatus — and influence — from Lebanon isn't going to be easy.

By *PETER BROOKES* who is a Heritage Foundation senior fellow.

## The Politics of Pregnant Girls

*Kathleen Parker April 30, 2005*

Imagine someone you may not know or like taking your daughter without your knowledge to another state to have her appendix removed. Or to have a hysterectomy. Or even to have her wisdom teeth removed.

You'd be outraged, right? How dare anyone determine that your child should have surgery without your counsel, permission or knowledge? In my tribe, a jury would forgive nearly any response short of ultimate justice.

Yet, in some states, parents are supposed to sit quietly, shucking their peas while their daughters cross state lines to get an abortion - without even a vote on which noble soul provides transportation, much less an invitation to provide the emotional support most human beings, especially children, require after ending an "unwanted pregnancy."

A bill passed Wednesday in the U.S. House (270-157) seeks to change the likelihood of that happening by making it a federal crime for any adult to transport someone younger than 18 across state lines for an abortion without parental consent. The name of the legislation alone is enough to send shivers: the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act.

The proposed law, which still faces Senate action, also requires doctors who perform abortions on underage girls to

comply with state-notification laws and to contact parents, with violations running to \$100,000 and a year in jail. Currently, 23 states require parental notification. Ten states, though they require parental notice, also allow other adults (grandparents, for example) to be notified. Another 17 states, including California, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York, allow minors unrestricted access to abortion.

## Day 1,461: Constitution Held Hostage

Four years ago today, President Bush nominated Justice Priscilla Owen to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The empty seat that Judge Owen has been nominated to fill has been declared a judicial emergency by the Judicial Conference of the United States. Senate Democrats, in a usurpation of the U.S. Constitution, refuse to give this well qualified jurist a fair up-or-down vote. Judge Owen has been given a well-qualified rating by the American Bar Association, their highest rating. Several judges are being held up by Senate Democrats who themselves are under the sway of liberal activist groups. Rumors circulated on Capitol Hill today that a false "compromise" was pending between Senator Trent Lott (R-MS) and Senator Ben Nelson (D-NE) doing the negotiations. However, Lott's office denied such a compromise and put out a statement confirming his intentions to push for an up-or-down vote for all nominees on the Senate floor. Please contact your Senators and let them know: Quit holding the Constitution hostage, vote on judges! From Family Research Council.

**Comment:** Keep on calling our Senators, they haven't voted at press time. Your calls help to build backbone in our elected people, they know from your calls what you want. Ed.

Sen. Warner, (757) 441-3079 and Senator Allen at (757) 518-1674.

Today 5/10/05, 11 Circuit Court nominees have been waiting more than a year or more for Senate action:

Days Pending for Bush Appeals Court Nominees		
Nominee	Nomination Date	Days Pending
Janice Brown, D.C. Circuit	7/25/03	644
Brett Kavanaugh, D.C. Circuit	7/25/03	644
Terrence Boyle, Fourth Circuit	5/9/01	1450
William Haynes, Fourth Circuit	9/29/03	578
Priscilla Owen, Fifth Circuit	5/9/01	1450
Richard Griffin, Sixth Circuit	6/26/02	1038
David McKeague, Sixth Circuit	11/8/01	1268
Susan Neilson, Sixth Circuit	11/8/01	1268
Henry Saad, Sixth Circuit	11/8/01	1268
William Myers, Ninth Circuit	5/15/03	715
William Pryor, Eleventh Circuit	4/9/03	751

### National PTA Prefers Homosexuals

The 6 million-member National Parent-Teacher Association has agreed for a second year to feature a pro-homosexual group at its annual convention, while rejecting a group that says homosexuality is not an inborn trait.

The National PTA, representing 26,000 local affiliates, solicited a workshop and exhibit by Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) for public school action against anti-homosexual beliefs at the PTA's convention next month, Ron Schlittler, PFLAG executive director, told The Washington Times.

But another group, Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays (PFOX) of Alexandria, was rejected as an exhibitor at the June 24-26 convention in Columbus, Ohio, because the PTA and its members "have not identified homosexuality or same-sex marriage as an issue," according to Jennifer Gaster Sopko, National PTA spokeswoman in Chicago. *excerpt from the Washington Times. Reported in AFA Action Alert.*

**Comment:** Please contact your local PTA and express your disapproval of their Homosexual bias. Then call or write Michael Cathey address below.

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### Vote for Bush or Resign

"Let me just say this right now: If you vote for John Kerry this year, you need to repent or resign." Quote Pastor Chan Chandler.

Tough words, those. And they cost the pastor of a small church in North Carolina his job when he resigned this week. A number of explanations for these words have been articulated.

Sure, these words were likely uttered in the heat of a passionate sermon. But, the pastor knew this: any candidate like Mr. Kerry who boldly and proudly votes in favor of child sacrifice (abortion) and child-sacrifice four-fifths out of the womb (partial-birth abortion) is no friend of the Church of Jesus Christ as a whole or of a small Baptist church in North Carolina. Kerry was wrong on most social and moral issues of import to evangelicals, and pastor Chan Chandler knew it.

**Were that all pastors across this nation were so enlightened.**

But... Where do you want the homosexuals, the pro-abortionists, the crack-addicted, the alcoholics and, yes, even the -- gasp! -- Kerry supporters, if not in your congregation hearing the God-

breathed Word of the Lord? Don't kick them out -- bring them on.

The real truth was this -- evangelicals are prone, like everyone else, to cheerlead their candidate instead of calling their favorite politicians into accountability.

Important stuff to remember of the current evangelical resident of the Oval Office, who appoints homosexuals to high offices and signs bills awarding money to Planned Parenthood.

Pastors ought to have the constitutional right to say whatever they want from their pulpits. Even inappropriate and stupid things. But a political right doesn't necessary mean the better part of wisdom. Remember -- the Great Commission is our commission. To make disciples, not Bush supporters or Republican voters. Excerpted from AgapePress.

### GET THE U.S. OUT OF THE U.N.

**Defeat CAFTA, FTAA AND GET U.S. out of the WTO. Call our "Electeds", get US out. Save our country. Ed.**