

FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

Faith, Freedom & Citizenship Class

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ALL IN FAVOR SAY "AYE"

"A resolution urging Southern Baptists to remove their children from public schools has been proposed by an Alexandria man for the denomination's annual convention in Indianapolis next month." - Washington Times, 5/12/04

Comment: If I were to leave KPC, I think I would become a Southern Baptist. They seem to always get it right. Ed.

News Bias

...A high-profile Senate Republican is wondering why world leaders were so quick to condemn American soldiers for their treatment of Iraqi prisoners, yet have remained almost silent in reacting to the barbaric death of American Nick Berg.

There have been very few shouts of outrage from the world's leaders regarding the vicious, merciless beheading of civilian Nick Berg by Islamic radicals hiding behind masks.

Kansas Senator Sam Brownback remembers how quick those world leaders condemned the abuses at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq -- and he says he is frustrated by the double-standards, "if you can even put it that way." Brownback says what happened at Abu Ghraib was wrong -- and the U.S. is not afraid to hold it up to the light for all to see as American government and military officials correct it. "When people on the other side of this, in the militant Islamic area, sense a wrong, they behead a completely innocent person. It's terribly, terribly tragic," the senator says. URL:

<http://www.agapepress.org>

COVER UP???

"There's certainly no cover-up; the Pentagon first revealed the abuses on Jan. 12, in a press release that Congress couldn't bother to read, and followed it up with a March 20 announcement that criminal charges would be brought against six soldiers for 'dereliction of duty, cruelty and maltreatment, assault and indecent acts with another.'" - Wesley Pruden, Pruden On Politics, 5/11/04

LATEST NEWS...

That federal district judge has denied the request to stop the scheduled issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex couples in Massachusetts next week. An appeal is in the works.

More details:

<http://www.afa.net/clp/ReleaseDetail.asp?id=55>

COMMENT: Is there any remaining doubt that Christians must be active in the political arena? Folks we have got to start writing/calling our elected Senators and Congressmen. It is imperative that they get your message from you. If you don't call remember that leaves the field wide open for the other side. Ed.

This Question is for Every Christian

Can a faithful Catholic vote for a Catholic politician who

aggressively opposes the dogmatic teachings of the Catholic Church? That is the question posed by the presidential candidacy of John Kerry. Kerry not only dissents from the official teachings of the Catholic Church, he actively works against them. Catholics eagerly await a teaching on this question from the Bishops. From the AGAPEPRESS.

Comment: Some churches already are withholding sacraments from errant Catholic politicians. I applaud that action and hope it continues. Kerry should not be allowed to receive it. Ed.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE BECOMING INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE.

The European Union has just welcomed 10 new countries, and English is rapidly becoming the language they all speak at EU gatherings. More than 57% of EU documents are now drafted in English. Only a decade ago, French was the favorite international language and English was banned in the press room in the EU headquarters in Brussels. The last straw seems to be when an important French document translated "copyright" as "a right to copy." *Query:* When the whole world is starting to speak English, why do we in America tolerate schools encouraging students to speak Spanish?

Comment: We need to renew pressure on Senators Warner and Allen and our Congressmen Schrock and Forbes to pass legislation already in committee to ensure English is our official language and we can stop hearing "Would you like Spanish or English" every time we do something. It is stupid to print ballots in two languages. Ed.

NEA ENDOSES KERRY

To no one's surprise, the National Education Association's political committee recommended that the teachers union endorse John Kerry for President. The press release didn't say how many of the NEA's 2.7 million members are Republicans. *Associated Press*, 4-29-04

"It is a fact that in the entire Vietnam War we did not lose one major battle. We lost the war at home, and at home John Kerry was the field general." --Robert Elder who served in Vietnam with John Kerry.

Comment: There are Communists, Socialists and other people that would love to take over the world. Their doctrine was spelled out in 1922 and has not changed since. They are winning. We must keep our United States free. Ed.

"I love a dog, he does nothing for political reasons." --Will Rogers

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS - TEXAS STYLE

People here in Texas have trouble with all those shalls and shall nots in the 10 Commandments. Folks here just aren't used to talking in those terms. So, some folks out in west Texas got together and translated the "King James" into "King Ranch" language: Ten Commandments, cowboy Style, posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Fairlie, Texas.

- (1) Just one God.
- (2) Honor yer Ma & Pa.
- (3) No telling tales or gossipin'.
- (4) Git yourself to Sunday meeting.
- (5) Put nothin' before God.
- (6) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal.
- (7) No killin'.
- (8) Watch yer mouth.
- (9) Don't take what ain't yers.
- (10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff.

Now that's kinda plain an' simple don't ya think?
Y'all have a good Day.

GET THE US OUT OF THE UN

MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT...

One of the most dangerous treaties, FTAA, is due to be voted on January 2005. Remember NAFTA and that "Giant Sucking Sound" that Ross Perot talked about. NAFTA was the union of Canada, the US and Mexico. We have lost thousands of jobs and whole industries in the last 10 years under NAFTA. FTAA will be the union of 32 states in the whole Western Hemisphere, the US would have one vote.

Come to church Sunday evening to see an informative video on FTAA. The showing is open to the public.
When - Sunday night May 16, 2004 at 7:00 PM
Where - Kempsville Presbyterian Church, 805
Kempsville Road (near Rock Church), Virginia Beach.
Titled - "Trespassing Allowed: The Free Trade Area Americas." Call Vernon Fix for information at 495-1541.

Prisoner Abuse

"One of the Iraqi prisoners who was abused by U.S. reservists says he is so humiliated he can't return to his hometown. So, he wants to come live in the United States. Think about this for a minute. This Iraqi is abused by Americans. As a result of that abuse he wants to go live in America... We are one evil, horrible country, aren't we?" --Neal Boortz

SEX OFFENDERS

If you type in a zip code from most states, a listing of all known sex offenders residing in that zip code will pop up on your screen, complete with address and details of the offense. Here's the link to check up on your own neighborhood: <http://www.criminalcheck.com> from *ChuckMuths News and Views*

Annual Report on Human Rights Violations

As stipulated by IRFA, the Commission reviewed evidence throughout the past year on countries whose governments may have engaged in or tolerated systematic, ongoing, and egregious abuses of freedom of religion. As a result of this review process, the Commission wrote to Secretary of State Colin L. Powell in February 2004 and recommended that he designate as CPCs the following 11 countries: **Burma, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Eritrea, India*, Iran, Pakistan, People's Republic of China, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Turkmenistan, and Vietnam.** In reaching its findings and recommendations, the Commission reviewed information from victims, religious groups, human rights and other private organizations, the U.S. government, and others.

The Commission emphasizes that according to the State Department, religious freedom does not exist in **Saudi Arabia**. The Saudi government forcefully bans all forms of public religious expression other than that of the government's interpretation of one school of Sunni Islam. There are numerous serious reports, which warrant official U.S. government investigation, that Saudis are funding efforts to propagate globally a religious ideology that promotes hate, intolerance, and other human rights violations toward non-Muslims and disfavored Muslims.

Annual Report of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom May 2004, 202-523-3240. Read the full report at http://www.uscirf.gov/reports/12May04/finalReport.php3#_cpc

Some ideas sound so plausible that they can fail nine times in a row and still be believed the tenth time. Other ideas sound so implausible that they can succeed nine times in a row and still not be believed the tenth time. Government controls in the economy are among the first kinds of ideas and the operation of a free market is among the second kind. By Thomas Sowell.

Stock Market

Consider this: \$3000 invested in Virginia Power, now Dominion Power, 25 years ago returned an increase of \$67,000. So if you were to invest just \$3000/yr in VEPCO stock every year, in 25 yrs you may be able to retire on about \$67,000 per year. This is a very true scenario.

Compare this to your \$3-9000 per year paid into Social Security which returns/pays \$8-12000 per year return. Then to add insult to injury, they charge you income tax on the SS benefits. This is another great government benefit. Ed.