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CULTURE

"In a nation like America, the acceptance of Multiculturalism leads to a kind of slow rot, as the distinctive ideas at the root of our culture—the Enlightenment ideals of our Founding Fathers—slowly die from neglect. But such a nation can ride on its previous cultural momentum for generations, taking many years to collapse from within—and that gives us a long time to fight Multiculturalism before it is too late. A nation like France, which finds itself host to a large minority of religiously strident Muslim immigrants thoroughly untouched by Enlightenment intellectual and political traditions, will not be allowed the luxury of a death by slow rot. It must act much more quickly to save itself. It is in the streets of the Parisian suburbs that one can now see the ultimate effects of Multiculturalism—and sense a premonition of the dark and murderous future that lays ahead for Europe." —Robert Tracinski in *Federalist*

Comment: Our Virginia Beach schools are loaded with books on Multicultural themes. They teach thoroughly the idea that all cultures are equally important, etc, etc, but nowhere in the books do they teach patriotism or how great America is. I personally do not agree that all cultures are equal; I think we have had a superior culture, until after WWII when the liberals took over. It is time to put pressure on our school board and teachers to start teaching the truth, not the big lie of multiculturalism. Ed.

Good vs. Evil

"Given [the] association of evil with unhappy people, it is quite remarkable how little attention is paid to happiness as a moral, rather than only a personal psychological issue. Too often the pursuit of happiness (not the pursuit of fun or excitement) is regarded as a selfish pursuit, when in fact it is one of the best

things a person can do for everyone in his life and for the world at large. The Founders of America were brilliant in many ways, not more so than by enshrining that pursuit alongside the pursuit of life and liberty." —Dennis Prager in the *Federalist*

AFA Founder Urges Pro-Family Holiday Season Shoppers to Shun Target

By Ed Thomas November 18, 2005

(AgapePress) - The American Family Association (AFA) wants help from the shopping public in using the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday weekend to keep sending a message to Target Stores about the national chain's faith-and-family-unfriendly practices.

AFA chairman Donald E. Wildmon says it is important that the organization's current boycott against Target, which started in October, keep hurting the company's bottom line -- that is, the amount of money made -- especially during the biggest shopping weekend of the year. He is hoping a strong message from the pro-family shopping public will help convince Target to change some of its policies.

The reasons for the boycott are valid ones, Wildmon asserts, and they include Target's "refusal to let the Salvation Army put their kettles in front of the stores," and the company's policy "banning all use of 'Merry Christmas' in their internal store operations and in their advertising." He says Target wants the profits from Christian families' spending, but the retailer does not want their holiday message or the spirit of their charities -- including faith-based service organizations like the Salvation Army.

That is why the AFA spokesman feels it is essential that projected sales at Target stores nationwide and the value of the company's shares continue dropping, as a recent USA Today report indicates they have. He says the newspaper article revealed that Target's new store revenue and stock value have both taken a hit over the last year. From AGAPE PRESS.

Comment: Ira White sent me a note that we should also be pro-active against other stores such as: Sears, Target, Costco, BJ's and any other chains that tend to remove Christ from the holidays. This should also include our local government. Be active-write to them, complain, tell them you will not shop there. Ed.

Judge Alito's Vote

"The delay in Judge [Samuel] Alito's confirmation hearings gives the Senate Democrats and all the liberal-left interest groups time to orchestrate a fear and smear campaign and raise the money to advertise those fears and smears, both directly and by organized protests that will get much free publicity in the liberal media." —Thomas Sowell

Comment: We should keep pressure on our two Senators to bring on the vote. Pres. Bush wanted the vote before Christmas, but the liberals wanted the delay, the weak-kneed Republicans have caved again. Ed.

Demonize and Distort: PFAW's Drive-by Attack on Alito

They're at it again. The latest attack ad by the liberal People for the American Way (PFAW) follows the dishonorable pattern of NARAL's ad against Chief Justice John Roberts. Last summer, NARAL falsely accused Roberts of approving the bombing of abortion facilities. Now, PFAW wants you to believe that Judge Alito callously approved the "strip search of an innocent 10-year old girl." I urge you to go to their website (www.pfaw.org) and view this drive-by attack for yourself. What PFAW won't tell you is what Judge Alito actually wrote in this case. First, he was applying the law! Second, the judge expressed his "visceral dislike" of an intrusive search of "John Doe's" daughter. But, third, he went on: "It is a sad fact that drug dealers sometimes use children to carry out their business and avoid prosecution." Don't we want judges who understand how

criminals operate in the real world?

In truth, Judge Alito's ruling will protect vulnerable children. Liberals seem to be saying that children should be off limits during crime scene investigations--even with a warrant, even with probable cause, even with a sensitive young female police officer to do the search. They want to give criminals a "get out of jail free card." If PFAW wins, says the Law Enforcement Alliance of America, more children will be turned into "mules" for drug kingpins. With a background in law enforcement, I can assure you it is even worse than that: PFAW would make children more vulnerable to terrorists' plots. We have already seen innocent children on the West Bank cruelly used by *ihadists* to carry explosive belts. They deploy unsuspecting children and pregnant women. PFAW's ideas would put *you and your family at risk*. Reject their false and malicious ads. From FRC 11/18/05

"If you think that Uncle Sam feeds you while Big Business is trying to milk you dry, you're a Democrat. If you think that God feeds you, with a little help from a job through Big Business, while Uncle Sam is milking you dry, you're a Republican." —Jay Homnick in the Federalist.

"Going up in smoke along with thousands of Peugeots are liberal illusions. Multiculturalism is social poison. Toleration of intolerance isn't sophistication, it's suicide. Work, not welfare, is the key to social integration. Making excuses for violence begets more violence." —Jack Kelly

Judicial Supremacists Lash Out At Parents

Extracts from article by Phyllis Schlafly in the Eagle Forum
... The Ninth Circuit agreed with the lower court's broad ruling that the fundamental right to direct the upbringing and education of one's children does not encompass the right "to control the upbringing of their children by introducing them to matters of and relating to sex in accordance with their personal and religious values and beliefs."

How did the Ninth Circuit circumvent "the fundamental right of parents to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children," which has been U.S. settled law for decades? The court referred to this as the Meyer-Pierce right because it was first explicitly enunciated in two famous Supreme Court cases of the 1920s, *Meyer v. Nebraska* and *Pierce v. Society of Sisters*, and was reaffirmed as recently as 2000 in *Troxel v. Granville*.

The Ninth Circuit court said that since the government has put limits on parents' rights by requiring school attendance, therefore, the school can tell the students whatever it wants about sex, guns, the military, gay marriage, and the origins of life. The judges emphasized that once children are put in a public school, the parents' "fundamental right to control the education of their children is, at the least, substantially diminished."

How did the court feel empowered to put new limits on the settled law of Meyer-Pierce and give public schools the power to override parents on teaching about sex? Simple. The three liberal judges based their decision on "our evolving understanding of the nature of our Constitution."

Liberal judges have no shame in proclaiming their belief that our written Constitution is "evolving." In this case, the judges bragged that the Constitution has evolved to create the right to abortion, and then ruled that the evolving Constitution takes sex education away from parents and puts it "within the state's authority as *parens patriae*."

Comment: This is a crucial time in our history, for the last 50 years we have had the judiciary taking away our rights. Now we have for the first time in 50 years the chance to change course, please keep the pressure on our two Senators to support and defend Pres. Bush's nominee. Ed.

The Armed Citizen

In the span of one month, Brian Sidie lost more than \$500 worth of property in three thefts from his truck, so when he glanced outside his kitchen window late one night and saw a young man walking down the street, he was suspicious. Before heading back to bed, Sidie took another look and noticed the man in his truck. Sidie grabbed his rifle and headed outside. "I came around the front of my truck and slapped my hand on the hood," Sidie said.

"I told him, 'You aren't going anywhere.'" Sidie's wife called the police, who arrived to find the suspect still sitting in the truck. (*La Crosse Tribune*, La Crosse, WI, 06/08/05)

House votes to keep U.S. control of Web

By Dan Caterinichia, THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The current system of Internet administration works and should remain unchanged, according to a resolution passed unanimously yesterday by the House of Representatives.

The resolution calls for the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) to continue managing the Internet's domain name and addressing service. The California nonprofit has operated since 1998 under a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Commerce Department.

The legislation, which was introduced last month by Reps. John T. Doolittle, California Republican; Rick Boucher, Virginia Democrat; and Robert W. Goodlatte, Virginia Republican, passed 423-0.

U.S. officials made clear before this week's U.N.-sponsored World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis, Tunisia, that they would reject any changes to the current Internet governance structure. Efforts there to give an international committee oversight authority were defeated Tuesday.

Comment: All we need is some idiot in the UN to screw up the internet. Ed.

Expanding Government Power.

The real lessons of Hurricane Katrina: new government programs mean expanded federal powers and increased dependence on government.

The tragedy of the 2005 hurricane season, though, is not confined to its immediate effects on lives and property. The unprecedented scale of disaster has created a similarly unprecedented opportunity for those who would seek to expand the power and reach of the federal government. The Bush administration, in fact, is now doing its best to emulate the left-wing socialism of a previous Texan administration, that of Lyndon Johnson. As Bush told the nation on September 15, his administration is planning not only to subsidize the physical rebuilding of affected areas, but also the social reconstruction of the region... From an article in the *New American* by Steven Yates.

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