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LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart... Psalm 10:17

60% of Registered Rhode Island Voters Favor Same-sex Marriage? NOT!

By J. R. Thurddey

Q: How do you know when it's Spring in RI?

A: It must be Spring in RI if polls on the subject of "same sex marriage" start popping up with regularity.

For some mysterious reason, polling about "domestic relations", more specifically same-sex marriage, usually seems to be conducted and/or reported upon during the brief period when the RI Legislature is in session from January until June or July. In the Spring, when the legislative session begins to wind down and it's time for the



And the two shall be one flesh. Mark 10:8

final disposition of the bills that have been introduced, politicians seem to become increasingly more vulnerable to being influenced by poll results. Polling can be a helpful aid as they seek to learn which

way the wind is blowing on any given issue, and how their vote on either side might sit with their constituents.

Thus it is that "social issue" polls make their seasonal appearance, only to fall off the radar screen for the rest of the year

(unless it's an election year!) once the gavel comes down for the last time. You know the drill: you are just about to sit down with your family for a nice hot dinner when the telephone rings. A pollster on the other end would like "just a moment of your time to ask a few short questions..." You may or may not oblige, but those who do have a distinct opportunity to help shape the political

landscape as the poll results roll out over the next few days. In recent months there have been several polls taking the public's

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Rock the Bay: for the homeless

By Ralph Davis

What do Beijing China and Providence Rhode Island have in common? Answer: They both have an inclination to sweep that which is undesirable under the carpet.

During the 2008 Olympics, hosted in Beijing, a facade (that is, fake walls) was erected to hide depressed areas from the eyes of the world. A city of 3 million motorized vehicles was ordered reduced by 1/3 so that roadways would not appear to be clogged. In addition, communist leaders in Beijing attempted to remove from the city, hordes of vagrants, homeless people and orphaned children who live on Beijing's streets. Some estimate that as many as 2 million orphaned or homeless children live in Beijing alone. The beautification project of Beijing was

largely successful. China was able to hide the "undesirables" and the eyesores.

Providence, R.I., "The Renaissance City", boasts a modern, growing and progressive environment with elaborate, ornate hotels, a convention center, performing



Colt State Park in Bristol, Rhode Island

arts center, fine dining, "Waterfire," and so much more. With the erection of a seemingly endless amount of new hotels, booking the convention center is fea-

sible for larger and larger events. As a result tax and other revenue pours into the city which mysteriously does not help the budget, leaving the city "in the red," causing cuts in school budgets and many programs that aid the less fortunate.

Behind the facade of affluence lies the

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Gender Confusion, Confusion

By Coach Dave Daubenmire

I'm trying hard to be tolerant and to embrace diversity. I really am. But it seems that every time I start to get a handle on things something pops up that throws all of my recent sensitivity training out of the window and sends my slowly emerging softer side into a tizzy.

I am struggling hard with my own identity right

now. I know some of you probably have sensed it in some of my latest writings so I decided it was time for me to come clean. I have gotten away from reading the ultimate guide to hate speech, the Bible, and have been spending time reading books on how to be a wimpy, non-opin-

ionated Christian wussy. You know the kind of books I'm talking about; the one's that help a knuckle-dragger like me get in touch with his feminine side. (You can find them in your local Christian bookstore under Evangelicallyfish.)



Cher and Chastity (Chaz) Bono



Well, I have to admit that all of this Christian-psycho-babble is causing me to lose my Spiritual-equilibrium. Because of that, and for my own personal sanity, I am going to do something that I rarely do.

I am going to quit. That's right. I am going to have to quit trying to be something that I am not. My frustration hit a new high today and I decided that it is time for me to come out of the closet.

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Gods Come Cheap These Days

By Chuck Baldwin

When President George W. Bush was first elected back in 2000, I well remember the way Christian conservatives went gaga over him. They would deny it, of course, but it was more than hero worship: they acted as if he were a god. Life-size posters filled Christian bookstores. Religious broadcasters and televangelists swooned over him like 16-year-old girls used to swoon over Elvis Presley. Pastors invoked his name almost as a prayer. The Religious Right acted like they had died and gone to Heaven. In the minds

of Christian conservatives, G.W. Bush could do no wrong. The result of all this sophomoric silliness was that the Religious Right became blind, impotent lackeys to a Big-Government, big-spending, Orwellian, and inept administration--maybe one of the

worst in U.S. history.

And all of this was not lost to the political left. They called Christian conservatives "dupes," "buffoons," "gullible," and a whole lot more. But now it is the liberals' turn to take a voyage in the vehicle of villainous vulnerability.



Messiah Obama

First, there was the major media's "anointing" of President Barack Obama. Yes, I use the word "anointing" on purpose. Make no mistake about it: in the minds of the major media,

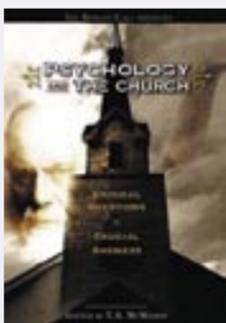
Obama was not inaugurated; he was canonized. No pope, king, or potentate of history received the coronation that Barack Obama received. To the liberals who dominate the news media and enter-

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National Organization for Marriage - RI Chapter Plans Summer Gala



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3:00 to 8:00 p. m.

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Be looking for further information in the next issue of “The Good News Today” as more details become available. In the meantime, be sure to circle Sunday, August 16th on your calendar, and start looking forward to this inspirational and fun upcoming event. It will be a great time to spend with your family and others who also value the sanctity of marriage and the family.

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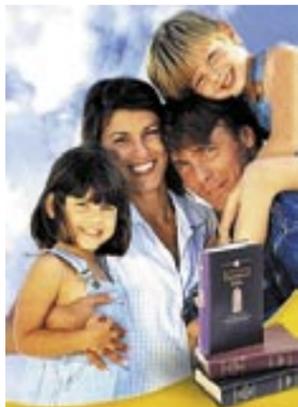
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temperature both nationally and locally on the subject of same-sex marriage and surrounding issues.

This year RI legislators, like those in other states, have introduced into the Legislature a number of bills on both sides of the subject of same-sex marriage. In some cases the bills are retreads from other years, and in some cases they are new. As the Legislature prepares to adjourn, none of these bills seem likely to pass, with one exception. In early June the RI Senate did vote, 35-0, to expand the definition of "domestic partner" for the purpose of establishing certain rights for any person who, not eligible to wed under RI's marriage laws, was in an exclusive, intimate and committed relationship with a decedent, having lived together for at least one year. This bill would confer the right to participate in planning the decedent's funeral. That bill was sent to the House for action, and reliable sources indicate it is expected to pass.

However, none of the other proposed bills, whether permitting same-sex couples to "divorce", or allowing or prohibiting same-sex marriage, have been voted out of their respective committees despite exhaustive committee hearings. This is not to say that they are officially "dead", but it does appear that there is no urgency on the part of the lawmakers to deal with any of them once again this year. In fact, in the past twelve years, no bill either for or against same-sex marriage has ever made it out of committee to the Senate or House for a floor vote.

Yet hope springs eternal for the homosexual community. They press ahead relentlessly in spite of obstacles and create many opportunities to pursue their goal, which is eventual total acceptance of their behavior by the rest of society. To that end they sponsor fundraisers, a large variety of activities, and countless events throughout the year with the help of dozens of like-minded people and organizations, many of which share the same ideological bent and have overlapping memberships. A large number of government organizations are included among their biggest supporters. During the legislative session these organizations can be counted upon to come out in large numbers to impress legislators with their strength, many prepared with testimonies displaying their shared passion for the passage of same-sex marriage bills. Similarly, pro-family groups step up to the plate and marshal their forces in order to resist this very serious threat to the definition of traditional marriage and the family.

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Under such circumstances it is not surprising that as various polls are released, they tend to rev up the troops on both sides of the same-sex marriage issue. During this legislative season there have been at least four different polls, one of which reported findings totally contrary to the others, which has had the effect of momentarily muddying the waters.

By way of explanation, it was a shock to many Rhode Islanders when one day late last May they opened the Providence Journal only to read an above-the-fold front page headline proclaiming that 60% of Rhode Island registered voters support same-sex marriage. A poll just released by the Taubman Center for Public Policy at Brown University and the John Hazen White Public Opinion Laboratory was cited as the authority for this incredible claim. Apparently, in a random sampling, 583 registered voters were asked 25 questions about the state of the state and the state of the nation, including three initial questions concerning same-sex marriage. When respondents were queried about whether they would support a law allowing same-sex couples to marry, 60% said yes, and 31% said no. One can only imagine the shock waves that rippled throughout provincial, predominantly Catholic Rhode Island.

Providentially on the other hand, the very same day that the Brown University poll was released, results of a (national) Gallup Poll taken earlier in May were also released. The headline read, "Majority of Americans Continue to Oppose Gay Marriage". Using live telephone interviews of the 1,015 adults surveyed, the professional interviewers had asked, "Do you think marriages between same-sex couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?" 57% said same-sex marriages should not be recognized, while 40% said they should. Another question asked if the respondents thought marriages between same-sex couples would change society for the better, have no effect, or change it for the worse. Only 13% thought society would change for the better; 36% believed it would have no effect, and 48% thought it would change society for the worse. (It should be noted, since 1996 when Gallup began polling, support for same-sex marriage has risen significantly, but since peaking at 47% in 2007, support has appeared to stall.)

At about the same time that Gallup was polling, Quinnipiac University also polled NY voters asking a sample of 2,828 voters whether they thought same-sex couples should be allowed to marry. The results came back evenly split: 46% to 46%, with a surprise racial component when it was discovered that black voters were 57% opposed and 35% in favor, while white voters narrowly favored gay marriage by 47% to 45%.

Most recently, on June 15, 2009, veteran Rhode Island pollster Dr. Victor L. Profughi, director

of Quest Research which has done extensive market, political, and governmental research and analysis since 1966, released the results of his latest poll. It was commissioned by the National Organization for Marriage-RI and conducted on June 8th and 9th.. The sample of 400 registered RI voters was randomly selected by computer and interviewed by professional interviewers who called from a central telephone bank during evening hours. A number of issues were covered, but with predominantly same-sex marriage questions. *More Rhode Islanders, a plurality of 43%, said they oppose same-sex marriage in Rhode Island, while 36% said they support it.*

A comparison of the results of these polls is puzzling, especially when included with poll results reported by Marriage Equality Rhode Island (MERI), the principal organization spearheading the fight for same-sex marriage. In July, 2008 MERI surveyed 500 "likely voters" (as opposed to the registered voters surveyed in Quest Research's poll) and learned that 49% favor same-sex marriage while 37% oppose it. These numbers represent a slight improvement (from MERI's perspective) since its April, 2006

Remember that Rhode Island was the last state to ratify the Constitution! We take our time making big and important decisions and don't rush to judgment.

poll, when 45% favored same-sex marriage while 39% opposed it. On both surveys, MERI also asked for opinions about the proposed marriage equality bill, finding that in 2008 47% supported it and 38% were opposed. This finding, when compared to that of their 2006 survey, again showed "improved" numbers: up from the 45% who had supported a same-sex marriage bill, and down from the 41% who had opposed it. But even these numbers, gleaned from the staunchest RI proponents of same-sex marriage, are far from the 60% of registered voters that Brown University's poll claims support it.

Dr. Profughi's poll more closely reflects the two other most recent same-sex marriage polls, Gallup's and Quinnipiac's. Only Brown's "outlier" poll shows that a majority of registered voters supports same-sex marriage. It is difficult to explain the differences between the Brown University poll and Dr. Profughi's poll. While there is no evidence of malfeasance, the results are simply not in the mix. Such atypical results beg to be ignored unless and until future validation is provided.

Unfortunately, it appears that in the face of outlandish headlines and an "everyone's doing it" mentality, even some Rhode Islanders normally stalwart in their faith are becoming a little discouraged, believing that they are standing all alone in their traditional convictions about the sanctity of marriage and the family. Some may be allowing themselves to become

unduly influenced by the culture spiraling downward and the media's relentless editorializing in favor of same-sex marriage. Some may be feeling browbeaten into thinking that their state must be "out of touch" because it is the only "holdout" for same-sex marriage. Some may even feel like yielding to the propaganda that they should "do what is right", join the mainstream, support an "inevitable" same-sex marriage bill, and be done with it. Although it is true that RI is the only New England state that has not passed same-sex marriage legislation, there is nothing to be ashamed of about that. Remember that Rhode Island was the last state to ratify the Constitution! We take our time making big and important decisions and don't rush to judgment. And one might also point out that fully 30 of our 50 states have seen fit to ban same-sex marriage, while only 6 out of 50 have passed it. We are hardly "out of the mainstream."

Dr. Profughi's poll results should embolden those who hope to reshape public policy by encouraging a realization that they are not alone in their convictions. There has been some talk about introducing companion bills next January, which would call for a referendum on the ballot. When the registered voters surveyed in Dr. Profughi's poll were initially given an opportunity to volunteer what they believed to be the single most important issue that government should do something about, "jobs" and "the economy" were cited by 30% and 19% respectively. "State budget deficit" and "taxes" were mentioned by 13% and 11%, with other much smaller numbers indicating concern about "health care", "education", "corruption", etc. Interestingly, only 2% mentioned "gay marriage" as important to them. However, and quite significantly, on another question about who should decide the gay marriage issue, eight in ten registered voters favored giving the

people the opportunity to decide this issue at the ballot box rather than have the legislature decide. Dr. Profughi's survey, comprehensive in scope, included many other surprising and favorable revelations that should reassure average Rhode Islanders. One question asked respondents if they agreed that gays and lesbians have a right to live as they choose, but do not have the right to redefine marriage for society. Fifty-seven percent agreed with that statement, while 34% disagreed. Also of extreme importance, by a margin of more than two to one, respondents were against teaching RI public school children about gay marriage.

Gaining some insight from a thoughtful comparison of these polls should particularly encourage people of faith to "continue on continuing on" in their quest to preserve traditional values in Rhode Island, not only for their own families but also for those to come.

I Peter 5:8, 9: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

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core of the city; a growing number of homeless families and people. Ground is broken for hotels. Houses are mowed down simply for the aesthetics or parking lots. No serious moves are made to create affordable housing or to provide funding for case managers or other ways in which to aid the ever growing population. Beijing learned that you can temporarily remove the downtrodden from view but you cannot make them go away. Providence apparently, just ignores them; though a blight to the senses, they are not worth the investment to improve their lives.

What is missing from the minds of the leaders of Beijing and Providence (and major cities throughout the United States) is empathy; the human factor; the acknowledgement of only a thin line between "us and them" and a determination to act responsibly. Blatant apathy and inaction can sometimes be useful however, especially in this case, where it has created new Christian ministries and some churches to WAKE UP and do something about the situation.

One example is named **TK Ministries**. "TK" stands for "Troubadours of the King." According to Carole Smith, founder of **TK Ministries**, "through a series of free, open-air concerts, we are hoping to reach the poor in spirit that don't know the Lord, be able to help the homeless, and most of all give all the Glory to the King." *Troubadours of the King* is the name of a song written by her husband Smitty's band, *Nothin' But Jesus (NBJ)*. Carole said, "The song is about all of the different ministries that are on the front line to bring the gospel to the world."

Carole said that she had grown up with a knowledge of the Lord but, when she was in college, began questioning her faith because there were so many gods to choose from. She began to wonder if they were all the same; after much soul searching, she finally stopped believing altogether.

Soon after receiving her degree she married Smitty. She loved music and his involvement in it but once he went on to the night club circuit he was a way from home for extended periods and the lifestyle began to wreck havoc with the marriage. By then, they had two children, Sonia and

Eric. They almost divorced but she remembered a request she had made of God that the person that she married be the one that *He* had planned for her. She began to seek out someone who could improve her understanding of God and Jesus. That person was Janet, a woman whom she met at a party and with her guidance, she asked Jesus Christ into her heart. Carole said, "I have been in love with Him ever since."

Smitty and Carole's love for the Lord persisted over the years and Smitty left the night club scene for good. He joined a band formed by Ray Tierney named Brethren. After playing together for many years Smitty left to form the band NBJ. They continue to play in coffee houses, prisons and a number of street outreaches.



NBJ (Nothin' But Jesus)

About one year ago, Carole began to feel convicted by the Lord to hold a concert called *Rock the Bay* with NBJ. Her plan was to get some Christian bands together at Colt State Park as an outreach for the homeless. That concert took place last October and was very successful. All food, items and money collected were given directly to Crossroads RI, a large shelter and multi-service agency for the homeless. As a result, **TK Ministries** was formed.

Carole said that **TK Ministries** has five or six homeless outreach concerts in the planning stages at this time.

Two major events, organized by **TK Ministries** are coming up soon. First, on July 11, from 11am-7pm, the TK Concert Series will sponsor *Rock the Bay*, sure to be an awesome day of praise and worship through superb music, fellowship and more! The event is free and will include five bands: The NBJ Band, Steadfast, Crimson Rain, Master Plan, 4 a Cross and Ray Tierney. The event will take place at Colt State Park on Hope Street in Bristol, RI. The rain date for the concert is July 18th. This concert will benefit the Providence Rescue Mission. All who attend are asked to bring non-perishable

food items to benefit the mission.

Sean Carew is the director of the Providence Rescue Mission located at 657 Cranston Street in Providence. The Mission was founded in October of 1998 to offer a place where the urban poor of the community could come and have their physical, emotional and rehabilitative needs met. This has been achieved through a total faith-based ministry that receives no government or direct taxpayer support!

Sean said, "The mission is a place where God is waiting for the hopeless to come. A place where a person can come when everyone else has said, 'We can't help you anymore.' A place a person can come to when not only have they given up on themselves, but also they believe that not even God can love them anymore. But, when they come to the mission we are there to give them another chance! It may start with our chapel service followed by a hot meal and a safe night's shelter. It could be a new start through our discipleship program. Or it may be a new set of teeth from our dental ministry."

According to Sean, "The *Rock the Bay* event is clearly another example of God's amazing timing because the Rescue Mission is expanding their food service." Up until recently, they have provided approximately 70 breakfasts, 30 lunches and about 130 dinners per day to people at the facility. They have now taken on a contract to provide dinner to 100-120 men each night at an overflow shelter in Cranston. They now prepare approximately 350 meals per day prepared at the mission!

Sean believes that now, more than ever, the body of Christ is poised to make a difference in the lives of the homeless. There are more and more churches, ministries and individuals coming forth to help feed the poor, the homeless, the former prisoners and others in a caring, non-judgmental manner as a way to show how much Jesus loves them.

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Pastor John Hopkins heads up the Ferry Street Ministries which includes the *Lighthouse Outreach Center* and *Homeless Connections* both of which offer comprehensive outreach and assistance to individuals in and around Fall River. He is also pastor of *Crossroads Community Fellowship*. Pastor John believes that *Rock the Bay Fall River* is a great way to introduce many churches to the social issues that they should have been involved in all along. Pastor John maintains, "God desires His people to lift the yoke of oppression from their neighbor and seeks justice for the oppressed." For more information go to www.ferrystreetministries.org



Smitty and wife Carole

How much longer are our churches going to sit back, smug and comfortable with worshipping in the safety of the church walls? What will it take for these "houses of God" to begin to get out of those four walls and reach out? Pastor John suggests, "it takes a real fast, a true sacrifice, a getting out of our

comfort zones and a real hearing of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapter 5)...not just hearing the Word, but really doing it...not just talking...doing it."

As long as so many churches meet regularly, content in their inward practices, their message to the downtrodden is the same as Beijing or any large US city: you are outcasts, a burden; go away! The fact is the "problem" that we are talking about is not a thing; it is people, just like you and me, who happen to be without a home.

As long as we faithfully attend our churches, participate in the potluck dinners, the entertainment, etc, and do not take a personal stand to help alleviate the suffering of at least one person, then we stand guilty. How can we love God with all of our heart, mind and soul, "The Great Commandment", if we can't love our neighbor as ourselves?

Carole Smith's dream is that TK Ministries "will follow wherever the Lord leads, so that all will know that the Lord is alive and well in New England." If possible, plan to attend a TK Ministries event, and love God by loving your neighbor. Please be generous; bring non-perishable food, toiletries, and other practical items. Grocery store gift cards are always great and of course, monetary donations are appreciated. Carole is praying that God will send helpers, "more hands and feet" to assist in the areas of promotion, set up, etc.

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By Jon Chirstian Ryter

On April 13, 2009 Assistant US Attorney **Elizabeth A. Pascal** asked federal magistrate **Joel Schneider** of the US District Court for the District of New Jersey, Camden Vicinage for an extension until May 5, 2009. Appearing in the courtroom on behalf of her client, **Barack Hussein Obama, Pascal** told the judge that she had just been apprised of the fact that defendant **Richard Cheney**, the former Vice President of the United States had also requested that the Department of Justice represent him in the matter of *Kerchner et al v. Obama et al*, too.

Kerchner, a retired military officer, together with several other military retirees, filed their original lawsuit on January 20, 2009, naming as co-defendants the United States Senate, the US House of Representatives and Speaker **Nancy Pelosi** (collectively referred to as "Congressional Defendants"), as well as Resident **Barack Obama** (a/k/a **Barry Soetoro**). In their suit, which was amended on January 21, 2009 and again on February 2, 2009, the plaintiffs assert that the defendants collectively violated their Constitutional rights by failing in their responsibility to conclusively prove that **Obama** is a natural born citizen and, therefore, may not be eligible to serve as President of the United States.

Summons were served on the US Attorney for the District of New Jersey on or about February 17, 2009 and on US Attorney General **Eric Holder** on or about February 23, 2009. Service on the

House and Senate were served on the Attorney General. It is noteworthy that the *Washington Post*, which loudly proclaims itself to be the sole Guardian at the Gateway of Liberty, failed to note or report, that all of the leaders of the United States had collectively been sued for what should have been called malfeasance of office—an impeachable offense. The *New York Times*, which prides itself on printing all of the news that is fit to print was also mute.

Pascal was back in court on Monday, June 8 with a "Motion to Extend Time in which to Answer, Move or Otherwise Respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint" [Doc. No. 17] asking for 20 more days. **Pascal** noted she had initially been charged only with representing **Mr. Obama**, and then, in April, **Mr. Cheney**. To date, no attorney other than **Pascal** has been assigned to the task of defending this action. (*I guess the White House thinks it only takes one lawyer to file a Motion to Dismiss.*) However, this time around, it might not be that easy. **Pascal** noted that all of the legislative defendants have also asked for the Department of Justice to defend them. **Pascal** said that the DoJ was still processing the requests, but **Holder** does not appear ready to commit a team of lawyers to this case and make it

appear to the public that *Kerchner et al* actually has a valid, constitutional argument—which they do. For **Obama**, here's the rub: in all of the past actions the plaintiffs' sued **Obama** and not the government agency constitutionally charged with the responsibility of vetting the credentials of candidates for the office of President of the United States. In each case, the court very plainly told the plaintiffs that it was not the job of the court—or the plaintiff—to vet the credentials of the candidates.

If it was not the courts' responsibility, whose job is it? That duty falls on the Congress of the United States, and in particular, the President of the Senate whose job it was to certify the election results. And, the members of Congress whose function it is to vet candidates when the qualifications to seek the

States Congress was malfeasant by failing to address a 1st Amendment petition, and for refusing to investigate whether or not the allegations against a presidential candidate were valid.

Congress actually did investigate the allegations that GOP presidential candidate Sen. **John McCain** [R-AZ] may not be a natural born citizen since he was born in the Panama Canal Zone. The US Senate found, in Senate Res. 511, that because **McCain** was born of two native-born US citizen parents, he constitutionally qualified to be construed a natural born citizen. (**The Senate noted that their authority to vet the qualifications of presidential candidates came from Section 3 of the 20th Amendment and from 3 USC 15, respectively, for the purpose of conclusively verifying that the President-elect is qualified under the terms of the Constitution, to serve as President of the United**



States.) Without making any effort—not even a feeble, phony excuse of one—to investigate **Obama**, the Senate simply dismissed all allegations questioning **Obama's**

citizenship as a detraction not worth investigating while it actually investigated **McCain's** as required by law.

The *Kerchner* lawsuit specifically asks the court, by way of Mandamus, to compel Congress

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to hold the appropriate open hearings under the 20th Amendment to ascertain, once and for all, whether defendant **Obama** was born in the United States of America and qualifies as a "natural born" citizen.

Plaintiffs are seeking remedies under the 1st, 5th, 9th and 10th Amendments. They are suing under the 1st Amendment because Congress denied them their right to address their grievances against the government by petition. Congress was simply too busy to be bothered. When that happens, we no longer have a representative government but an authoritarian government. Under the 5th Amendment, all of the defendants, individually and collectively, denied them procedural due process and, thus, denied them equal protection under the law. Under the 9th Amendment, government cannot disparage or deny the constitutional rights of the people, and under the 10th Amendment, if the courts feel its not the job of Congress, then it must construe that the right to vet the candidate belong to the people and the States, respectively.

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tainment industry in this country, Obama is not a President: he is a god.

Where are Keith Olbermann's eloquent rebukes of the Military Commissions Act (MCA), the suspension of Habeas Corpus, and many other Big-Government intrusions into the private lives of the American people that were first instituted under George W. Bush and that now continue under Barack Obama? When he wants to, Olbermann can be a very convincing, articulate defender of constitutional liberties. However, it seems that Olbermann is only interested in constitutional government when it is a Republican trampling it. Since Obama became President, Olbermann has not only muted his criticism against unconstitutional

policies emanating from the White House, he has joined the chorus of mindless worship of the new President.

The list of ways that media and entertainment lemmings fawn over Barack Obama is almost endless. And just when one thinks he has heard it all, out comes the blathering balderdash from Newsweek editor-at-large Evan Thomas.

Appearing on last weekend's Inside Washington, Thomas lauded

According to Newsweek's Evan Thomas, Barack Obama is "sort of God."

President Obama as a "brave," "great teacher" who "stands above everybody." But Thomas saved his most outrageous oratory for

last Friday's Hardball program. On Hardball, Thomas gushed, "I mean in a way Obama's standing above the country, above--above the world, he's sort of God."

There you have it: according to Newsweek's Evan Thomas, Barack Obama is "sort of God."

Well, now that God is in the White House, I suppose we don't need the Constitution; we don't need the Bill of Rights; we don't need Congress; we don't need the Supreme Court; we don't need individual sovereign states; we don't need the media; and we certainly don't need Evan Thomas, do we?

There it is, my friends: because Barack Obama is the President, the major media now worships toward 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Goodbye resistance; goodbye objectivity (if they ever had it); goodbye fairness; goodbye investigative reporting; goodbye accountability (at least for Obama); goodbye professional journalism; and goodbye free and independent press. Hello propaganda; hello favoritism; hello yellow journalism; hello socialism; hello "monarchalism"; hello globalism; hello elitism; and hello Pravda.

What in the world has happened to us? How is it that otherwise intelligent and educated people can so

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By giving lost sinners God's Word?
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—Bosch

quickly forget virtually everything their principles and values taught them, and become little more than clumsy chumps for a Presidential administration--any Presidential administration? Are we that slavish? That childish? That foolish? Apparently so.

As bad as it was under Bush, it will be twice as bad under Obama. Only because, at least with Bush, the major media's natural liberal bias tended to want to keep Bush somewhat honest, which meant that Bush would often face criticism from the media for some of his unconstitutional policies (such as Olbermann's eloquent repudia-

tion of Bush's policies regarding the MCA and Habeas Corpus referenced above).

Forget it with Obama. The liberal bias of the major media will tend to cause them to support anything this guy says or does, and to always look the other way whenever unconstitutional or illegal activity surfaces.

For eight years, Christian conservatives had "Lord Bush." Now, liberals have "Lord Obama." Seems to me that gods come pretty cheap these days.

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National News

New Hampshire Legalizes Homosexual "Marriage"

(EP News)--New Hampshire on June 3 became the sixth state to allow homosexual "marriage," after the state House and Senate passed a new version of the legislation and Gov. John Lynch signed it. Lawmakers apparently reached a compromise on the controversial legislation, which still fails to protect the religious liberties of individuals and small businesses. The law will take effect in January. Kevin Smith, director of Cornerstone Policy Research, said he was very disappointed. "When you take 12 votes on five versions of the same issue, you're bound to pass it sooner or later," he said. "It was terribly flawed from the beginning." A recent New Hampshire survey found 64 percent of respondents agreed that "marriage between one man and one woman should be the only legal definition of marriage."

Vermont School District Funds Gender Program

(EP News)--A school district in Vermont has partnered with a radical gay-activist group and is using tax dollars to encourage students to attend an after-school program called "Gendertopia." Instead of learning about the two biological sexes, about a dozen students from Burlington School District are learning about "a whole world full of different genders" at Vermont's Queer Youth Center, The Associated Press reported. The program is among the first of its kind to use tax dollars, according to Outright Vermont, which runs the program. Steve Cable, the founder of the pro-family Vermont Renewal, said, "It just makes me really nervous that sexuality and these very complicated social behaviors are being normalized and talked about with kids who haven't even figured out their life yet," Cable told The AP. "I know Outright Vermont promotes all gender identities and

expression of gender identities, no matter how weird that might be."

Research Links Homosexuality with Childhood Abuse

(EP News)--Many gay activists deny a connection between childhood sexual abuse and adult homosexuality. But "Unequal Opportunity," a book written by pro-gay researchers, reveals that men who have sex with men are three times more likely than heterosexual men to have been sexually abused as children. The research points to 17 studies over 15 years. Jeff Johnston, gender analyst at Focus on the Family, said children are not equipped to handle adult sexuality. "When sexual behavior is imposed on a child by an older or more powerful person, that's sexual abuse," he said. "Sexual abuse derails a boy's growing sense of masculinity and identity."

Southern Baptists warned about hate crimes

(AP) LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Prison Fellowship founder Charles Colson predicts pastors will soon face prosecution under hate crimes laws if they preach that same-sex relationships are sinful. Colson, who served prison time for his role in the Watergate scandal, delivered a grim forecast to Southern Baptist pastors at their annual meeting in Louisville, Ky. Sponsors of congressional hate crimes legislation insist it won't restrict speech, but Colson warned that ministers will face the threat of prosecution within the next two years. He also said medical professionals are losing their conscience right to refuse to perform abortions, and faith-based ministries could soon have to hire non-believers. Colson also predicted a continuing threat from Islamic terrorists and dismissed the Quran as an "irrational" invention of Muhammad rather than divinely inspired scripture.

Michigan: Christians banned from delivering tracts on sidewalk

By Staff

A federal judge has upheld a decision by festival organizers in Dearborn, Mich., which is about 30 percent Muslim, to ban a Christian ministry from handing out religious information on public sidewalks.

The ruling came from U.S. District Judge Nancy Edmonds and was in

affect during the celebration which took place in late June but will not affect the free speech lawsuit over the event, filed by the Thomas More Law Center and the Becker Law Firm.

The case is being brought on behalf of the Arabic Christian Perspective, a Christian group that ministers to Muslims. According to the Thomas More Law Center, Pastor George Saieg and scores of his volunteers have visited Dearborn for the city's Arab International Festival to hand out religious information several times.

An estimated 30,000 of Dearborn's nearly 100,000 residents are Muslim. While there never has been a disruption of the public peace during the five years the ministry has been attending, this year Dearborn police warned Saieg he and his group would not be allowed to walk the public sidewalks to hand out information

Catholic diocese -- set to partner with abortion services?

By Charlie Butts

(OneNewsNow) American Life League (ALL) is sounding an alarm over a potential abortion scandal involving the Archdiocese of Boston. Celticare is a joint venture partnering the archdiocesan Caritas Christi Health Care network with another corporation, which will join Massachusetts' subsidized health program July 1 -- a program that mandates abortion. ALL spokesperson Katie Walker says the archdiocese is using an odd approach.

"They've hired a third-party company that will do the abortion referrals for them, as if that would somehow diminish their responsibility for it," she

argues. [see Editor's note below]

Walker believes it is a good time for the Catholic Church to stand up to the state on the issue, especially in light of the likelihood that President Obama's health plan, if approved, will require abortion.

"I think the Catholic faith has a long history of flourishing when persecuted," she observes, "so I look forward to seeing these bishops and the other 200-plus dioceses around the country standing up to whatever comes down the pike and saying 'the buck stops here -- we are going to stand up for our principles no matter what.'"

According to a recent *Associated Press* report, Boston Cardinal Sean

O'Malley says Caritas Christi Health Care, which operates six hospitals in Massachusetts, will not provide abortions and will not make referrals to other healthcare providers for patients seeking abortions. The cardinal says he has submitted a revised partnership agreement for analysis to the National Catholic Bioethics Center to ensure that Caritas Christi does not violate the church's moral principles.

Editor's Note: Since this interview was conducted, Katie Walker explains that hiring a third-party to do the abortions is "merely a possibility" at this time -- it is not a firm decision, but only has been mentioned as a possible solution to the dilemma.

NASA employee speaks out on 'Pride Month'

By Pete Chagnon

(OneNewsNow) A NASA employee is voicing concern over a recent email and memo from her supervisors. The controversial memo was sent out by NASA officials to employees and encouraged them to celebrate "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month," in accordance with a presidential proclamation. NASA officials not only encouraged employees to celebrate the pro-homosexual observance, but also encouraged them to participate in

pride events in their communities. If there was no such event in their community, employees were encouraged to start one.

However, one employee -- who asked to remain anonymous -- was offended by the memo because she does not believe it is NASA's place to encourage employees to celebrate a lifestyle she and others do not agree with. She also stated that it was ironic that NASA would encourage participation in this event, but around

Christmas time does not send out any emails or memos encouraging employees to celebrate that holiday or any other religious events.

The NASA employee did tell OneNewsNow that another employee is voicing concern to upper management via email. "I don't know how much of it will make it past the center level and actually get up to the acting director," she says. The employee adds that even if it did, she doubts it would make much of a difference.

'What Exactly do Gays Have to be Proud About?' Asks Vision America President

By Staff

Noting that President Barack Obama has proclaimed June "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month," Vision America President Dr. Rick Scarborough asks: "Exactly what do these people -- defined exclusively by their aberrant sexual behavior -- have to be proud about?"

Scarborough continued: "Perhaps they should be proud of the fact that, according to the Centers for Disease Control, in 2005, 71% of all HIV infections were among 'men who have sex with other men' -- a group that represents at most 2% of the adult population?"

"Maybe the president thinks they

should be proud that, according to a 1978 study, 36% of male homosexuals reported having up to 1,000 different sex partners over the course of their lives? Researchers tell us that the AIDS epidemic has changed nothing in this regard."

"Does the president think gay militants should be proud of the part they're playing in the deconstruction of marriage and assaults on First Amendment freedom of speech and religion, through so-called same-sex marriage, 'hate crimes' legislation and public school indoctrination?" Scarborough inquired.

Dr. Scarborough added: "Barack Obama is the first president to ask us to celebrate that which

the Bible specifically and unequivocally condemns."

Vision America notes that the president's support for homosexuality isn't limited to proclamations. He has appointed open homosexuals to high public office, and actively promotes civil unions, passage of legislation which would outlaw preaching what the Scriptures teach about homosexuality and repeal of the military's don't-ask-don't-tell policy.

Scarborough: "Those who engage in unnatural acts should hang their heads in shame -- so should the president who asks us to celebrate their sinful lifestyle."

'Bathroom bill' foes rally in Mass.

By Charlie Butts

(OneNewsNow) Massachusetts lawmakers are considering what is commonly referred to now as a "bathroom bill." Activists want to add transgender to the Bay State's existing "hate crimes" bill. Evelyn Reilly, director of public policy for

the Massachusetts Family Institute, tells OneNewsNow that lawmakers who support the measure are bowing to a fraction of the population -- and in that process, are endangering women and children.

"[For example] if...a man believes or pretends to believe that he is actually a woman, then you could not question, challenge, or stop him from entering a woman's bathroom, shower, locker room, fitness facility, or whatever," she explains. And that, she notes, provides opportunity for a rapist or child molester.

and instead would be confined to a specific spot, the lawsuit said.

After negotiations in Dearborn failed to restore the Christians' rights, the lawsuit was filed. "It's ironic that while Americans are applauding the free speech exercised by hundreds of thousands of Muslims on the streets of Iran, the city of Dearborn is restricting free speech rights Christians are attempting to exercise on the city's public sidewalks," said Richard Thompson, president of the Thomas More Law Center...

But according to Reilly, activists pushing H.B. 1728 are not worried about the potential price people will pay. "They seem so bent on getting what they want that they don't care how it impacts anyone else," she laments. "But

we as citizens need to be concerned about the common good."

The website NoBathroomBill.com -- which is co-sponsored by Riley's organization -- provides resources and contact information for individuals and churches that wish to lobby lawmakers to vote the bill down. A hearing will be held July 1 at the state house.

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Jimmy Carter sides with Hamas, blames Israel for Gaza war

By Isreal Today staff

Former US President Jimmy Carter insisted on Monday that the Hamas terrorist organization is a group of trustworthy and respectable individuals that cannot possibly be blamed for the recent violence in and around the Gaza Strip.

Speaking on NBC's "Today" show, Carter said that Hamas can be trusted, and that the terror group had adhered fully to the terms of an unofficial six-month ceasefire prior to the outbreak of the Gaza war.

By making such an assertion,

Carter indirectly blamed Israel for the violence that engulfed Gaza and southern Israel for three weeks. He sidestepped the fact that prior to the start of the Israeli offensive, Hamas had significantly escalated its rocket attacks on southern Israel.

Carter tried to qualify his remarks by acknowledging Hamas had done some bad things, but remained adamant that the terror group must be engaged diplomatically and made part of the "peace" process.

The interview was part of a PR campaign to push the former president's new book, "We Can

Have Peace in the Holy Land," which Carter indicated is being written first and foremost to influence the policy decisions of President Barack Obama.

Said Carter: "I am writing another book about the Middle East because the new president of the United States is facing a major opportunity — and responsibility — to lead in ending conflict between Israel and its neighbors. The time is now. Peace is possible." Carter's previous book, "Palestine: Peace, Not Apartheid," was highly critical of and in many places openly hostile toward Israel.

the series of disasters that befell the Jewish People over 2,000 years. . . There are those who say that without the Holocaust the State would not have been established, but I say that if the State of Israel had been established in time, the Holocaust would not have taken place."

White House Press Secretary Andy Gibbs acted as if he heard nothing of what Netanyahu spoke, saying, "The president is committed to two states, a Jewish state of Israel and an independent Palestine, in the historic homeland of both peoples. He believes this solution can and must ensure both Israel's security and the fulfillment of the Palestinians' legitimate aspirations for a viable state, and he welcomes Prime Minister Netanyahu's endorsement of that goal." But Netanyahu emphatically said, "Israel will not sit down at conference table with terrorist who seek to destroy it." Ezekiel 13: 16 speaks to the false prophets of peace, "which see visions of peace for her [Jerusalem], and there is no peace."

problem outside of the borders of the State of Israel. For it is clear to all that the demand to settle the Palestinian refugees inside of Israel, contradicts the continued existence of the State of Israel as the state of the Jewish People." Netanyahu then said, "Any area in Palestinian hands has to be demilitarization, with solid security measures. Without this condition, there is a real fear that there will be an armed Palestinian state which will become a terrorist base against Israel, as happened in Gaza."

And the next point was Jerusalem. He said, "Israel needs defensible borders with Jerusalem remaining the united capital of Israel." Netanyahu also gave the man who occupies the Oval Office a real history lesson. He said, "The connection of the Jewish People to the Land has been in existence for more than 3,500 years. . . The right of the Jewish People to a state in the Land of Israel does not arise from

Netanyahu Sets White House Straight On Its History And Peace Position

By Bill Wilson

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu set the world straight that he is ready to talk peace anytime, anywhere, but White House conditions for peace were not in the best interest of Israel. He said Palestinian leaders have failed to discuss peace in the simplest of terms. Netanyahu said that "Even the moderates among the Palestinians are not ready to say the most simplest things: The State of Israel is the national homeland of the Jewish People and will remain so." And even though the White House has leveraged significant pressure on Israel to endorse a so-called "two state" solution, Netanyahu's terms for peace were polar opposite of the Palestinian terrorist representatives demands.

Netanyahu made his points for peace in direct words that the world can understand. He said "we need a clear agreement to solve the Palestinian refugee

21 Human Rights Attorneys Experience Chinese Government Crackdown

By Dan Wooding

BEIJING, CHINA (ANS) -- ChinaAid is reporting that the Chinese government has launched a major crackdown against human rights attorneys, canceling or refusing to renew the licenses of at least 21 attorneys who have challenged the Communist government's abuse of Chinese citizens. Many of the attorneys have been working closely with ChinaAid's legal defense efforts for religious freedom cases.

"These human rights lawyers should be rewarded for their brave active efforts in promoting rule of law and advancing citizens' civil and human rights according to both the international standard and China's own Constitution", said Bob Fu, president of ChinaAid. "Ironically, the rights of the attorneys are now in jeopardy."

Three leading lawyers have called ChinaAid expressing their concern and requesting ChinaAid to solicit the help of the international community. This is an unusual request from human rights attorneys who, in the past, have tried to walk a fine line within the framework of Chinese law. One lawyer told ChinaAid, "The Chinese government already broke the bottom line

by forcing our lawyers to fight to survive to earn a living."

ChinaAid has received reports of human rights attorneys who have been recently kidnapped, beaten, and tortured by officials for practicing normal legal defense work.

Men like Gao Zhisheng, a Christian human rights attorney who was last seen on February 4, 2009, being hauled away by Chinese officials. To date, the Chinese government has continually refused to release information regarding Gao's whereabouts or condition. Gao, himself, accurately predicted that every human rights lawyer in China would eventually become a human rights case.

ChinaAid notes that at the same

time international pressure is being applied, particularly from the U.S. government, regarding Gao's kidnapping, and the Chinese government has replied with an official denial of knowledge about his situation, behind the scenes, the government has responded with a crackdown on those attorneys following in Gao's steps, who have been interacting with the U.S.

Bob Fu stated, "The crackdown against the human rights attorneys simply shows how much progress in the Chinese government human rights record has been made, since the bloody massacre in Tiananmen Square 20 years ago. We call upon the Chinese authorities to restore the licenses of these 21 attorneys."



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World News

Italian Song Tells Redemptive Ex-Gay Story

(EP News)--An award-winning song in Italy is angering gay activists with its message that unwanted homosexuality can be overcome. In fact, some in the pro-gay movement have petitioned the Italian government to prevent the song from getting played. The song, translated "Luca Used to Be Gay," is biographical. Efforts to have the song banned from a music festival failed; it actually won second place for singer Giuseppe Povia. And despite the activists' efforts to undermine the message of the song, it wasn't just festival judges, but the festival audience, that seemed to embrace the lyrics that spotlight the truth that people can change their sexual orientation.

Britain Forces Faith-Based Adoption Agencies to Sacrifice Principles

(EP News)--Two years ago, the United Kingdom passed a law that forced adoption agencies to consider placing children with homosexual couples. An exemption that protected religious groups has just expired, forcing several faith-based adoption agencies to close rather than violate their convictions. "This is something that's radically opposed to Chris-

tian morality," said C.J. Doyle, executive director of the Catholic Action League of Massachusetts. "It would involve a very serious compromise of one's principles." He said the government wants to drive churches out of charity work, out of education and out of medicine.

Christian Group Reaches Out to Bengal Cyclone Victims

(EP News)--Gospel for Asia's West Bengal headquarters has become a makeshift shelter for cyclone Aila victims. Everyone involved in the ministry is assisting in the relief effort to rescue the thousands whose possessions and dreams were washed away by the storm. The cyclone ripped through West Bengal and Bangladesh on May 25, killing an estimated 200 people and driving a million others from their homes. "At least 13 islands have been devastated by the cyclone," a GFA correspondent wrote, describing the scene. "Each island is filled with salt water, and people find it difficult to find fresh water to drink. The main source of income for them was the fish in their ponds. Since the salt water has completely filled fields and ponds, most of the fish died. Most of the cattle died without food and water. The future of many thousands is a big question mark."

Chinese Christian Sentenced to Three Years in Prison for Printing and Giving Away Free Bibles

By Michael Ireland

BEIJING, CHINA (ANS) -- A Chinese Christian bookstore owner and house church leader has been found guilty by a Beijing Court of "illegal business operation" and sentenced to three years in prison and 150,000 Yuan fine (about \$22,000 USD) for printing and distributing Bibles at no cost.

According to the law, jail time served by Shi Weihai prior to the trial counts as part of his three-year sentence time, will count, says a media release from ChinaAid (www.ChinaAid.org).

The group says that six others stood trial together with Shi Weihai, and also received criminal sentences. It is believed that these individuals were shareholders and executives of the printing company which printed the Bibles.

ChinaAid says the appeals process could take up to a year, while Shi Weihai would remain in prison. It is still uncertain whether the family will file an appeal due to the enormous pressure from the Public Security Bureau (PSB).

According to the ChinaAid media release, despite his serious medical diabetic condition, the lawyers' prior applications for medical parole were never granted by the authorities.

ChinaAid says that according to

friends, Shi Weihai's wife Zhang Jing is bearing much of the burden for the family. Her main concern is caring for their two daughters, 12-year-old Shi Jia and 8-year-old Shi En Mei, and continuing the House Church work. Authorities continue to pressure their family.

ChinaAid adds: "Friends of Shi Weihai and his family ask Christians around the world to pray for the following: that Shi Weihai's health would be protected, wisdom for the family regarding whether to appeal the conviction or not, favor for a possible medical parole and God's peace and favor in these difficult circumstances."

To request the immediate release of Shi Weihai, please contact the following government authorities:

Tang Long, City of Beijing Deputy Secretary General of the Municipal People's Government Phone: +86-10-62362008; Liu Jianchao, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director of Information Department Phone: +86-10-65963342

Write an encouraging note to Shi Weihai in prison: Qinghe Detention Center of the Haidian Sub-Bureau 2585, Longgang Road, Qinghe Town, Haidian District, Beijing CHINA

Write an encouraging note to Shi Weihai's wife, Zhang Jing, and their two daughters, Shi Jia (12) and Shi En Mei (8). Their address is: 3207, Jisheng Villa, West Sanqi, Haidian district, Beijing municipality, CHINA

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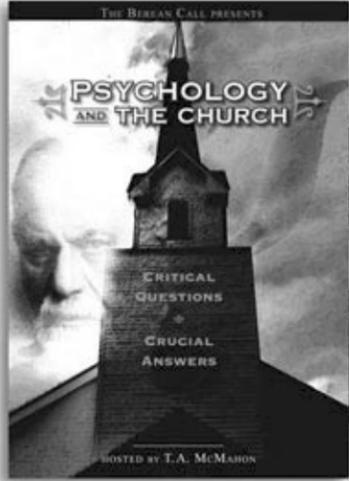
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Health

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By Phillip S. Sorenson, M.Min.,
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It seems that we live in the age of medicine. It's like there is a pill for every ailment that the human body faces, even for behavioral modification. Many of these advances in medicine have saved lives but



many of the Psychotropic drugs are purely experiential at best. According to a report by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center, the suicide rate between 1999 and 2005 has risen 0.7 percent in the United States. Why have we had a rise in the amount of suicides and not a decrease with all the advances in medicine and with all the new medications that are supposed to help people feel better and live happier lives? It is the age old problem of man trying to find the answers to life's problems on his own. So what is the answer?

The true and healing answers to life lie in Christ and His word. The Holy Bible is the only authoritative source for spiritual truth. The Bible in its 66 books leads us to the true knowledge of God and is totally sufficient in granting to us everything that pertains to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). Christ said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life," (John 14:6), what better person to heal the mind than the very One who created it. The 'mind' is mentioned over 200 times in the scriptures. The Bible speaks many times about how we as individuals need to be transformed by renewing our minds and focusing on Christ (Rom. 12: 2; Phil. 3:8-14). By submitting

our lives to God and applying the Words of God to our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit we are able make the changes that can heal the mind. We read in the Bible of how God will make foolish the ways of the world (1 Cor. 1:18-29). Why is it that we as believers have a tendency of turning to the world in its wisdom rather than relying on God to heal our hearts and our minds?

Many Christians, churches and pastors today are heading toward a trend of sending individuals and couples to a professional psychologist rather than to help them work through their problem with the Word of God. 1 Thessalonians 5:14 instructs us to "admonish the unruly, encourage the faint hearted, and to help the weak." God has given the church the tools to provide the answers and help people through His Word. Biblical counseling really belongs in the church and churches today are in desperate need of incorporating professionally trained biblical counselors to their staff and providing teaching seminars to lay leaders so they are better equipped to help hurting people. A great example of this is seen at Faith Baptist Church of Lafayette, Indiana, where they have a counseling ministry that offers counseling services and training seminars.

The Bible is sufficient in the discipline of counseling to offer people help and hope. Yet in spite of this, many Christian counselors are still relying on the approval of the states for their credibility to practice. Through the dedicated work of concerned citizens, legislators, attorneys, and Christian radio, Idaho has an exemption in its counselor licensing law for faith-based counselors - it states: "Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to apply to the activities and services of any religious denomination or sect or faith-based counseling of any kind." (Idaho Statute 54-3402; www3.state.id.us/cgi-bin/newidst?scid=540340002.K)

Why have so few states adopted this exemption of faith-based counseling from their licensing requirements? I believe that the bottom line is two-fold; the almighty dollar and control. A licensed counselor is able to accept insurance payments, where as one who is not licensed by the state cannot. Licensure through the state requires that you follow certain criteria that the state sets forth. For instance, in order to be licensed by the state you have to pass their

Senate Passes Pathetic Tobacco Control Bill

By Mike Adams - The Health
Ranger

(NaturalNews) There's no other word to describe it: The U.S. Senate's tobacco control bill is pathetic. It bans candy cigarettes and fruit-flavored cigarettes, but doesn't even require cigarette companies to disclose the ingredients they use until nearly a year-and-a-half later. The bill bans the use of the word "light" from cigarette packages, but even the tobacco companies admit this will make virtually no difference, as smokers have grown accustomed to buying cigarettes labeled with color codes that indicate a "light" designation.

And perhaps most importantly, this bill now puts the FDA in the position of approving the marketing and consumption of a product that directly promotes heart disease, strokes and cancer. The FDA, in other words, will now lend its stamp of approval to a product that openly kills people.

Tobacco as an FDA-approved drug?

If the FDA has any ethics whatsoever, it must ban tobacco products outright. For how can the Food and Drug Administration approve the marketing and selling of a deadly carcinogenic product when, at the same time, it bans cherry growers from describing the everyday health benefits of cherries?

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is responsible for approving the marketing and distribution of both foods and drugs. Cigarettes are obviously not foods or dietary supplements, and since tobacco is inhaled for its pharmacological effects, that clearly puts cigarettes in the

drugs category. So if this bill becomes law, it will force the FDA to declare tobacco to be a drug.

So if tobacco is a drug, then *where are the safety tests required for drug approval?* The FDA assaults fruit and herb companies on a daily basis, threatening them with being shut down for selling "unapproved drugs," and yet now the FDA is about to be put in the position of approving an admittedly deadly product that has no health benefits whatsoever while contributing to serious degenerative disease!

Interestingly, this position is not at all unusual for the FDA. The agency has already granted approval to thousands of toxic chemicals that openly harm human health -- pharmaceuticals. FDA-approved drugs, after all, kill over 100,000 Americans each year. If the FDA's portfolio of drugs includes tobacco, that number will rise to well over **half a million Americans killed each year by FDA-approved drugs!**

Furthermore, it would make laughable any claim by the FDA that it is working to "protect the public." As the agency approving the marketing, sale and consumption of a product that inarguably kills over 400,000 people a year, the FDA would cement its position as a *peddler of poison.*

The War on (some) Drugs

Placing tobacco under "approved" status at the FDA also raises a glaring contradiction in the U.S. government's so-called "War on Drugs." Tobacco is, without question, a psychoactive, highly-addictive drug that is consumed by people in an addictive and destructive way. Marijuana, by comparison, is less addictive, making it far less

destructive to health overall. So why is tobacco about to become an FDA-approved drug while marijuana remains an herb whose very possession results in a consumer being branded a criminal and thrown in prison?

Putting tobacco in the FDA's portfolio only serves to highlight the hilarious contradictions in U.S. drug policy, showing it to be solely about protecting corporate drug profits, not protecting people from dangerous drugs.

Wanna sell more drugs? Push more tobacco...

Has anyone realized the huge conflict of interest in turning over tobacco regulation to the FDA? The FDA's biggest customers (corporations that pay the FDA money) earn their profits precisely from treating the very diseases caused by tobacco consumption. This creates an incentive for the FDA to promote more tobacco, thereby boosting the long-term revenue potential of its Big Pharma clients.

This obvious conflict of interest is one reason why the FDA cannot be trusted to regulate tobacco in a way that serves the public interest. Rather, tobacco regulation is likely to be used as a way to promote more tobacco use by declaring it to be "approved" by the FDA.

It's astounding that it took the U.S. Senate over fifteen years to pass a tobacco bill that turns out to be a pathetic attempt to reduce smoking and, in fact, might actually *increase* the perception of cigarettes being "safe" and "approved" by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Light up, kids! It's FDA approved!

state exams - exams that contain information that clearly contradict scripture. Under state certification, the counselor cannot direct



the person on how they should believe, no evangelism allowed here. I would encourage other states to follow Idaho's example of the faith-based exemption. As individuals we need to contact our state representatives and encourage them to provide this exemption for faith-based counselors.

As a bottom line, we as Biblical counselors need to hold faithfully to Biblical truths, not attempt to wed secular psychology to Christianity, and convince those we are trying to help that their main purpose in life is to glorify God by following His guidelines set forth in scripture. Biblical counselors are doing just that by providing hope and help for those who cannot afford the high cost of counseling. Their goal is to help individuals and families learn to handle problem situations more effectively and bring about desired changes in their lives.

If your church needs a qualified counselor or would like to have a counseling training seminar/

workshop to help their lay leaders better learn how to help others, please call (208) 642-7684, (208) 703-8688 or send an E-mail to biblicalcounseling@afo.net.

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From Hollywood to Iran, Jerusalem to Poland, One Man with One Message: The Cross

By Audra Jennings

Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX—Over the past thirty-eight years, Arthur Blessitt has walked the globe with one purpose in mind as he carried a twelve-foot wooden cross. Traveling more than 38,000 miles, visiting every sovereign nation and island group in the world, his pursuit has amazed and puzzled the world. This journey, listed in the Guinness Book of World Records under “World’s Longest Walk,” is one that has taken him through war zones, across jungles, and even to the penguins of Antarctica.

Blessitt’s new autobiography, *The Cross* (Authentic), will destroy, and then re-define, every reader’s assumptions about the cross and what it means to follow Jesus. Blessitt’s cross walk converts to action two foundational ideas: The cross is God’s message of love, and the cross is for everyone.

“I have had the privilege of reinterpreting the cross. Many people feel that the cross is against them. They [falsely] think *the cross is against my sexual orientation or I had an abortion, so God hates me*,” Blessitt says. *The Cross* is filled with story after story of the miraculous reception the cross—and with it, Blessitt’s delivery of the gospel—has received in unlikely places like Communist

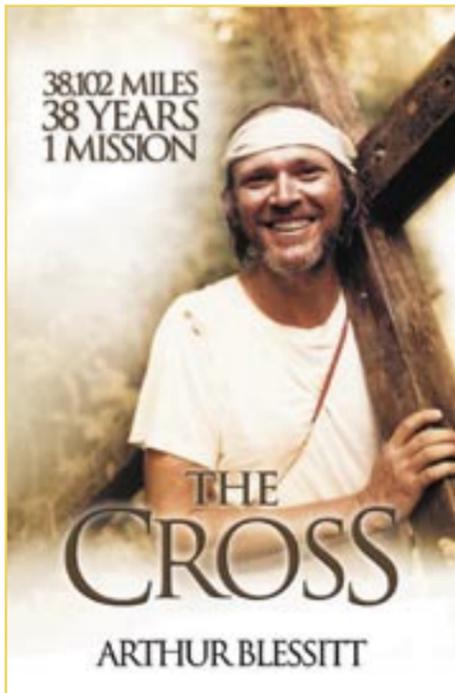
Poland, Lebanon, Iran, isolated tribal lands, and Los Angeles’ Sunset Strip. Blessitt explains, “In many places—particularly in Muslim countries—the cross has

a host of other noted media. *The Cross* offers Blessitt’s perspective on the most fascinating moments such as meeting with Yasser Arafat on two different occasions, once after walking through a battle between five different armies with his twelve-year-old son. Blessitt was also able to share the message of Jesus with Libyan leader Muammar al-Gaddafi. On another occasion, he was beaten and jailed along with a group of Spanish pastors under Francisco Franco’s fascist regime.

Blessitt has befriended presidents, held audience with kings, and spoken before crowds 500,000 strong, however, his ministry was never about seeking the spotlight. More often than not, he has sought “the least of these”—the nameless victims of war, the obscure tribe on a hidden island, the oppressed people forgotten by the rest of the world.

The power of Blessitt’s cross has not only changed the world, it has transformed him. “Many people have dreams and visions of doing mighty things for God and making an impact on the world. That was my prayer also.”

Read more about Arthur’s journey at www.blessitt.com.



“And then Jesus said to lay it all down, and let your vision be no bigger than the next person you meet. Following that vision has carried me around the world.” -Arthur Blessitt

historically been a sign of offense, due mainly to the actions of ‘Christendom.’ I have carried the cross of love into Muslim countries and not only survived, but I’ve been welcomed.”

Blessitt’s journey has attracted worldwide attention, and his story has been covered by *ABC News*, *Christianity Today*, *Variety*, and

His vision: Alcohol-free zone at pro park

By Susan Mires

ST. LOUIS (BP)—Tim Jones walks and prays. He lets the sandwich board strapped over his body tell the message: No more bars. “My idea is just to walk, pray and praise the Lord every which way I go,” Jones said.

He’s just one guy with a passion, but people are taking notice and his God-inspired vision may end up shaping the future of St. Louis. Jones is asking the city to not put any bars or taverns in the proposed Ballpark Village next to Busch Stadium in downtown St. Louis.

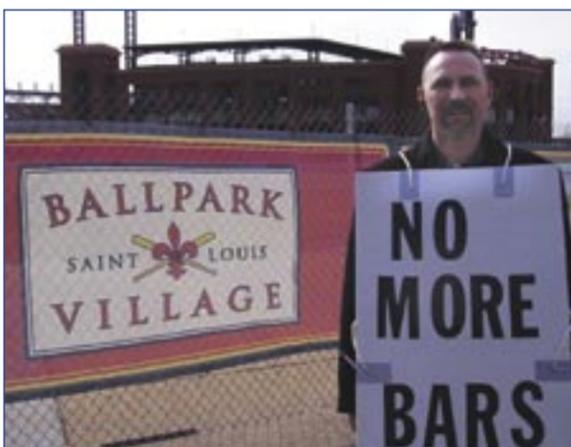
“I’m saying enough is enough,” Jones said. “There are already 34 bars within a three-block radius of the stadium.”

Jones became burdened with the idea one evening while watching the local news. The first report told of a highway worker being killed by a drunk driver, the next about plans to develop Ballpark Village as an entertainment district with bars and restaurants.

Jones, a father of five and mem-

ber of Cross Keys Baptist Church in Florissant, Mo., said he realized there’s no place downtown suitable for families to spend the day.

He also points to a number of troubling incidents, such as the



Tim Jones, often seen wearing a sandwich board, is waging a campaign for a family friendly zone near Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

arrest of the Cardinals’ own manager on a charge of driving under the influence and the fact that pitcher Josh Hancock was drinking the night he died in a car crash after a game. “We have to find a way to stop enabling that to happen,” Jones said.

He felt led to prayerwalk around the new Busch Stadium, near the future Ballpark Village development. He started in January and

every weekday since then he has walked around the stadium seven times. One trek around is about a half-mile, so it takes Jones about an hour each day to make seven laps. He’s worn out a pair of shoes and worked up blisters on his feet. As he walks, he prays for the area and the people passing by. Occasionally, they ask what he’s doing and he gets a chance to share.

His message is laser-focused on creating one area that is family friendly. He doesn’t suggest shutting down any existing businesses, nor does he preach about the dangers of drinking. “I’m not talking about what has happened in the past. I want to talk about what the future needs to be,” he said.

Jones, 44, is familiar with the heartache of alcoholism. He grew up in bars with a mother who was into the party scene. He served 20 years in the U.S. Army and became an alcoholic. Set free from the addiction by Jesus Christ, Jones feels a burden for his community. Since the prayerwalking started, he organized the campaign under the name “One Voice.”

“All it took was one voice,” Jones said. “I truly believe prayer is the answer. I also believe it is Chris-

Book Reviews

Israel already forfeited Temple Mount, divided Jerusalem

(WorldNetDaily) JERUSALEM

—With the aid of the U.S., sections of Jerusalem essentially have been forfeited on the ground to the Palestinian Authority, while the Temple Mount — Judaism’s holiest site — is quickly being consolidated by Islamic authorities who are erasing any vestiges of Jewish history and archaeology.

These and other shocking revelations are revealed in a blockbuster new book — “The Late Great State of Israel” — that recently hit bookstores nationwide. In the urgent work, author and WND Jerusalem bureau chief Aaron Klein documents the unprecedented, mortal danger that Israel faces.

The subtitle of the book — released as Israel celebrated its independence — reads, “How enemies within and without threaten the Jewish nation’s survival.” “Four years of my boots on the ground reporting has led me to my frightening conclusion,” writes Klein.

The book, which Hal Lindsey has called a “must-read for anyone seeking to understand the Mid-

east,” is a clarion call for all supporters of Israel. The great Mideast democracy is headed down a road that, if not altered, may result in catastrophe, warns Klein.



“The greatest threat, the one that magnifies all others exponentially, is that only a few in Israel or abroad are aware of the real extent of the dangers facing the Jewish country

— both from within and without,” writes Klein.

Klein pulls no punches, fingering the Israeli government as often being its own worst enemy. He also shows how policies from the Obama administration and international community harm Israel’s interests and how Iran, Hamas, Palestinian terrorists and a host of other players are poised to end the Mideast democracy once and for all.

If Israel falls, America will be next in line, argues Klein. “Unless these perils are countered soon,” writes Klein, “the only remnant of the Jewish country may soon be an epitaph: ‘The Late, Great State of Israel.’”

Sports

tians’ responsibility to do something about the moral wrongness of society.”

A Christ-like — and legal — approach is essential, Jones said. He doesn’t get emotional; he simply shares the facts about his campaign. He must work the No More Bars effort around his job and family life as well as Bible college classes. He and his wife care for foster children and he’s an active deacon at Cross Keys.

“His whole approach has been servant-minded from the beginning,” said Jeff Wells, Cross Keys’ pastor.

The No More Bars campaign started so quietly that few members knew about it at first, Wells said. But Jones’ example has been inspiring. “He went about this as a response to what God laid on his heart, without a lot of fanfare and without a lot of planning,” Wells said. “He had the nerve to trust God and do all of this.”

It’s an uphill battle in St. Louis, home of Anheuser-Busch. The stadium around which Jones walks is named for the brewery’s founder and drinking is ingrained in the city’s culture. Yet the idea is taking root. Jones said that whenever he talks to people, they see the sense of his proposal. While

walking and praying, he has encountered many people who have been personally affected by drinking, such as a police officer whose partner was permanently disabled when struck by a drunk driver.

Creating an alcohol-free area also would help achieve the city’s goal of bringing more people into downtown, Jones said. His crusade has attracted attention. He’s been interviewed on local television and radio stations.

Wells said he has enjoyed watching Jones become excited and grow with the campaign. “Tim is just glowing in the things God is doing in him and through him,” the pastor said.

Jones said he hopes to bring people together to raise awareness of the issue while honoring God in every aspect. “We’re calling all Christians to make a stand and show the city and the Cardinals organization this is a one-voice thing,” Jones said. “I don’t know the whole outcome, but I do know God will have His glory.”

Tim Jones’ campaign is on the Internet at www.gotothetruth.com under the “One Voice” tab.

Confusion from Page 1

It's the confusion. I just can't take all of the confusion. I'm tired of trying to hide who I really am just to please others. In order to be what everyone is telling me I need to be it would take the complete denial of everything rational.

I was born this way, and as much as I would like to change, and as much as I would like to please others, I can no longer live like this. Even though I have received classes on tolerance, diversity, and cultural sensitivity, my brain just is impossible to wash.

Two plus two equals four, A + B = C, and male + female + baby = family. I am hopefully lost, beyond redemption, and un-affected by indoctrination. Maybe I will get some peace when I finally admit who I really am. So, here goes.

I am a God-fearing, closed minded, clear thinking, Bible believing, evidence demanding, analytical, out-spoken, observer of society, who has come to the realization that I am not the one who is confused. (Ah! Catharsis!)

Most of you suffer from the same disorder, you just don't realize it. We are purposely being confused by the confused. That's right. Our citizenry is receiving a cultural lobotomy as we watch the confused media, parade confused experts into our living rooms, to confuse us on the meaning of things of which there should be no confusion. The same experts who said homosexuality was a mental illness now say it is not. It is merely

a disorder...like a messy office, or bedroom, or children being out of alphabetical order when they line up to go to lunch. Disorder.

Let's take the issue of "gender confusion." I am going to lay out a few questions and I want you to tell me where I am missing it, or see if I am the only one who is really confused.

Chastity Bono, the once innocent daughter of Sonny and Cher, announced to the world two decades ago that she was a lesbian. Now if I understand lesbianism, (that's impossible) according to the experts it is a condition where women are sexually/emotionally attracted to other women. "Same-sex attraction" is the term they give it. (I guess that sounds better than dyke.) But the experts were confused and decided instead that it was a lifestyle. But not just a lifestyle, like skiing at Aspen or spending \$250,000 on a date in New York, but an inborn, inherent, immutable, born-that-way-characteristic. (One chooses a lifestyle, but not one's gender, so how can homosexuality be a "lifestyle"?)

Up until the mid-seventies psychiatric experts classified homosexuality as a "mental illness." Today they call it Gender Identity Disorder. I guess a "disorder" is not an illness, even though the definition of mental illness says it is. Change the words, change the world. Homosexuality is not an illness, it is a disorder. So I guess one is born with Eating Disorders that cannot be changed. (Thank goodness! I can get off of this diet.) I wonder which "experts" determine which

disorders can be changed and which ones can't.

After years of public indoctrination I thought I finally had it figured out. Lesbians were women who loved women and "chose" to live out their natural affinity for humans with female body parts with which they were born. They were sort of like

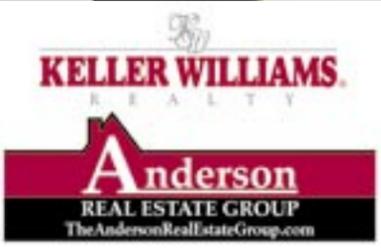
short people who were forced to play basketball. Making them engage in an activity (heterosexuality) that goes against their natural inclination would be like forcing Danny DeVito to play in the NBA. His body was designed to drink in excess because he is so much closer to the floor when he passes out. If we love him we should tolerate Danny living the way God created him. He has a "drinking disorder." We all know that it is impossible for drunks to quit drinking. (Experts are vigorously looking for the alcoholic gene.)

So, in an effort to be a good Christian I had come to the point where I accepted Chastity's lesbianism. I figured that anyone who had an in-her-sixties mother still parading on stage in a thong deserved a break. But when she announced last week that she was no longer a lesbian and was trading in her female body parts for a males, I was forced to admit that she gave new meaning to one of her mom's biggest hits, Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves.

You see, Chastity will no longer be Chastity the lesbian, but Chaz the artificial man. That's right. All of this time her gender confusion has confused her and now she realizes that she has been living a lie. She wasn't really a lesbian, but a Sonny trapped in a Cher's body. A little plastic surgery, a shave and a haircut, and she'll have you, Babe. The gender experts tell us it is perfectly normal and that anyone who would question it is not normal but hateful, judgmental and intolerant.

But here is where the confusion trips me up. When Chastity is finished with the sausage maker will she/he be a man or a lesbian in a man's body? If she truly has same-sex attraction will she now all of a sudden start hanging out in the bath houses with the boys? If she currently has a significant other, who is a lesbian, does the significant other now become a heterosexual because Chastity is now Chaz? Or, do we just call them both bi-sexuals...or are they something new...say...tri-sexuals...loving men, women, and men who used to be women. I'm sorry, but I'm confused.

And this "born that way" thing is a problem for me, too. I thought we



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weren't supposed to ask people to change, unless of course it is change we can believe in. But I don't know what to believe in, anymore. Sorry, not trying to confuse you.

Will Chastity, (oops sorry) Chaz, now be attracted to men? Seems

it matters. (Why would anyone ever need a real birth certificate any more?) Is she still an American? The US Constitution says you have to be a "natural born" citizen. What she/he will become is certainly not natural. I guess he/she could just put a copy of a Certificate of Live Birth (CLB) on her website.

I'm sorry if I seem so out of touch. I've always been accused of being "too analytical." Thank goodness it will never happen in today's schools. Anyone who thinks for himself would be labeled with a disorder, put on Ritalin, and assigned to special classes. There the experts will straighten him/her out.

Before I go...



to me that if she was born with the "gay gene" her girlfriend is about to lose her former girlfriend to a gay man. (I wonder what Perez Hilton is up to.) Will Chaz' opposite sex attraction to women now make him/her a heterosexual? If so, was she born a heterosexual or a homosexual? Did she have a gene transplant? (She gives new meaning to the term ex-girlfriend.)

Will Chaz be forced to get a new "certificate of live birth?" Not that

Shouldn't pedophilia be labeled "Age Confusion Disorder"...Sex with animals "Species Confusion Disorder"...rape "Date Confusion Disorder"?"

I wonder if I could have an affair with Cher and label it "Spouse Confusion Disorder?" I wonder if my wife would buy the diagnosis. She might...she went to gommint scules. Sorry, but I'm corn-fused.

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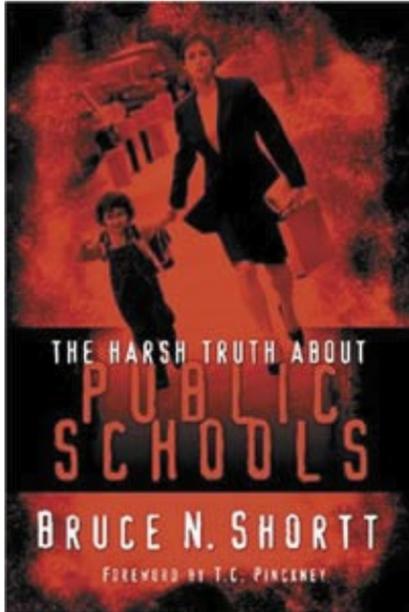
America's Public School System: Brutal And Spartan

By Joel Turtel

The public school system in America has become a dismal failure. But education in many other times and cultures has been quite successful. The ancient Greeks, whose civilization was at its height around 550 B.C., founded Western civilization as we know it. The Athenian Greeks invented or perfected logic, drama, science, philosophy, astronomy, mathematics, literature, and much more. Yet ancient Greece had no compulsory schools.

Other than requiring two years of military training for young men that began at age eighteen, Athens let parents educate their children as they saw fit. Parents either taught their children at home or sent them to voluntary schools where teachers and philosophers like Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle gave lectures to all who wanted to learn. These great teacher-philosophers did

not need a license to teach, nor did they have tenure. The ancient Athenians had a free-market education system. The thought of compulsory, state-run schools and compulsory teacher licensing would have been repulsive to



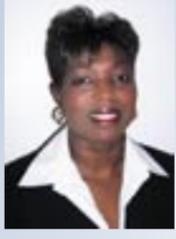
them. The Athenians respected a parent's natural right to direct the

education of their children.

In contrast, Sparta, Athens's mortal enemy, created the first truly state-run, compulsory education system on record. Individual Spartans lived and died for the State, and had to serve the State from birth until sixty years of age. Their society was a brutal military dictatorship in which male children literally belonged to the city rulers, not to their parents.

The Spartan military government took boys from their homes and parents at the age of seven and forced them to live in military-style barracks for the rest of their lives. Spartan men were life-long soldiers whose highest duty was to obey the commands of their leaders. It is no coincidence that Sparta had compulsory, state-run education. If a society believes that children belong not to parents, but to the State, then the State must control children's education by compulsion.

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Are our public schools any different than the brutal Spartan society in the way they treat parents and children? Today, school compulsory-attendance laws force parents to hand over their children to government employees called teachers for eight to twelve years. In effect, our local and state governments claim that they, like the Spartans, own our children's minds and bodies for twelve years. Parents who refuse to hand over their children to the public schools can be, and have been, locked in jail for disobeying the compulsory-attendance laws.

In this respect, our public schools today are just as brutal as the Spartans. The difference is only in degree. Where the Spartans stole children from their parents to serve a lifetime in their military, our local governments create laws that let them, in effect, legally kidnap our children to serve twelve years in their education boot camps called public schools. The brutality of the principal is the same.

Both the Spartans and our public-school officials think they own our children, and have utter contempt for parents' rights.

Are the Iranian Protests Another US Orchestrated "Color Revolution?"

By Paul Craig Roberts

(Infowars) A number of commentators have expressed their idealistic belief in the purity of Mousavi, Montazeri, and the westernized youth of Tehran. The CIA destabilization plan, announced two years ago (see below) has somehow not contaminated unfolding events.

The claim is made that Ahmadinejad stole the election, because the outcome was declared too soon after the polls closed for all the votes to have been counted. However, Mousavi declared his victory several hours before the polls closed. This is classic CIA destabilization designed to discredit a contrary outcome. It forces an early declaration of the vote. The longer the time interval between the preemptive declaration of victory and the release of the vote tally, the longer Mousavi has to create the impression that the authorities are using the time to fix the vote. It is amazing that people don't see through this trick.

As for the grand ayatollah Montazeri's charge that the election was stolen, he was the initial choice to succeed Khomeini, but lost out to

the current Supreme Leader. He sees in the protests an opportunity to settle the score with Khamenei. Montazeri has the incentive to challenge the election whether or not he is being manipulated by the CIA, which has a successful history of manipulating disgruntled politicians.

There is a power struggle among the ayatollahs. Many are aligned against Ahmadinejad because he accuses them of corruption, thus playing to the Iranian countryside where Iranians believe the ayatollahs' lifestyles indicate an excess of power and money. In my opinion, Ahmadinejad's attack on the ayatollahs is opportunistic. However, it does make it odd for his American detractors to say he is a conservative reactionary lined up with the ayatollahs.

Commentators are "explaining" the Iran elections based on their own illusions, delusions, emotions, and vested interests. Whether or not the poll results predicting Ahmadinejad's win are sound, there is, so far, no evidence beyond surmise that the election was stolen. However, there are credible reports that the CIA has been working for two years to destabilize the Iranian

government.

On May 23, 2007, Brian Ross and Richard Esposito reported on ABC News: "The CIA has received secret presidential approval to mount a covert "black" operation to destabilize the Iranian government, current and former officials in the intelligence community tell ABC News."



Republican National Convention
New York City, 2004

On May 27, 2007, the London Telegraph independently reported: "Mr. Bush has signed an official document endorsing CIA plans for a propaganda and disinformation campaign intended to destabilize, and eventually topple, the theocratic rule of the mullahs."

A few days previously, the Telegraph reported on May 16, 2007,

that the Bush administration neo-con warmonger John Bolton told the Telegraph that a US military attack on Iran would "be a 'last option' after economic sanctions



Tehran, Iran
2009

and attempts to foment a popular revolution had failed."

On June 29, 2008, Seymour Hersh reported in the New Yorker: "Late last year, Congress agreed to a request from President Bush to fund a major escalation of covert operations against Iran, according to current and former military, intelligence, and congressional sources. These operations, for which the President sought up to four hundred million dollars, were described in a Presidential Finding signed by Bush, and are designed

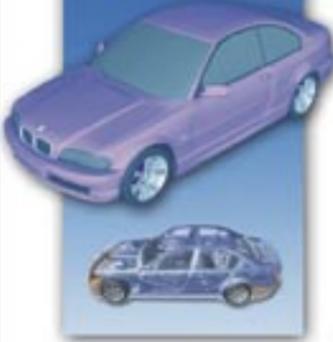
to destabilize the country's religious leadership."

The protests in Tehran no doubt have many sincere participants. The protests also have the hallmarks of the CIA orchestrated protests in Georgia and Ukraine. It requires total blindness not to see this.

Daniel McAdams has made some telling points. For example, neo-conservative Kenneth Timmerman wrote the day before the election that "there's talk of a 'green revolution' in Tehran." How would Timmerman know that unless it was an orchestrated plan? Why would there be a 'green revolution' prepared prior to the vote, especially if Mousavi and his supporters were as confident of victory as they claim? This looks like definite evidence that the US is involved in the election protests.

Timmerman goes on to write that "the National Endowment for Democracy has spent millions of dollars promoting 'color' revolutions . . . Some of that money appears to have made it into the hands of pro-Mousavi groups, who have ties to non-governmental organizations outside Iran that the National Endowment for Democracy funds." Timmerman's own neo-con Foundation for Democracy is "a private, non-profit organization established in 1995 with grants from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), to promote democracy and internationally-recognized standards of human rights in Iran."

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a journey home

By Tim Challies

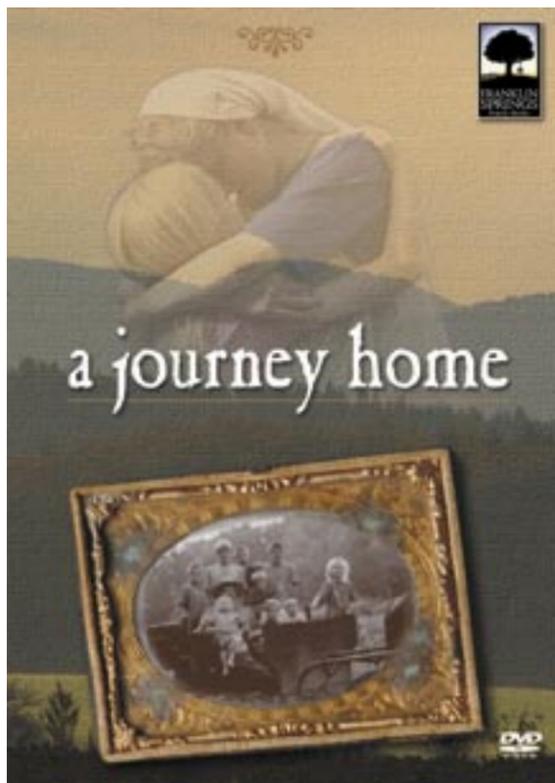
A Journey Home tells the story of the Waller family. Tired of working 80 hour weeks, and despite being on the fasttrack to a great career with Federal Express, Tommy Waller felt that his life demanded change. And so he moved his family - a family that has grown to eleven children - from the suburbs of a large city to a remote area of Tennessee. It may as well have been the other side of the world. The family moved to Amish country and began a new life, a life without many of the luxuries common to 21st century North America. They did not even have electricity.

The family built a new life as farmers - organic farmers. The film documents their lives, showing how they adapted to life in their new community. It shows how, while the family gloried in their isolation, they still walked into the world one day per week to sell their produce at a local market. It was here that they had a profound impact on the community.

It seemed to me that the family moved to the country for something less than ideology. They moved because they felt it was in the best interests of their family. While they forsook much, they also kept some ties with the world. They had no electricity, but drove a new passenger van. They farmed their own land but

also wore storebought clothes. My wife and I discussed whether this was hypocrisy, but we found that it did not seem to be. Again, it was no ideology that drove them out of the world, but conscience and necessity. Thus they were free to set boundaries as they saw fit.

Near the end the movie takes an unexpected turn and the family truly does move to the other side of the world. Feeling a call to missions, the family moves to Israel to



farm and to share Jesus with the Jewish people. They are in Israel to this day, and according to the extras on the DVD, are keeping a vineyard.

A Journey Home was winner of the Jubilee Award for Best Documentary at the San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival, and for good reason. It is an enjoyable film and one that is well-made and well-produced. It shows a slice from the life of a unique family. If interested, you can purchase it through Franklin Springs Family Media.

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A True Love Revolution at SoulFest 2009

New England's Largest Multi-Day Music Festival and Family Retreat

Gilford, N.H. — The mountains of New Hampshire are about to be filled once again with the one-of-a-kind energy that is SoulFest. In its twelfth annual year, SoulFest is the largest multi-day music festival of its kind in the Northeast, attracting over 13,000 attendees. This four-day music festival features world-renowned Christian music of all genres on five separate stages, guest speakers and authors from all over the globe as well as numerous other activities including extreme sports, swimming, mountain biking, horseback riding, hiking and lots of great food! As if that wasn't enough, SoulFest takes place at Gunstock Mountain Resort, which sits atop the White Mountain range of New Hampshire and provides an idyllic haven for soul rejuvenation and celebration.

SoulFest exists to celebrate and advance the love of God and love for neighbors through an annual festival of Music, Love and Action. Encouraging all who attend to live from the inside-out as soul-connected believers in True Love, the theme for SoulFest 2009,

attendees are shown opportunities to fight against social injustice, help the poor or those in need, and to “love their neighbor” right here in New England. Therefore, SoulFest serves as a platform for several regional, national, and international charities. This year's primary charities include: the **Not For Sale Campaign** who will be offering an Abolitionist Academy and a series of daily educational workshops, New Hampshire based **Child Voice International**, **Global Benefit**, **Save Giovanni's Friends** and **NH FoodBank**, **Helping Every Soul** based north of Boston and National charities including **To Write Love On Her Arms**, **Mercy Ships** and **The Love Alliance**.

Each year brings new festival offerings and improvements. This year's changes and special events include a performance by Christian music legend the Newsboys with prior frontman Peter Furler in his final New England performance side by side with new lead singer Michael Tait and a partnership with the Scream the Prayer Tour to bring a full-day of some of the

best hard metal Christian music to one of the festival's stages.

Guests of SoulFest will also enjoy performances from over 100 national and regional artists and speakers, including some of the biggest acts in Christian music. This year's headliners include: **Casting Crowns**, **Third Day**, **Skillet**, **Family Force**, **Newsboys**, **Haste The Day**, **Norma Jean**, **Fireflight**, and **Sanctus Real**

At SoulFest you will have the opportunity to experience many genres of popular music, get involved in social justice causes and will be given the chance to transform so much about your life all in a beautiful location. To preview the artist lineup, event schedule, or to purchase multi-day or single-day SoulFest tickets in advance, visit www.thesoulfest.com. Discount and group ticket deals are available in advance by calling New Sound International at (978) 346-4577. Tickets will also be available at the gate.

The Kinsey Syndrome

By Good News Staff

SODOM RISING: “The Pedophile Protection Act” furthers 50 years of government sponsored subversion against America's children. Jesus warned His disciples that it would be better for a man “if a mill stone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea than that he should offend one of these little ones.” (Luke 17:2) Jesus also said that “as it was in the days of Lot ... (who lived in Sodom) even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.” (Luke 28-30) In Genesis, we read that “the men of Sodom ... old and young” (Gen. 19:4) were sexually deprived.

Despite these clear biblical warnings, the harm done to America's children has been all but abandoned by the modern church. Pastors and teachers of every stripe have chosen to look the other way at the rising tide of child sexual abuse that runs ramped in our society.

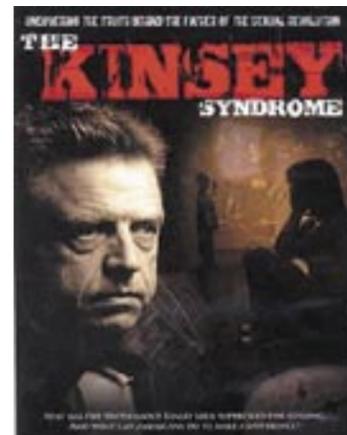
A new Christian documentary titled, “The Kinsey Syndrome” tackles this tough issue, exposing the wicked influence of Dr. Alfred Kinsey and his “Sex Reports” which were designed to ultimately normalize child molestation in America.

The film, which has been called “a masterpiece” by The New

American magazine, is written and directed by award winning film maker, Christian J. Pinto who says he made the film “to wake up pastors, teachers and churches that have neglected the issue, and often refuse to even talk about it.” He says his research reveals that “many church leaders have been caught in sex scandals, often involving children.” He says, “The leading inspiration for this behavior is usually an addiction to pornography,” which is discussed at length in the film.

“Judgment begins at the house of the Lord,” says Pinto. “We have a responsibility to speak out and help these suffering children. Most of us can look the other way, or turn off the TV if we don't want to hear about such things. But these kids don't have any choice. They are forced to endure horrible abuse, often for years at a time.”

“The Kinsey Syndrome” chiefly represents research of Dr. Judith Reisman, a former Department of Justice researcher who is considered the leading authority in the world on the damaging influence of Alfred Kinsey and the porn industry. Her research reveals beyond any doubt that the new “Pedophile Protection Act” is simply the latest in a long chain of law-bending compromises that date back to the corrupt pseudoscience of Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey.

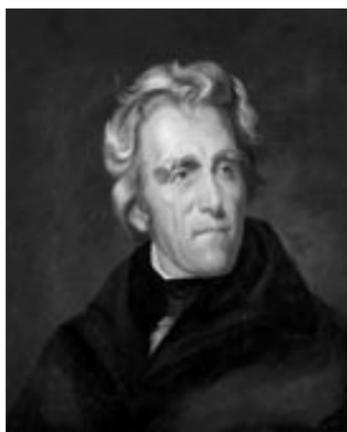


“Kinsey's research has been used to further homosexuality, pedophilia and the whole culture of aberrant sexual behavior. Kinsey's aim was to destroy our Judeo-Christian values” says Reisman. “The ones who suffer the most” she says, “are always the children.”

In Ezekiel, God commanded certain men to “set a mark on the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that are done in the midst [of the city].” Then God commanded them to “Slay utterly old and young ... but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary ...” (Ezekiel 9:4-6) If the Lord were to give such a commandment today, which category would America's Christian pastors, teachers and leaders find themselves in?

For more information on “The Kinsey Syndrome” documentary

visit kinseysyndrome.com



“Old Hickory”

By Bill Federer – American Minute

Wounded by a sword during the Revolutionary War, he later fought the Seminole Indians and, in the War of 1812, defeated the British in New Orleans. He was governor of the Florida Territory, and is credited with proposing the name “Tennessee” at that State’s first convention. His name was Andrew Jackson.

His wife Rachel dying just three months before he took office as the 7th U.S. President, Andrew Jackson stated in his 2nd Inaugural:

“It is my fervent prayer to that Almighty Being before whom I now stand, and who has kept us in His hands from the infancy of our Republic to the present day...that He will...inspire the hearts of my fellow-citizens that we may be preserved from danger.”

On December 30, 1836, Andrew Jackson wrote to A.J. Donelson, upon the death of his wife, Emily: “We cannot recall her, we are commanded by our dear Saviour, not to mourn for the dead, but for the living...”

She has changed a world of woe for a world of eternal happiness, and we ought to prepare as we too must follow...’The Lord’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven.’”

Of the Bible, Andrew Jackson stated: “That book, Sir, is the Rock upon which our republic rests.”

Americans Are Waking, But So Are America’s Enemies-Who Will Move First?

By Bill Wilson

Never before in the history of the United States has national debt been so high. That Congress and the White House, through their socialist power grab positioning the Federal government as the personal “savior” of the citizenry, have run up a record \$2 trillion in debt just this year is in the least malfeasance, if not treason. Congress and the man who occupies the Oval Office should be impeached immediately before they can do any additional damage to this nation. From a Christian perspective, it is immoral that these politicians strap future generations with such debt; it is immoral that they are aiding and abetting America’s enemies by weakening this nation beyond recovery.

The US Treasury announced a record \$104 billion worth of

Dear Friend of Liberty,

This week, the Obama administration unveiled another scheme to give more power to an already out of control Federal Reserve under the guise of regulatory “reform.” (The 85 page “plan” can be read in its entirety online.)

This Fed power grab will do nothing to help our economy or enable us to take control back from banksters and Wall Street insiders. Instead, their proposal will address our economic crisis by creating more rules, regulations, and government agencies. And of course, the plan is to spend more money we don’t have to implement this bureaucratic nightmare.

The Federal Reserve, currently taking hits from all sides, receives a substantial *increase* in powers from this proposal. Yes, you read that right. In the midst of the unprecedented squandering of TRILLIONS of taxpayer dollars, the Fed is going to get MORE power, unless you and I stop this scheme.

According to *The Wall Street Journal*: The proposal, if passed into law, would represent one of the biggest changes ever in the Fed’s role. The central bank would win power to monitor risks across the

financial system, and sweeping authority to examine any firm that could threaten financial stability, even if the Fed wouldn’t normally supervise the institution. The nation’s biggest and most interconnected firms would be subject to heightened oversight by the central bank....Read the rest online at www.online.wsj.com(which also has an Audit the Fed mention).

In another *WSJ* article, we find that: The Fed emerges from the plan with the power to oversee from top to bottom almost any financial company in the country, including the firms’ foreign affiliates.... So any financial firm, even if it doesn’t actually own an insured depository institution, would be subject to regulation by the Federal Reserve.

The same institution that fueled the housing bubble and made our current economic crisis possible is now the one who gets to decide who poses a risk to the economy! The idea that the Fed’s power would be increased right now is absurd.

Thanks to the efforts of Ron Paul and Campaign for Liberty supporters, well over half of the House of Representatives is now on record supporting a thorough audit of the Federal Reserve.

AMA opposes health plan

Dear Friend,

This could be a stormy summer if the debate over Obama’s health care plan hits Congress in the coming weeks. As it is, battle lines are already being drawn up and salvos are being fired by both sides. And not just by Republicans and Democrats: recently the American Medical Association (AMA) weighed in on the latest details of Obama’s so-called “public insurance plan”... and they’re against it.

In spite of the fact that the AMA is the country’s largest physician’s group, it doesn’t have as much political pull as it used to have in the old days, but there’s no doubt that the organization’s non-endorsement of the Obama plan will (thankfully) make it more difficult to pass.

It’s probably tough to tell from reading the paper or watching the TV news these days, but there are actually people out there who know more than President Obama.

bond auctions, exceeding the previous April record of \$101 billion. These bond sales are selling Federal government debt in order to fund the federal budget deficit. Among the buyers of such debt are Arab nations and China--countries that are funding operations worldwide against the interest of every American citizen. If China--a trading partner, but a traditional untrustworthy enemy of freedom and free enterprise--chose to sell its near-trillion dollar debt holdings, the American government and economy could collapse. April marked the first time since June 2008 that China did not buy Treasury Bonds.

And the AMA’s opposition to Obama’s health care plan is based on something that the President has very little of: experience.

The Obama Administration has just begun to leak the specifics of the healthcare plan, and after seeing the initial broad strokes, the AMA has concluded that health care should still be “provided through private markets as they are currently.”

“The introduction of a new public plan threatens to restrict patient choice by driving out private insurers, which currently provide coverage for nearly 70 percent of Americans,” the AMA said in comments submitted to the Senate Finance Committee.

And it’s true: the end result of the Obama proposals would be to tear down the current health care system of private health that’s taken care of the majority of our nation’s 350 million people... all so we can be sure that the 10 million

Furthermore, China is beginning to sell its dollars. China sold about \$4.4 billion in T-bills during the last month--a signal to the US that China is growing impatient with how the US government is handling its economy, according to Chinese officials. China is not the only one expressing concerns about the heavy handed US government. American citizens are waking up. A recent Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll suggests that 69% of Americans are concerned about the Administration’s intervention in the economy and 58% believe that the government should focus on controlling the budget deficit rather

So why would Congress even consider granting the Fed new powers? As you may have seen, recorded testimony from the Fed’s Inspector General shows she has NO IDEA how our money is being spent there and NO IDEA what is really going on -- or at least won’t say. And the central bank is under so much fire that it has to hire a lobbyist to defend itself on Capitol Hill.

You might assume that the Fed would be in retreat. Or at least that the Obama administration wouldn’t even THINK about granting them new powers right now. Think again. Politics trumps logic once more.

Despite all the promises of “change” that were so easy to make during the primary season, the Obama administration is practicing business as usual. Like previous administrations, its ideas involve centralizing power among a few under the guise of “streamlining” the process. Instead of achieving accountability, this plan will further empower the Fed and their allies on Wall Street and in international banks.

It all goes to show that our work to Audit the Fed is only beginning. While the support we have so far achieved is historic, you and I are taking on more than just

or so of the population (and that’s being generous) that don’t have insurance can be cared for -- at massive expense to the taxpayer.

All of these debates are going to heat up, and Obama is going to make his case for the plan at an address to the AMA in Chicago. But finally, it’s not just talk radio pundits and the odd Republican pointing out the obvious flaws in the Obama plan, but the doctors themselves -- the people who will be at the sharp end should this plan come to pass.

One bone of contention is government mandated physician participation. The government would strong-arm doctors into accepting the plan by requiring doctors who currently accept Medicare patients to be a part of the new public health plan.

The AMA has said that it won’t back a plan that mandates physician participation since “many physicians and providers may not have the capability to accept

than on boosting the economy.

There is a convergence point. If America’s enemies come to believe that America is worth more to them if they took it than it is as an investment opportunity, they could band together and topple it because of the debt policy of this Administration and Congress. But there is hope. Americans, after only six months of heavy handed socialism, are starting to wake up. Question is: Will Americans wake up and remove these sons of satan from office before our enemies overcome the nation? This is why Christians must become vocal and active for their nation by expelling

our nation’s central bank. We are challenging a long-held, firmly entrenched mindset that begins and ends any conversation by asking how the federal government can increase its power.

So today, let’s do two things:

1. Urge your Congressman and Senators to support H.R. 1207/S. 604, Ron Paul’s Audit the Fed bill, to pull back the curtain and expose the out of control Fed once and for all. If your Congressman or Senator is already a cosponsor, urge him or her to do everything in their power to ensure this vital bill comes to a vote in the near future.

2. Insist your Congressman and Senators resist granting any new power to the Fed by rejecting the Obama administration’s new financial regulatory scheme.

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In Liberty,

John F. Tate, President – Campaign for Liberty

the influx of new patients that could result from such a mandate.” Which, of course, makes sense: while the government plan will expand coverage, it has no provisions for expanding the infrastructure or size of the current healthcare industry. The result will surely be system overload virtually overnight.

Clearly, we’re headed for a showdown. And unfortunately, I think that it will be the AMA and doctors that blink first -- or will be forced to blink. After all, the doctors can hardly wage a scorched earth political campaign against the same Democrats whose help they need to increase the fees for Medicare. So of course, the true power rests not in the hands of the people, but the government. And bigger government is always part of Obama’s grand plan.

Tirelessly seeking the truth, William Campbell Douglass II, M.D.

the godless and establishing righteousness. Proverbs 14:34 says, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to all people.”

Satisfying the Shopping Urge

I have found a great replacement for shopping and it is free unless you get a late fee. My children and I went to the public library a few days ago on a day when I would have loved to been shopping for a new spring outfit or something new for outdoors. We left with books and movies. We have been to the library many times, but for some reason on that day, it just seemed to meet that “shopping need” that I had. Plus, I got to do it with my children, and we have had hours of fun reading together and watching old movies. Amy K.

Inspiration

Faithful Witness

By Jerry White

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (ESV)

Loving devotion to the Lord Jesus means we embrace the desires of His heart. His heart is for a lost world. He came to seek and to save the lost and to give His life a ransom for many. With a price more costly than we can ever imagine He sacrificed Himself on the cross for lost people. Before He departed for heaven He commissioned His followers, the church, to continue what He came to do, to preach the Good News to the ends of the earth. And He gave the power of His Spirit to accomplish His assignment.

If I love Him I want to satisfy His heart. If I love Him I want to do my part to reach the lost. If I love Him I want to express

His compassion to those without Him. It is so easy to be immersed in my Christian world of church-life, Bible studies, growth groups or whatever is meaningful to my own Christian life and forget to reach out intentionally to the unsaved. Can I say that I love the Lord Jesus and yet remain silent around lost people I encounter along life’s path? Can I say I want Him to be glorified and yet not engage in that which satisfies His heart’s desire—the rescue of those facing God’s eternal punishment?

“God’s counsel will stand, and He will accomplish all His purpose (Isa. 46:10). His triumph is never in question, only our participation in it—or our incalculable loss. We can be drunk with private concerns and indifferent to the great enterprise of world evangelization, but God will simply pass over us and do His great work while we shrivel up in our little land of comfort.”

Are We There Yet?

By Missey Butler – Guest Writer

CBN.com -- Ah, the summer season is once again upon us, and, as most of us would agree, not a minute too soon. Our senses are heightened to the wonderful aroma of charcoal-striped hot-dogs roasting on an open grill, the delightful splashing sounds of kids doing cannonballs in the neighbor’s pool, and the sight of little tikes poking holes in Mason jar lids, anticipating a large catch of fireflies as the shade of evening is slowly being drawn.

The backyard picnic table tempts the best of us with big ole hunks of icy cold watermelon wedges and “blue ribbon” maple and brown sugar baked beans -- um...um good! As the homemade ice-cream maker slowly churns, Mom is delightfully stirring her tall iced-tea tumbler while enjoying the gentle clinking sounds of the spoon as it swirls around the thin glass. She has definitely learned to appreciate the simpler pleasures of life.

Yes, summer has arrived, and with it we discover an array of wonderful memories, both past

and present. Venture with me for a moment to an altogether different scene, one that I’m sure many of you can relate to.

It’s the middle of July and we’re packed like sardines inside the family Vista Cruiser station wagon as it travels down interstate pick-a-number. The temperatures are sweltering and Dad in the driver’s seat (hands 10 and 2 on the stirring wheel) is quickly running low on fuel and patience. Mom, in an effort to keep the peace, turns around and gives us kids that proverbial look that only a mother can give.



Then, without warning, from way in the backseat, the inevitable happens. Junior, for the twenty-fourth time, impatiently yells, “ARE WE THERE YET?” I immediately glance up at the rearview mirror to check the angle of Dad’s eyebrows to determine what degree of doom awaited us. Surprisingly, all I could see were his lips tighten and his knuckles turning a familiar shade of white as he murmured something to our mom about “couldn’t SHE do something with ‘HER’ kids!” It was funny how we would often become the sole “offspring” of only one of our parents on any given day.

As adults, we do somehow manage to survive our childhood, and hopefully learn a lesson or two along the way. In our daily walk with God, just like a good parent, He lovingly reminds us when it is time to put away childish things. One of those times for me has been recently learning how to put away the regret of yesterday and the worry of tomorrow. I’m getting better about learning the importance of “living in the moment.”

Paul reminds us in the book of Philippians:

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13

I believe that an important part of the high call is recognizing that none of us are ever promised tomorrow. And that if today, we would simply slow down and listen to that “still small voice” directing our every step, we would not have to worry about getting caught up in the trap of the “Are we there yet’s?”

I know for myself, I’ve spent most of my life trying to attain the place of FINALLY ARRIVING! I was so

busy working so hard to become “good” enough that I completely lost sight of an invaluable truth. I had somehow overlooked the fact that Christ had already reckoned me “good” enough by what He accomplished on the cross 2,000 years ago. He had paid “in full” the penalty for my sin so that I could walk free from ever having to become “good enough”... ever, ever again.

When that reality finally hit me, I no longer found myself looking from the bottom up, but instead I was looking from the top down. And, boy, what a view! I understood for the first time what He meant when He said that I was already “seated in the Heavens,” that I had already been made complete in Him. God had little by little brought me through the metamorphosis of no longer doing – but of simply being. I needed to begin to live up to my true role of a human *being*, rather than a human *doing*!

I have to admit, it hasn’t been an easy trip. Traveling along in my own Vista Cruiser of “trying” within my own strength has caused me to have many a breakdown and a pretty hefty car repair bill to boot. If anybody out there can learn from this gal’s traveling experiences, my word to you would be this: “Get off the highway of self-effort as soon as you possibly can.”

Don’t worry whether or not you’re there yet. In fact, I suggest you throw out the map and look in the glove compartment for the compass. Step out of the car, hold it steadily heavenward, and just start walking. I can promise you one thing: you will undoubtedly make your destination -- in record time, I might add -- and you will definitely know if you’re there yet!

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS - MINISTRY TIP

By Rev. Doug Forbes

For Friendship bracelets you need: Bibles, Bible concordances, pasta large enough for chenille wire to pass through, vinegar, food coloring, one gallon zip lock bags, wax paper, markers and construction paper.

Ask the children to use their Bibles and concordances to discover Bible passages that talk about friendship and how to make and keep friends. Allow time for each child to share his or her findings and write them on the board. Have your class brainstorm to find additional ways to develop friendships, and record these on the board as well. Have your class turn to John 15:12-15 and ask for volunteers to each read a verse until the entire passage has been read. Explain that God is our friend, and He loves us very much. Read Proverbs 17:17 and explain that if you want to be a true friend, you must love your friend all the

time and be willing to help them during good times and bad. Have your students turn to Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and ask for volunteers to each read a verse until the entire passage has been read. Discuss the importance of friends helping each other, and ask your students to think of ways they could help a friend. Read Proverbs 18:24 and explain that if you want to have friends you must be a good friend. Tell them that sometimes they need to take the first step to start a friendship. Not every attempt at friendship will work out, but it’s worth the effort, and if they keep trying, they will make some good friendships that could last a lifetime.

Color the pasta before class. Pour ¼ cup of vinegar into a zip lock bag, add a few drops of food coloring, mix until the pasta is colored and place the pasta on wax paper to let it dry overnight. Repeat this process for every color of pasta you wish to use. (You could have your class help you color the pasta and one meeting and assemble the

friendship bracelets at the next meeting.)

Give each child two identically colored pieces of chenille wire and ask him or her to put the colored pasta on the wires in any order they wish. The only rule is that of the child’s chenille wires and pasta must match each other with the same color of pasta in the same order. Twist the ends of the chenille wires together to create bracelets.

Give each young person a piece of construction paper and ask them to make a friendship card for a friend. Inside the card have them write: “A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17” Instruct your students to give the card and a Friendship Bracelet to a friend. Your students should tell their friend that they have the matching bracelet to remind them of their friendship. (Friendship cards and bracelets also make great gifts for parents, guardians and grandparents.)

Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

He understands your troubles and desire to change, speak to Him today and allow Him to give you rest. The Bible says; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:9 Say a simple prayer something like this:

Jesus, please forgive me for my sin.

How heavy is your burden?

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, “How heavy is this glass of water?” Answers called out ranging from 2 to 5 pounds. The lecturer replied, “The absolute weight doesn’t matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it.”

He continued, “If I hold it for a minute, that’s not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I’ll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you’ll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it’s the same weight. But the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes.

“And that’s the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly



heavy, we won’t be able to carry on. As with the glass of water, you have to put it down.”

Amen

Congratulations, if you have prayed this prayer, the Bible says, “Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Cor. 5:17)

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Newlyweds

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, living in Florida, are all excited about their decision to get married. They Go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way they Pass a Drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in. Jacob addresses the man behind the counter: "Are you the owner?" The pharmacist answers, "Yes." Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart Medication?" Pharmacist: "Of course we do." Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?" Pharmacist: "All kinds " Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?" Pharmacist: "Definitely." Jacob: "How about suppositories?" Pharmacist: "You bet!" Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis and Alzheimer's?" Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works." Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?" Pharmacist: "Absolutely." Jacob: "Everything for heartburn and indigestion?" Pharmacist: "We sure do." Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers and canes?" Pharmacist: "All speeds and Sizes." Jacob: "Adult diapers?" Pharmacist: "Sure.." Jacob: "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."

They won't mate!

I hired a young boy to help do some chores around the place. Our first job was to gather up the old hoses and irrigate the garden. But the hoses had many cuts and leaks, and some had broken couplings, so I purchased a sackful of brass couplings and hastily repaired the hoses. When I finished fixing them, I told the boy to hook them up and run them down to the sprinkler in the garden. After thirty minutes, he was still running back and forth, dragging hoses this way and that. I asked him, "What's the problem?" In complete frustration he replied, "There is something queer about these hoses; I can't make them fit together, no matter which way I turn them." I examined the hoses and discovered that on one hose, I had put a female coupling on each end. Laughing heartily, I said, "You got that right; there is no way to mate two females. The couplings simply can't couple."

From the mouth of babes

One Sunday morning when my son, David, was about 5, we were attending a church in our community. It was common for the preacher to invite the children to the front of the church and have a small lesson before beginning the sermon. He would bring in an item they could find around the house and relate it to a teaching from the Bible. This particular morning, the visual aid for his lesson was a smoke detector. He asked the children if anyone knew what it meant when an alarm sounded from the smoke detector. My child immediately raised his hand and said, "It means Daddy's cooking dinner."

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Bad News: They beat your men's softball team.

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Bad News: They are stalling until the next war.

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Bad News: He has been appointed the Head Bishop of your denomination.

Good News: The youth in your church come to your house for a surprise visit.

Bad News: It's in the middle of the night and they are armed with toilet paper and shaving cream to "decorate" your house.



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What quacks, has webbed feet, and betrays his country?

Beneduck Arnold!

What did Paul Revere say at the end of his ride?

"I gotta get a softer saddle!"

What protest by a group of dogs occurred in 1773?

The Boston Flea Party!

What happened as a result of the Stamp Act?

The Americans licked the British!

Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington?

Because the horse was too heavy to carry!

Why did the British cross the Atlantic?

To get to the other tide!

What do you call a parade of German mercenaries?

A Hessian procession!

What would you get if you crossed a patriot with a small curly-haired dog?

Yankee Poodle!

Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell?

Yeah, it cracked me up!

Mobile Phones Linked to Public Assaults

By Thor Ramsey - Host of Bananas!

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands... 1 Thessalonians 4:11

I don't know if cell phones give you brain tumors or not, but they sure do make you stupid. I was walking down the street in New York City talking on my cell phone, telling my wife about the fantastic energy this city emits when I felt my right front pocket and exclaimed, "I can't find my cell phone." I frantically searched my other pockets all the while explaining to my wife that I was afraid I had lost my cell phone. She calmly asked, "Honey, how do you think we're communicating right now?" Oh, good point.

I've never been much for telepathic thought so I don't know why I thought this particular day was any different. It just goes to show you how much a part of our being cell phones have become.

A new Swedish study suggests that people who use a mobile phone for at least 10 years might increase their risk of developing a common condition known as "broke", as in --- I ain't got no money for this month's phone bill.

How many times have you called a friend's cell phone only to hear, "this number is temporarily out of service." The lady robot-voice might as well say, "Your friend is

temporarily broke and until he pays his bill he ain't talking to nobody."

Scientists are now considering the question of whether or not cell phones are hazardous to our health. I've found it depends on how hard you throw them at someone. You get whacked in the head with a cell phone and it can leave a good-sized knot.

However, your chances of getting hit in the head with a cell phone from close range drop drastically if you're not talking on it in a public place and annoying other people.

I run into this at airports all the time. Some guy in a suit pacing the terminal waiting area, "Yeah, I'm really important. Yes, yes, I am important. That's why I'm talking so loudly. You think I'd talk this loud if I wasn't important? Not at all, It's because I'm an important man working on an important deal. Well, I won't shout if from the house tops, but I will yell it into a small phonic device."

The wireless industry has always maintained that there is no link between mobile phones and strangers hitting you in the face. If you're worried about the risks of cell phone usage, it is recommended that you use a hands-free set. This way you can fight back when you're assaulted for annoying people. Plus, with your hands free you can search for the missing cell phone you happen to be talking on.

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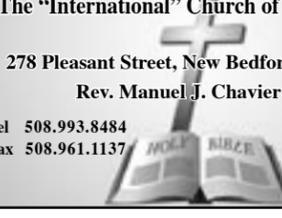
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12-1 p.m. ~ Full Gospel Businessmen's Luncheon. Full gospel/ fellowship. (2nd Wed of month at this Location) Radisson Hotel, Providence, RI (exit 3, Gano St... off 195) call Jim 401-821-8750

9 Thursday

9:30 a.m. ~ M.O.P.S Group meets every 2nd & 3rd Thursday of every month; call holiday weeks for reschedule. New Hope Christian Center. 1436 GAR Highway, Swansea, MA (508) 324-4500 or nhcc.ws

7 p.m. ~ Teen/Youth Night. every Thursday The Orchard Church, 180 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920. 401-942-4616 or www.orchardri.org

7 p.m. ~ Joshua's Men 2nd and 4th Thursday, we meet for prayer, bible study and mutual accountability, at Church of the Apostles 170 Fairview Ave, Coventry, for more info: 401-821-7609

10 Friday

7 p.m. ~ Ground Zero Youth Service with Teen-Led Worship and Relevant BibleTeaching. New Life Worship Center, 915 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI. 401-232-5200

7-9 p.m. ~ Recovery Class every Friday at New Hope Christian Church, 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea, MA.(508)-324-4500

11 Saturday

12-2p.m. ~ Matthew 25 Ministry ~ Food pantry/clothing/furnishings at Cathedral of Life. . 1860 Westminister Ave, Providence, RI .401-780-1860

7 p.m. ~ "Mark Cipriano". and The Good News Rhythm & Blues Band. The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick, RI. 401-823-5330 www.theupperroomri.org

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10 a.m. ~ Senior Saint Bible Study (65 & older) 3rd Thursday of the month at New Hope Christian Church, 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea, MA. (508)-324-4500

18 Saturday

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4-8 p.m. ~ Adult Coffee House Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly, 10 Troy St. Providence, RI 02909 **7 p.m. ~ "Crimson Rain"**. The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick, RI. 401-823-5330 www.theupperroomri.org

19 Sunday

7-10 p.m. ~ Men of Covenant Men's Meeting every Sunday. Cathedral of Life, 433 Elmwood Ave, Providence, RI 02907 401-780-8900

7:30p.m. ~ "Unspoken" at Community of the Cross Coffeehouse, 7 Madison Ave Danbury Ct. www.1heartonline.org 203-748-4972

23 Thursday

6:45 p.m. ~ Rhode Island Men of Hope 4th Thursday every month. Barrington Baptist Church, Barrington, RI www.menofhope.org Our Mission - Reaching Men for Christ. Ambassador for Promise Keepers. Coach for National Coalition Men's Ministry: call Big John Mentus (401-433-2030)

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31 Friday

7-9 p.m. Mens Covenant Meeting ~ at Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly. 1860 Westminister St. Providence, RI. Last Friday of the month please call 401-780-8900

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