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...let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. - 1 John 3:18

Battling Indecency in Fall River

By Michelle A. Couchon

Nancy Alves is standing up against a group of people far more powerful than she: the city council members, businessmen, and restaurateurs of the city of Fall River who insist



Nancy Alves

on seeing the city become as Sodom and Gomorra. She is fighting to keep her hometown clean; when I say clean, I mean free from the sinful strip clubs that dot every other major city in the United States. Paul Viveros is the man behind the proposition, and Nancy seems to be a one

woman team fighting against him.

Nancy Alves has not had an easy life, and even now she endures daily struggles that would have long ago broken a weaker person. She suffers from alcoholism and has been diagnosed by her doctors with Bi-Polar 1 Disorder. These two illnesses alone are extremely difficult to treat, but together they form a deadly and terrifying alliance that seems impossible to overcome. Nancy knows, however, that "If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed." John 8:36

Nancy is just one of many, many young woman who suffers from drug and alcohol addiction—afflictions on which many people have unfortunately placed a stigma. The battle against these problems began in her twenties, and continues today. In addition, Nancy suffers from arthritis—severe muscular pain with which she awakens nearly every day.

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Fishing on the other side

By Ralph Davis

It is not the distant future, the year is 2020 and there is peace everywhere, the type of peace that comes when everyone is on the same page. Peace, peace...a dangerous peace; there is little strife or dissension because virtually any idea or behavior is tolerated. A moral demise has spread like a blanket from sea to shining sea.

In the Arts and Leisure section of the local paper there is a picture of a man and his twelve-year-old bride. Another is of a woman who was granted the right to marry her Jack Russell Terrier. A man, who used to be a woman, has married a woman, who used to be a man...and the ceremony was performed by a minister who is half man and half women. There were several same-sex wedding shots to behold as well as some of

heterosexual couples. These events are so commonplace that they are not news; they are simply announcements.

Guilt is not allowed. The only crime is that of being intolerant to anything. Free



Gay Pride or God's Promise?

speech is widely touted unless you are speaking against tolerance. The fact that some people won't accept "intolerant views" is in itself, being intolerant, yet

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If I Were President

By Chuck Baldwin

If I were President, I would begin the process of safely extracting our troops from Iraq. In the first place, our troops are no longer fighting a war, they are an occupation force, which occupies a sovereign country. And this is being done without a Declaration of War. The Iraqi people resent our occupation as much as we would resent another nation stronger than ours invading and occupying America. If such a thing happened to our beloved country, I'm sure many of us would also become "insurgents."

In the second place, the invasion and occupation of Iraq was absolutely unnecessary. Instead of sacrificing more than 4,000 American lives and the lives of tens of thousands of Iraqi citizens (not to mention some 2-3 trillion dollars), President Bush should have supported Ron Paul's bill, H.R. 3076, the September 11 Marque and Reprisal Act of 2001. This is the constitutional way to deal with rogue terrorist organizations. This is the way

President Thomas Jefferson responded to the Barbary pirates.

According to Congressman Paul, "A letter of marque and reprisal is a constitutional tool



specifically designed to give the President the authority to respond with appropriate force to those non-state actors who wage aggression against the United States while limiting his authority to only those responsible for the atrocities of that day. Such a limited authorization is consistent with the doctrine of just war and the practical aim of keeping Americans safe while minimizing the costs in blood and treasure of waging

such an operation."

Had President Bush responded in this manner, tens of thousands of lives would have been saved, trillions of dollars would not have needed to be spent, Osama bin Laden and most of his fellow terrorists would likely be dead, and we would not

be bogged down in a nightmarish military quagmire in Iraq. And, if I were President, this is exactly how I would handle terrorist organizations such as al Qaeda.

Furthermore, it is absolutely ludicrous to say we are fighting a war on terror half way around the world when we refuse to secure our borders and ports. If I were President, I would immediately seal our

borders. I would also see to it that employers in America who knowingly hire illegal aliens are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. In plain language: any employer who consciously hires illegal aliens would go to jail. They would not pass Go; they would not collect \$200; they would go straight to jail.

By sealing the borders and by cutting off the money supply to illegal aliens, the problem of illegal immigration would dry up. As it is, we have no idea how many potential terrorists—not to mention violent gang members such as MS-13--have snuck (and are sneaking) through our borders.

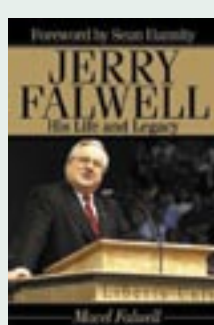
And speaking of illegal immigration, as President, I would enforce our visa rules. This means anyone who overstays their visa or otherwise violates U.S. law is immediately deported. There would be no "path to citizenship" given to any illegal alien. That means no amnesty. Not in any shape, manner, or form. I would not allow tax dollars to be used to pay for illegal aliens' education, social services, or medical care. As President,

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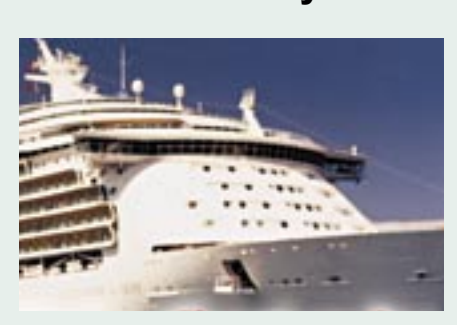
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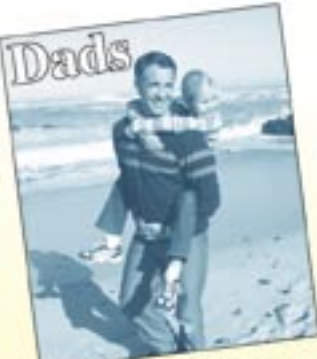
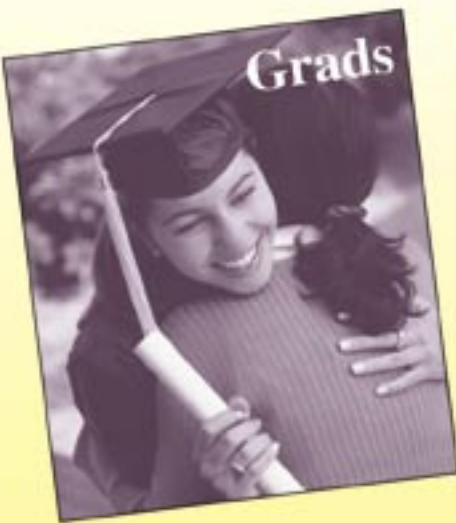
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This indeed makes each day a battle; a battle not necessarily to stay sober, but to simply get out of bed in the morning.

"I was born with arthritis, which is hereditary and runs on my mother's side of the family. I hurt when I go to bed, and when I awaken in the morning I am wracked with pain. I ask the Lord every morning, however, to give me the strength to make it through the day. I have six doctors in all. One chiropractor, Dr. Jean Kramer, whom I've been seeing for eight years for pain management, has actually offered me an internship because he has seen my determination over the years to overcome my pain."

"Admittedly, the days are a bit harder now because my life is more complicated. I attend two different churches—Calvary Temple Assembly of God and Saint Michael's Church, both of Fall River—I go to meetings, and I attend college full-time for Computer Resources. More importantly, however, I sing for the Lord and write Christian music (Nancy has the voice of an angel).

Nancy also has a small daughter to attend. She became a Christian at the age of twenty-one, and with the help of her faith in Jesus Christ, she has won many a battle over the past two decades, though unfortunately, not all. Her two eldest children live in California with their father, though she maintains a strong relationship with them. She retains partial custody of her youngest daughter Selena however, and is able to see the child frequently.

"My mission in life is to help the sick and the suffering through music and song. I want to do this at the local high schools, to minister to the high schools around Fall River. I want to let the young people of our generation know about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, strip clubs and prostitution. I want to let them know what these things do to your soul,

and what they take away from your life. I was a bartender in a strip club when I was younger and I witnessed the most unspeakable things. For years I saw naked girls having sex in the back rooms, doing every kind of drug you can imagine."

That is why today Nancy has taken on a challenge that would daunt

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most people. She has spoken up in opposition to the strip clubs that are being proposed for the city of Fall River.

Paul Viveros, the owner of Oliver's Restaurant, is proposing a strip club be built in the Industrial Park off Rt 24 near Freetown in Fall River. He submitted an ordinance to that end a month ago. Viveros' lawyer wrote to the city that allowing strip clubs within such a district would meet constitutional requirements, which courts decided the city violated over the past decade.

"There's no larger industrial zone.

There's no one (other) section in Fall River that can hold a zone ... to be large enough," Viveros told three of the six park subcommittee members listening to him before their monthly meeting. "That's based,

he said, with a population the size of Fall River's needing to provide "opportunity" for a half-dozen strip clubs with 500-foot buffers from each other and from residential neighborhoods.

Viveros, who plans to make his own presentation to the council and Planning Board, reignited his mission a week after Mayor Robert

Correia said the city must address adult entertainment. Correia said "the whole city is vulnerable" until it meets constitutional requirements by providing this use.

During the past week, City Planner James K. Hartnett and Corporation Counsel Arthur D. Frank Jr. submitted "three or four locations that could possibly stand muster in sections of the city" to Correia for consideration, Frank said recently. "Somebody's got to bite the bullet. Is it going to be five different neighborhoods, or will it be the (remote) industrial park?" **Excerpt from the Herald News/ Michael Holtzman**

Thus far Nancy has attended five different city council meetings and repeatedly attempted to speak against the proposed strip clubs. Apparently, however, certain city council members are not willing to listen to opposition, not even from the city's taxpayers. "I've been going to the city council meetings, written four letters to the mayor, and garnished 500 signatures for petition against the clubs."

"The councilmen on the board were not very respectful toward me, though the women were. A few of the men in particular were very rude, telling me to shut up, and not allowing me to fulfill the three min-

utes allowed every citizen. The Council President, Steve Camara, was very disrespectful to me. He let everyone else go over the three minutes allotted them but when it came to me, he kept shutting me down."

Calvary Temple Assembly of God, specifically Pastor Joseph Biddle, has also been involved in standing up against the proposed strip club. In speaking with the Pastor, he made it clear to me that neither he nor anyone he knows is happy about what may befall the city of Fall River.

"For the past ten years we have stood against Mr. Viveros and his plans to build a strip club. We are a church that is right across the highway from Industrial Park, where the club is to be built. We stand against this not only for the obvious ethical and moral reasons, but for the knowledge that this type of setting is destructive to people. We want to improve our city, not bring it lower. Our church is approximately 650 feet away from the industrial park, and the city ordinance that now stands states that a club such as that cannot be built within 750 feet of a church or a synagogue. Mr. Viveros has been trying to have the ordinance changed to 500 feet. I attended the last meeting of the planning board to oppose this, and thankfully the board rejected his request. In the



Nancy Alves

process I met Nancy, and I must say that she is on fire against this project. Evidently, she has a background that includes experience with strip clubs and she has seen what this type of setting does to the younger generation; she knows how destructive it is to families. The fact is that *no one* in Fall River wants a strip club anywhere near them. Also, there are several very good businesses presently operating in the Industrial park, but how many will remain if the entrance is dominated by a strip club? At one time Oliver's Restaurant—presently owned and operated by Mr. Viveros-- was a nice place; even I would go there for lunch. Now, however, it has changed and is more of a bar. In the beginning Mr. Viveros was allowed to operate it only as a service to the airport. The airport, however, is no longer there, and still he remains. He had promised to maintain the business as it once was—merely a restaurant-- and has broken his word on even that. He claims that the city is wasting money fighting against him, but it is he who is wasting the city's money. We continue, however, to pray for those who are fighting the good fight, and I do feel that we are ahead of the game."

As for Nancy, she stands fast and continues her fight. "I will continue to go to every single council meeting, and I will speak out with my last breath against these clubs. I will not allow a strip club to be built in my hometown!"

We at the Good News applaud Nancy's faith and determination to fight against sin. It is, however, an incredibly difficult battle, and

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therefore we pray that the citizens of Fall River and the surrounding areas will come to her aid to fight against what will inevitably be another sinful temptation for the younger generation of the city.

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is ignored. People who dare speak out against anything are promptly arrested for their "hate speech."

There was no "magic wand" or specific event that transformed the world into what it has become. Rather, it has been a very gradual shift in moral reasoning fashioned largely by a media bent on shaping societal values to meet its own ends. Their apparent mission to reshape a nation and world from a moral, compassionate one into a self-centered, petulant one has been largely successful and lucrative. The prevailing message is "Just do it" and "Anything goes," and there won't be any complaints or moral judgments accepted from anyone.

Step back into the present. One major example of the continually shifting tides is the 90 or so Gay Pride Parades that will take place this year in the USA and throughout the world. Providence, RI will host its own on June 21st after a week of events and gay frivolities which from any perspective could only be considered, at best, indecent behavior. During these events many gays and lesbians dress in bright colors, head-to-toe leather or sometimes next to nothing during the parade. They flaunt, they mock, and they laugh their way through the events, most of which are focused upon one thing...worship of the flesh. One float in the 2006 Gay Pride parade included a scantily dressed man with heavy makeup loosely secured to a cross with rope. His head was adorned with a wreath of flowers and he wore a sign on which was written: "Jesus Christ loves homosexuals too." Despite his mocking expression and body language he probably did not realize that his sign was right on target: God does love all people, homo or heterosexual despite their sinning

natures and has offered His Son to forgive all who desire it. The part which is most often ignored, while lavishing in it, however, is repentance, turning away from sin.

Providence Mayor David Cicilline has the distinction of being "the first openly gay mayor of a major city" and he has publicly announced his interest in running for governor in 2010. He is one of at least 20 other gay mayors in this country with the newest member of the gay mayor club being Sam Adams, newly elected mayor of Portland Oregon. Also of interest in Oregon is Kate Brown, a heavily endorsed candidate for Secretary of State. If elected she will be the nations "highest ranking openly bisexual woman in elected office."

"Oh, my Lord, just what is this world coming to?" and "How could things have gotten this bad, there should be laws against such lewd behavior" are refrains often heard. Yes, it is so easy to point our fingers in many directions except our own. It is easy to blame politicians (even though we elected them) and the churches (even though many don't attend or get involved). It is the churches who could have and still can do something about the rapidly expanding base of tolerance, just as it was the churches that sat back and allowed the Roe vs. Wade decision to legalize over 47 million abortions. It is the churches in general who are growing more interested in being popular rather than biblical, probably to ensure a growing collection plate to pay the bills. It is the individual members of each

and every church who chose either not to vote, voted indiscriminately or voted knowing that the person was not morally sound.

Despite years of drivel about their numbers, many homosexual organizations claim that about 10% of the US population is gay, this is false information; recent data from a variety of sources place the figure at a mere 1% - 2%. They are very small minority and this fact cannot be changed by any amount of media exposure. What should be noted here, however, is that this tiny minority of our population does much more to draw public attention to their lifestyle than any church has ever been able to attain while showcasing Jesus Christ! There are approximately 2 billion Christians (of all kinds) in the world today. Despite the differences in basic beliefs among these Christians, this number is huge. Just imagine if 1% - 2% of that number applied the same energy to proclaiming Christ as those who encourage alternative lifestyles?! Proclaiming Christ, of course, is very distasteful to the ears of many people since calls for repentance and accepting forgiveness which, when sincere, might lead to lifestyle changes.

It has always been my belief that the larger a church is, the less bib-

ing oneself", God's role for you and so on with no bounds. They are experts at the uplifting message that puts your needs first. Surprise... guilt is not welcomed here. These four churches with a combined membership of about 116,000 are about as loud as goldfish or grass growing, when it comes to addressing social issues. Perhaps the members are waiting to see if standing up for God and Jesus Christ is something that God wants them to do or they might just be waiting to "feel right" about it.

On the local scene, like in any other city there are churches of many denominations. Some of



A gay pride parade.

these churches have begun to openly market themselves as "inclusive," all welcome, so forth and so on. It is not a surprise that they are popular, sinners can go to these churches without guilt, since they are accepted unconditionally,

however, they will seldom if ever hear the gospel message. Their sin whether it is homosexuality, adultery, pornography

or lust is ignored there. Come to think of it, if I were openly gay, I would not want to attend a Bible-believing church or any other type that might confront or judge me. The all inclusive church would seem the way to go.

At many Bible-believing churches the message is frequently condescending and there is a clear expectation that they want to help individuals to change. What these churches often do is openly judge the individual and determine for them what needs to be done. They turn their eyes away from their individual covert sins to damn the gay or lesbian offender for theirs. What is left out of the equation is love, the love that Jesus taught us about while loving sinners and hating their sin.

All followers of Christ are mandated to reach out to all people with love, attempting to lead others to Christ. All people need to be "born again" in Jesus Christ, to have assurance of their eternal home in heaven with God. If we don't reach out, especially if we don't do so because we are repulsed by sinful behavior, who will? Change does not come quickly or very easy for any of us. Any new person in Christ will clearly see that temptation will not automatically disappear when we place our trust in Jesus Christ but we now have a new power within us to help us deal with the power of sin in our lives. Fortunately for the many churches who want to

do things Gods way while learning to love and encourage gay and lesbian people, there is a guiding light.

His name is Bill Henson and his ministry, named **FOTOS** is there to educate evangelical Christians about homosexuality and assist churches and other ministries to more compassionately share the love of Jesus Christ with homo-

sexuals. **FOTOS** is founded upon the principle that evangelical Christianity has not ministered as Christ would minister to the homosexual community. It's time for us to try a new approach...it's time for us to "**Fish On**

The Other Side." John

21:1-14 "*Do it our own way and we can expect to be ineffective. But do it the Lord's way and souls will be won for Christ!*"

Jim, a former homosexual, takes his ministry on the road as much as possible and speaks in churches whenever he

can to assist them in understanding how they can best meet the needs of all people with a non-judgmental attitude and kind, patient love; the kind of love that Jesus always displayed for us all.

Jim reminds us, "Jesus confronted much sin but always treated the sinner with love and a call to repentance. God hates all sin and when it comes to loving the homosexual we should first view it as a sin just like any other, including murder, adultery, lust, envy, covetousness or even gossip. People living a homosexual lifestyle are sinners like the rest of us and, like the rest of us, they are people created by God, who are loved by God. As such, we are called to love them in whatever sinful state that we happen to find them." Bill Henson can be contacted by phone at 877-683-6867 or Email: bjhenson@gmail.com. His website is www.fishontheotherside.org.

Finally, we mustn't forget the upcoming gay pride parade, there are many proactive things which can be done. First, there is ample sidewalk space available to those who wish to observe the parade and witness to anyone around them. Another option is to observe activities and pray for the participants. You can get two or three (hopefully more) others to gather there with you. Above all you can pray, right now, in your own heart for God to reveal Himself during the many gay pride events that will take place in June throughout our nation.

It took many years and much effort for homosexuals to develop their organizations, eventually donning the rainbow as a symbol of their diversity. Christians understand that the rainbow is a sign of God's promise and in return should also promise to fight indecency in our cities. Imagine what might happen if 1 or 2% of the blood-washed, spirit-filled Christians in this state showed up for the parade in Providence? Would our Father be there?

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A gay pride event

lically sound it tends to be. This belief is based upon the premise that many people want to feel comfortable in their church; they should not be made to feel guilty or accept responsibility for any of their actions. They want to settle in, listen to some music, hear a fuzzy, feel-good message and go home. The largest US church, Lakewood Church in Houston Texas is one such church with 47,000 members. This is closely followed by Willow Brook church (23,500), Second Baptist (23,198) and Saddleback Church (22,000).

The Pastors of these churches, Joel Osteen, Bill Hybels, Ed Young Jr. and Rick Warren respectively are four wealthy men who live exorbitant lifestyles while "tending their flocks" with twisted scripture and innuendo. They focus on "find-

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I would end birthright citizenship for illegal aliens. There would be no "anchor babies" during my administration.

If I were President, I would use the bully pulpit of the White House to encourage Congress to pass Congressman Ron Paul's Sanctity of Life Act. In short, this bill would do two things: First, it would declare that unborn babies are persons under the law. Second, under the authority of Article. III. Section. 2. of the U.S. Constitution, it would remove abortion from the jurisdiction of the Court. In essence, this bill would immediately overturn Roe v. Wade and end legalized abortion.

Republicans tout themselves as being "pro-life." Yet, the GOP controlled both houses of Congress and the White House for six years and did absolutely nothing to overturn Roe or end abortion-on-demand.

Under my administration, we could end legal abortion in a matter of days, not decades. And if Congress refused to pass Dr. Paul's bill, I would use the constitutional power of the Presidency to deny funds to protect abortion clinics. Either way, legalized abortion ends when I take office.

On the subject of foreign policy, as President, I would end foreign aid. I would also end the current infatuation with nation-building, empire-building, and interventionism. America is not the world's policeman. Neither are our military personnel the personal militia of the United Nations.

Remember that President Bush told the U.N. in 2003 that the reason we invaded Iraq was for the purpose of securing the "peace and credibility of the United Nations." (I lie not; that is what he said.) President Bush also placed the U.S. back under UNESCO in spite of the fact that President Reagan had heroically taken the U.S. out from under that sinister organization.

I am sure that readers recall that the U.N. Charter was authored by a Soviet communist agent (Alger Hiss) and that the U.S. has been fighting wars for the U.N. ever since the organization was created back in 1945.

Speaking of the United Nations, as President, I would withhold funds from the support of the United Nations.

In other words, I would get the U.S. out of the U.N. Beyond that, when I move into the White House, the U.N.'s rent is up! They move out of New York City post haste.

By the same token, there is absolutely no reason for us to be in NATO. We should not be antagonizing Russia by attempting to expand NATO. There is no reason why Russia could not become a friend and ally of the United

States. Free and fair trade with Russia and a non-interventionist foreign policy in Europe would do much to endear American interests to Russia. To insist on expanding and empowering NATO only serves to further alienate Russia and drive her to make alliances with Communist China.

Speaking of China, it is time that we recognize the very serious threat that China poses to the peace and security of the United States. Our trade practices serve only to allow corporate America to continue to invest in what will surely become an albatross around the neck of our well-being. We

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must discontinue the practice of allowing China to export its cheap products to the U.S. with no protection for America's jobs and manufacturing, not to mention the lack of protection for our safety. This must stop, and it will stop when I become President. "Free trade" will no longer mean a free ride for Red China.

Furthermore, as President, I would take the preservation of our nation's sovereignty and independence extremely seriously. This means that the burgeoning North American Union is dead on arrival the day I am sworn in as President. Gone, too, is the NAFTA superhighway. And for that matter, I would lead the United States out of NAFTA and CAFTA altogether. And any prospect for the FTAA would be dead as well.

As President, I would be the best friend that gun owners (and lawful gun dealers), homeschoolers, and veterans ever had in the White House. These are three of the most persecuted, harassed, or overlooked groups of people in the country. But not if I were President.

There is no reason why our vet-

On the home front, if I were President, I would end corporate welfare.

erans should wait for weeks and months to receive the medical care they need. It is disgraceful that we would ask our brave men and women of the U.S. armed forces to fight our country's battles and then leave them to pretty much fend for themselves when it comes to receiving adequate health care. I would make taking care of our veterans an extremely high priority, if I were President.

If I were President, I would also do everything in my power to locate and retrieve any and all MIAs. I personally believe that there are hundreds of our servicemen who are yet being held against their will in various parts of the world. I would make finding them and bringing them home of utmost priority, if I were President.

On the home front, if I were President, I would end corporate welfare. I would also work to disband the Department of Energy (along with the Department of Education and many other federal departments). There is absolutely no reason for us to be dependent upon OPEC. There is enough gas and oil under the soil of Alaska (not to mention the Dakotas and the Gulf of Mexico) to meet the

energy needs of the United States for the next 150-200 years. There is also no reason that gas should cost more than \$1.50 a gallon (which is about what it was before Bush became President).

We must begin drilling for the domestic oil that we know exists; we must build more refineries and nuclear power plants. There is no reason why the United States cannot be mostly energy



Constitution Party candidate for President Chuck Baldwin and Vice President candidate Darrell Castle

independent. It is time we started putting the people and interests of the United States ahead of the CEOs and interests of international corporations.

Lastly, if I were President, I would work feverishly to overturn the Sixteenth Amendment, which would repeal the Income Tax. And, no, I would not promote a national sales tax. That would be disastrous! Can you imagine what a 30% sales tax would do to the cost of EVERYTHING? Plus, give politicians a national sales tax to increase and just imagine what kind of percent that would grow

into!

I would also work to repeal the "death tax," inheritance taxes, and property taxes. The American people are already paying somewhere between 30% and 40% of their income to Uncle Sam. It must stop. We are bankrupting our country with this incessant and burdensome tax system. In addition, I would work to expunge the Federal Reserve and to restore

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National News

Wikipedia under fire for posting porn

By Charlie Butts

(OneNewsNow) Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, is facing harsh criticism over the posting of sexually explicit photos and images, including that of homosexuals.

Officials with Wikipedia say they permit the smut because they have a policy against censoring anything -- but that is not true, according to Bob Peters of Morality in Media. He says Wikipedia does not post child porn on the site, and they also censor personal attacks or anything potentially libelous.

Peters believes the FBI ought to check out the filth. "Well certainly the Department of Justice should look into it," he maintains. "But under the current policies of the [agency]

it's not likely to happen"

He says the Justice Department has a tendency to ignore the problem of Internet pornography, and so far they have refused to go after it. Another added problem to the Wikipedia dilemma, Peters notes, is that there is nothing to stop children from accessing the site. Peters found this out first hand.

"It wasn't required to prove my age or type in a credit card or anything else," he points out. "So certainly Wikipedia is ... making it easier for kids to access pornography."

Peters also cautions parents that many of the filtering devices people have in their homes and schools are not geared to protect against Wikipedia's material.

Sex-change therapies on children 'beyond the pale'

By Pete Chagnon

(OneNewsNow) Children's Hospital Boston, a world-renowned center for pediatric healthcare, is being criticized by a Massachusetts-based pro-family group for offering sex-change therapy to patients as young as ten years old.

The *Boston Globe* recently published an article on Dr. Norman Spack, who last year started a new clinic at Children's Hospital that, among other treatments, performs sex-change therapy on "transgendered" children. The Gender Management Service Clinic, as it is called, defines that group as "patients with no known anatomic or biochemical disorder who feel like a member of the opposite sex."

In the *Globe* article, Spack details how he prescribes hormone therapy to halt puberty in children as young as ten years old, and then uses further hormone therapy to change children to the sex of their desire. Spack also lauds how he changed one transgendered child

who was "destined to be a 6-foot-4 male" into a 5-foot-10 girl.

Brian Camenker heads MassResistance, a pro-family organization based in Massachusetts. He laments what the future may hold. "Just the idea that they would do this to innocent, confused, and vulnerable children -- it's beyond the pale. But I don't think that we've seen the end," says Camenker. "This isn't the end of the line; this is going to get worse unless people are willing to step up to the plate and stop it. And it's going to get to a point where it'll start happening a lot. This is just the beginning, I think."

Spack was asked by the *Globe* interviewer to identify the most difficult ethical issue he faces in performing these treatments. His response: Telling a 12-year-old that they will probably be infertile for the rest of their life. Spack was also asked how his Jewish faith impacts his work. He replied that his rabbi said it best when he said that "the transgendered are also created in the image of God."

Camenker takes personal affront to that response. "Being Jewish myself, it's a tremendous embarrassment that he would try to claim that Judaism has any connection at all to this kind of demonic and lunatic behavior -- because it doesn't," he states.

The pro-family spokesman urges concerned parents and citizens to contact Children's Hospital Boston and ask them why they would support Dr. Spack's clinic.

Fed bail out of troubled homeowners cautioned

By Jim Brown

(OneNewsNow) An economic policy expert with the Heritage Foundation is warning against a federal government bailout of troubled homeowners who bought more than they could afford.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke has recently suggested that the government should do more to prevent home foreclosures that threaten credit markets and the economy. And in a speech at Columbia School of Business in New York, he once again called for cutting the principal of some customers' loans to prevent foreclosure, but also stressed "the need to avoid programs that give borrowers who can make their payments an incentive to default."

J.D. Foster of the Heritage Foundation notes the federal government is already acting in concert with borrowers, lenders and servicers to the tune of 200,000 reworked mortgages a month. "The prominent bill moving through Congress now ..., according to the congressional budget office, ... would only contribute to the refinancing of 500,000 mortgages over the next four years," says Foster.

But he points out that the private sector has also managed to rework 500,000 mortgages, and the current legislation would rework the same amount -- but it would take 16 times longer.

Foster contends that if the government gets directly involved in the mortgage bailout business,

responsible homeowners and renters who resisted the temptations of the housing boom will be forced to pay for others' bad decisions -- something he calls a slap in the face of responsible Americans.

On Thursday, with the help of 39 Republicans, the U.S. House passed Democratic-sponsored legislation that would let the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) take on up to \$300 billion in new mortgages so that borrowers facing foreclosure could refinance. The White House has threatened to veto that measure, which now moves forward for Senate action.

Foster argues that while passing such legislation may make Congress "feel better," it is ineffective.

Youngsters attend Boston homosexual pride event

By Pete Chagnon

(OneNewsNow) Boston was the site for a recent homosexual youth rally designed to bring awareness of oppression by the alleged "homophobic" society.

Children were bused in from all over Massachusetts to take part in the "youth pride day" event that featured a parade in Boston, speeches, special awards, and a transgender ball at Boston's city hall.

Brian Camenker, head of the Massachusetts based pro-family group *MassResistance*, says the homosexual youth rally was organized using taxpayer money. "And it was run by the state-funded organization called the Massachusetts Commission on Gay\Lesbian\Bisexual and Transgender Youth -- which was created by the legislature and uses hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxpayer money," Camenker contends.

Camenker says at one point, the

crowd got violent when they spotted photographers from *MassResistance*. "They claimed that by our taking pictures and by putting them on our website that we were hurting the kids because their parents didn't know that they were there and they would be 'outed,'" Camenker explains.

Camenker says the kids started screaming at them, blocked their cameras, and assaulted them while Boston police stood by watching.

McCain to Comic Host Ellen on Gay Nups: "I Wish You Every Happiness"

By Peter J. Smith

LOS ANGELES (LifeSiteNews.com) - Ellen Degeneres told audiences on her daytime comedy show "Ellen" that Republican presidential nominee John McCain is something of a comedian, before introducing him on the program. Unfortunately for McCain, telling the famous lesbian comedian he wished her every happiness as she enters into her gay "marriage" is one act that pro-family advocates may find more flat than comic to their ears.

Degeneres introduced McCain first by mentioning that the 71-year old Arizona senator proved he had a comic streak in him on Saturday Night Live, where he appeared in a number of skits and made quips about his age.

However, Degeneres, who is to "marry" longtime lesbian partner Portia de Rossi, dedicated part of the interview to challenge McCain about his views on gay "marriage."

"It's obvious to me that [same-sex "marriage"] is only fair, only right, only natural, and what are your thoughts," said Degeneres.

"My thoughts are that I think people should be able to enter into legal agreements and I think that is something that we should encourage, particularly in the case of insurance and other areas where decisions that have to be made," responded McCain, referring to his preference for civil unions.

"I just believe in the unique status of marriage as between man and woman and I know we have a respectful disagreement on that issue."

However, Degeneres pressed McCain to justify how his logic of giving homosexuals a legal contract for their unions, but not marriage, was in any way different from denying equal rights to blacks and women in the United States. Degeneres mentioned that black citizens got the right to vote in 1870, while women received suffrage in 1920.

"There's this old way of thinking that we're not the same. We're all the same people, all of us, your no different than me, our love is the same," Degeneres said to wild applause from the crowd.

"To me what it feels like - I will speak for myself - it feels like when someone says you will have a contract you'll still have insurance and you'll get all that, it sounds to me like saying 'you can sit there, you just can't see there,'" continued Degeneres. "It feels like we are not, you know, we aren't owed the same things and the same wording."

Advocates of traditional marriage have argued that marriage is by nature a binding union between a man and a woman for the sake of the generation of new children and

raising them in a family. Perhaps pro-marriage advocates had been waiting for McCain to demonstrate some intellectual depth on the issue or some well-reasoned defense of his convictions, but McCain instead settled on a flaccid response.

"I've heard you articulate that position in very eloquent fashion. I have a disagreement and I along with many, many others wish you every happiness," said McCain weakly. "So you'll walk me down the aisle then," teased Degeneres. "Touché," responded McCain in a voice that was drowned out in a roar of laughter.

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National Briefs

Following Lawsuit, Vermont School Recognizes Bible Club

(EPNews)--A Vermont high school Bible club will receive formal recognition following a lawsuit filed by the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF). Middlebury Union High School initially denied official recognition of the student-led Youth Alive club because its purpose is religious. The school denied its members access to the benefits available to other campus clubs, including the Gay/Straight Organization, the Arabic Club and the Student Coalition of Human Rights. "Christian student groups should not be penalized because of their beliefs," ADF Senior Counsel David Cortman said. "They are entitled to the same rights and privileges as any other student group on campus. We are pleased the school has reversed course and will now officially recognize the Youth Alive club."

Mortgage Crisis is Shaking Foundation of Marriages

(EP News)--The nation's mortgage crisis seems to be shaking the foundation of many marriages and may be contributing to the divorce rate, experts say. "Given the current crisis and the financial strain that it puts on families, marital discord is one of the possible outcomes," said Nicolas Retsinas, director of Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies. "And that could very easily lead to an increase in divorce." Howard Dayton, co-founder of Crown Financial Ministries, said money problems are the No. 1 cause of divorce. "We're clearly seeing an increased stress factor in so many families in America today," he said. "They're facing significantly more debt. There are 2 million folks that are going to lose their homes this year." Families can work through this very difficult situation, Dayton said. Three things are needed, he said: "They have a biblical perspective of how to handle money, they're on the same page, and they have a biblical perspective of their marriage."

Georgia Governor Signs School-Choice Bill

(EP News)--Thanks to a \$50 million school-choice bill signed into law in May by Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue, students stuck in failing public schools will be able to transfer to private schools. The

Scholarship Tax Credit program allows corporations and individuals to grant private-school scholarships in exchange for a tax credit. Jamie Self, vice president of public policy at the Georgia Family Policy Council, said about 10,000 children could receive assistance. "We're looking forward to helping organizations start scholarship funds so students can get the education that their parents feel is best for them," she said. The law puts Georgia among the leaders in school-choice legislation, with two programs in play. The state's Special Needs Scholarship has been helping kids for the past year. "Across the country, we are seeing more and more states adopting programs," said Andrew Campanella, spokesman for the Alliance for School Choice. "School choice provides a competitive marketplace. It gives parents options that they desperately need, and it revitalizes communities."

"Evangelical Manifesto" Released At National Press Club

(EP News)--On May 7, a group of evangelical leaders -- including Leith Anderson, president of the National Association of Evangelicals and "religious left" leader Jim Wallis -- released their long-anticipated document, "An Evangelical Manifesto: A Declaration of Evangelical Identity and Public Commitment." Though the document was released the day after an important primary election at Washington, D.C.'s National Press Club, evangelical PR guru A. Larry Ross said the "Manifesto" was not a political document. He called it a "broadly inclusive" document that has been three years in the making. Os Guinness, the principal drafter of the manifesto, said it was "primarily a theological document," and not a statement of political or public policy activism. More than 70 well-known Christian leaders were listed as "charter signatories" of the document, and Guinness said "scores of people have given input." However, some evangelical heavyweights -- including Chuck Colson and Michael Cromartie -- who were asked to sign but chose not to, at least so far -- due either to flaws in the document or, as one

'Cause-and-effect' behind high gas prices

By Jim Brown

(OneNewsNow) Senator John Kyl says ethanol mandates as well as bad tax and regulatory policies are to blame for the exorbitant fuel prices hammering American families.

The American Automobile Association reports the price of gasoline has hit a nationwide record high and that many Americans are wondering what Congress is

doing to bring the cost of energy down. On Friday, Senate Republicans held an energy forum that featured panelists from Shell Oil, the National Mining Association, and the Nuclear Energy Institute.

Speaking at the forum, Arizona Senator John Kyl (R-Arizona) said Congress has failed to appreciate the cause-and-effect relationship between too many actions.

"There is a cause-and-effect relationship between the ethanol mandates and the rising cost of food and fuel," stated the conservative lawmaker. "There is a definite cause-and-effect relationship between our tax policies, our regulatory policies, and our failure to control runaway litigation when it comes to the businesses that need to be present

prominent evangelical leader said, to the "exclusivity" of the list of signatories.

New York Will Recognize Same-Sex 'Marriages' Performed Out of State

(EP News)--The Court of Appeals, the highest court in New York, decided May 6 to let stand a ruling that required the state to recognize same-sex "marriages" performed outside the state. The Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court in February ordered the Community College in Rochester to extend health benefits to an employee's lesbian partner after they were legally married in Canada. That followed a judge's ruling in 2006 that the school did not have to provide benefits. Stephen Hayford, spokesman for the Coalition to Save Marriage in New York, said the court's decision poses huge problems. "Canada has decided to pass a same-sex 'marriage' law; New York state has not," he said. "It's not appropriate for Canada or anyone else to export same-sex 'marriage' into New York and force New York employers to recognize something that our state Legislature and our elected officials have not chosen to legalize." Bruce Hausknecht, judicial analyst for Focus on the Family Action, said the court, which ruled in favor of traditional marriage two years ago, is contradicting itself. "Inexplicably, the high court is letting stand a ruling that says that New York essentially has no public policy regarding same-sex 'marriages' performed elsewhere," he said. "It's ridiculous legal reasoning to insist that a state could recognize a type of 'marriage' from outside that it will not permit within the state. Yet that's exactly what the Court of Appeals has now done."

So. Baptists revive school exodus issue

By Allie Martin

(OneNewsNow) A resolution has been submitted for the upcoming business meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, which calls on parents to rescue their children from indoctrination in sexual deviancy in California's public schools.

The resolution was submitted by Dr. Voddie Baucham, Jr., and Bruce Shortt, two well-known critics of government-run schools -- or as Baucham calls them, "the pagan schools." It points to recent legislation approved in California, known as SB 777, mandating that all students in public schools be taught that homosexuality is normal and should not be condemned. Also, earlier this year, a three-judge panel of the California Court of Appeals determined parents in that state have no legal right to home school.

The resolution proposed by Baucham and Shortt urges parents in California to withdraw their children from public schools, at least until all pro-homosexual legislation is repealed. Baucham says Christian parents in that state must act now.

"What do the California school administrators and California legislators have to do to children before people say enough is enough?" he asks. "Do they have to start eating children before we finally say we'll pull them out of those schools? Because so far

and able in the United States to supply what we need to supply to a nuclear-generation industry."

And according to the senator, another factor not usually associated with rising fuel costs has "a dramatic impact" on the cost of gasoline at the pump.

"[O]ur U.S. dollar isn't worth very much these days compared to what it used to be and compared to other countries' currencies," Kyl said, "[and] as a result ... we have to use a lot more dollars to buy the same thing."

Last week the Senate passed a seven-month suspension of placing oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, yet defeated a Republican package that would have increased oil production by opening a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling.

they have done some of the most radical, unspeakable things as it relates to the training of these children, and parents still have not woken up. And what's worse, the church seems to be asleep on these issues," Baucham explains.

The resolution also encourages Southern Baptist churches to support the expansion of Christian schools, home schooling, home-school co-ops, and alternative models of providing Christian education. It also encourages all Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) agencies to inform and educate California parents, pastors, and Christian school employees about SB 777 and related legislation.

Baucham says this battle is tougher than ones fought in the past. "It was easy when it came to Disney several years ago, standing up and being tough, asking people to not go to Disney, where most people weren't going there on a regular basis anyway. [But] this is not as easy," he acknowledges. "This is not a paper tiger here; this is a real battle, and it is destroying the lives of real children -- and it requires a real response right now," Baucham contends.

Southern Baptists, according to the resolution, should pray for the deliverance of homosexuals from that lifestyle and pray for their salvation.

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World News

New Messianic Jewish center in Jerusalem drawing angry protests

By Dan Wooding

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL (ANS) -- According to a story from ICEJ News (www.icej.org), Jerusalem planning authorities have approved the renovation of a house in the capital's secular Rehavia neighborhood to serve as a worship and activity center for the Messianic Jewish organization Netiviah, but some religious elements have vowed to stop the building project even if it means rioting or appealing the High Court of Justice.

"This center will be erected over our dead bodies," declared one opponent of the project. Another threatened "an all-out war" if the renovations start as planned. "We don't care if a mosque or a church [is] built here, but we won't tolerate the presence of missionary

Messianic Jews," he said, reported Ynetnews.

The ICEJ News story said that Pastor Joseph Shulam responded that while the threats from ultra-Orthodox activists were nothing new, he insisted his group had conducted charitable activities in the neighborhood for years and had been welcomed by local residents until outside Haredi elements [Haredi or Chareidi Judaism is the most theologically conservative form of Orthodox Judaism] began inciting against his ministry.

"Throughout the years we have operated in the neighborhood, everybody knew what we were doing... All we do is help Jews by opening soup kitchens, giving alms, nothing more."

Israel, Syria Both Confirm "Indirect Talks" Over Golan

(EP News)--Even with Palestinian peace talks sputtering and the distraction of serious new bribery charges against him, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert confirmed on May 21 he is pursuing "indirect talks" with Syria about a return of the Golan.

Following months of unofficial reports that Jerusalem and Damascus were communicating with each other via Turkey, the Prime Minister's Office released a statement today to officially confirm that "Israel and Syria have begun indirect peace talks, under the auspices of Turkey. The two sides have declared their intention to conduct the negotiations in good faith and with openness."

Yet within hours, the Olmert government was denying a Syrian confirmation of the talks that also claimed Olmert has already agreed to a full return of the disputed Golan Heights.

"We received commitments for a withdrawal from the Golan to the June 4, 1967 line," Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Moallem told AFP during a visit to Bahrain. "This is not new. It started since Rabin's pledge [for a pullout] in 1993, and all subsequent Israeli prime ministers abided by it."

The unexpected statement comes as Olmert is under serious investigation for bribery, and the news angered many in Israel's nationalist camp. Likud MK Gidon Sa'ar

said, "the recipient of cash envelopes will not touch the Golan."

Meanwhile, Israel's former UN Ambassador, Dr. Dore Gold, told ICEJ News that he was curious to know what Olmert may have ceded in order to get Damascus to drop its objection to publicly acknowledging the channel of communication.

In their respective statements, both Israel and Syria thanked Turkey and its President Recep Tayyip Erdogan for their participation and "generous hospitality" in the talks. The focus of the peace talks is on which side will cave in first: Israel announcing withdrawal from the Golan or Syria publicly denouncing its support for Hizbullah and Hamas. Israel also wants Syria to cut ties with Iran as part of a potential peace deal.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert told The Washington Post that Israel was assessing the opportunity of peace with Syria, although Israel was worried over the role of Damascus in the Middle East. "We are very unhappy with the continued intensive involvement of Syria in the affairs of Lebanon and the lack of a democratic process in electing a new president in Lebanon. We are also unhappy with the continued links between Iran, Syria, Hizbullah and Hamas," he said.

The prime minister noted that Israel understands Washington's interests in the Middle East too.

Situation Remains Critical for Myanmar Cyclone

By Jeremy Reynolds

MYANMAR (ANS) -- World Vision has been working around the clock to assist more than 100,000 children and adults with essentials like water, clothing, and temporary shelters.

Its team in Myanmar plans to provide aid to nearly 500,000 cyclone survivors if it can get the additional funds, expertise, and supplies to the affected areas. Staff on the ground are already seeing cases of waterborne diseases, and the health of children is of critical concern.

"We are now getting relief supplies into the delta area, where there is staggering need," said Steve Goudswaard, World Vision's cyclone response manager, in a news release. "If we can maintain the access to survivors and increase our supplies, we will be able to reach almost half a million people."

According to World Vision, an operation base has been set up in the eastern part of the delta in a town called Pyapon - about a four-hour drive from Yangon, Myanmar's largest city - through which aid is beginning to flow.

World Vision staff members have been trucking emergency kits, assembled by a team in Yangon, down to the base. Pyapon is close to three of the worst affected townships in the delta region.

The aid to Myanmar began to move after the government permitted access to those in need. World Vision said in a news release that the organization has complete control over its aid.

In Myaung Mya, an area about 30 miles north of the devastated town of Labutta, World Vision's national staff said in a news release that approximately 30,000 people are in need of food, water, and medical attention. Children - many of them orphans - are suffering from fever, diarrhea, and respiratory infections.

World Vision has been supplying clean water to survivors in the Irrawaddy area. Our teams also have started chlorinating wells, providing water tanks, and disinfecting camp sites with bleaching powder.

Meanwhile, in Yangon, World Vision reported that more than 78,000 people have received clean

water, rice, and other emergency aid, such as clothing, blankets, and tarpaulins. Diesel fuel is being distributed to operate water pumps.

World Vision said its staff have also have distributed sterile dressings, anti-bacterial medicines, mosquito nets, and disinfectants, but additional resources are needed. The organization said that much of this equipment is available, and could be within the country in hours from World Vision's global warehouses in Dubai and Frankfurt.

A World Vision news release stated, "We hope to conduct aid flights from these locations in the next few days, as soon as we receive clearance from the government of Myanmar."

According to World Vision, its current short-term emergency response phase will be followed by a two- to-three-year rehabilitation and reconstruction phase. World Vision plans to increase the number of its staff from the current 580, and provide specialized training to ensure an effective response. For more information go to www.worldvision.org

UNFPA Sending 220,000 Condoms to Myanmar Survivors

By Thaddeus M. Baklinski

YANGON (LifeSiteNews) - "The United Nations will send nearly a quarter of a million condoms into cyclone-hit Myanmar to help needy survivors with no access to contraceptives," a UN official says.

The United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) aid advisor Chaiyos Kuanusont said 72,800 condoms had so far been delivered to "survivors struggling to maintain their family planning after the storm hit in early May."

"We don't want regular use of contraception disrupted. An emergency usually damages the health system, so people don't have access to condoms and contraceptives," said Chaiyos.

"Reproductive Health Kits" developed for "the initial acute phase of an emergency," are also high on the UN's list of priority relief supplies. These kits include condoms, oral and injectable contraceptives (including the abortifacient morning-after pill) and IUD's, as well as supplies and equipment such as

razor blades and clean sheets to help in the safe delivery of babies.

UNFPA also provides "manual vacuum aspirators, portable abortion devices that are easily used in primitive conditions such as refugee areas," in its kits. In the tsunami disaster of 2004 in Indonesia, UNFPA called the US to provide \$28m in funding to supply condoms to victims of the tsunami.

Cyclone Nargis left at least 133,000 people dead or missing and an estimated 2.5 million in desperate need of clean water, food, medicine and shelter, 500,000 of which are children, according to the International Federation of the Red Cross.

For these millions that have been left homeless and in desperate need

of food, the idea of using what precious distribution resources there are to pass out condoms and "manual vacuum aspirators" to add to the death toll, must seem absurd.

The Red Cross says an estimated 375 tons of food a day are needed in the hardest hit areas of Yangon and the Irrawaddy Delta to hold off starvation, but the Myanmar government continues to impede international aid by refusing to grant visas to international aid workers.

UNFPA's response to the deadly earthquake in Sichuan Province, China, that affected some 5.7 million people, was to "provide reproductive health supplies" as well as to ensure that pregnant women "receive proper emergency obstetric services (that is, abortion) when necessary," according to the UNFPA website.

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World News

Anabaptists take the lead on vital North Korea farm program

By Dan Wooding & the Church of the Brethren News Service

NORTH KOREA (ANS)-- While the food crisis in North Korea continues largely unnoticed in the wider world, due to the country's isolation, a North American Anabaptist peace church is taking quiet steps to provide agricultural assistance.

According to a story released by www.ekklesia.co.uk, a grant of US\$42,500 from the Church of the Brethren account at the Foods Resource Bank confirms the denomination as the lead sponsor of the Ryongyon Sustainable Food Security Program in North Korea.

"The Church of the Brethren account is made up of funds raised by local Brethren growing projects, and is sponsored by the denomination's Global Food Crisis Fund," said the Ekklesia story. "The North Korea farm project supports environmentally friendly community development at a group of four collective farms covering over 7,000 acres."

The Church of the Brethren is to be the lead sponsor for the three-year hunger program that will provide \$100,000 to the farms this year, and is expected to pro-

vide \$100,000 each year for the next two years.

The story continues, "Earlier this year [2008], Global Food Crisis Fund manager Howard Royer organized and was part of a delegation to North Korea to visit the farms. "The Foods Resource Bank general account will provide a matching grant of \$42,500 to the project, and ecumenical partners will provide the remainder to make up the total of \$100,000.

"Partners are Mennonite Central Committee, the United Methodist Committee on World Relief, the United Church of Christ, and Lutheran World Relief." The Church of the Brethren is a Christian denomination committed to continuing the work of Jesus peacefully and simply, and to living out its faith in community.

The denomination is based in the Anabaptist and Pietist faith traditions and is one of the three Historic Peace Churches. It celebrates its 300th anniversary in 2008.

The COB counts almost 130,000 members across the United States and Puerto Rico, and has missions and sister churches in Nigeria, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and India.

City clerk suing not to wed 'gays'

(WorldNetDaily) On the heels of last week's ruling legalizing same-sex marriages in California, a city clerk in England is suing her employer for the right not to officiate at homosexual weddings because of her faith.

"I feel strongly about maintaining my Christian beliefs and conscience," Lillian Ladele told the London Telegraph. "I can't go against what it says in the Bible. I don't understand why the council can't use other people who have no problem with the ceremonies."

Islington council in London informed the registrar she could be fired unless she agrees to preside at the ceremonies. Ladele claims "discrimination or victimization on grounds of religion or belief."

Britain introduced its Civil Partnership Act in 2004, giving same-sex couples the same rights as married couples. Ladele, who has worked at the council since 1992, believes she should be given exemption. The paper notes

registrars of births, marriages and deaths had the freedom to opt out of civil-partnership ceremonies until last year when a new law changed their employment status.

A spokesman for the council said: "Islington council will be robustly defending its position at the employment tribunal." Rev. Michael Scott-Joynt, the bishop of Winchester, said it was important to recognize objections on grounds of conscience.

But Ben Summerskill of the homosexual rights group Stonewall told the paper: "Doctors and nurses can't choose who they treat, and nor should a registrar be allowed to discriminate."

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Korean President Seen As A Man Of Faith

By Dan Wooding

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA (ANS)-- "Some say it is a new day in South Korea. After a landslide election in November, Myung-Bak Lee was sworn into office on Feb. 19. In defeating Dong-Young Chung of the liberal United Democratic Party, Lee provided the conservative Grand National Party with its first presidential election win in 10 years."

So wrote Ann Lovell, a media worker based in Seoul with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board in a story for Baptist Press She continued, "This has been good news for many of South Korea's Christian leaders since Lee also is a member of the 70,000-member Somang Presbyterian Church in Seoul. One of the president's chief advocates is Billy Kim, president of South Korea's Far East Broadcasting Company and pastor of Suwon Central Baptist Church from 1960-2004. Kim, a former Baptist World Alliance president regarded as one of the world's most influential Christian leaders, first earned international attention when he served as an interpreter for the 1973 Billy Graham crusade.

"Kim and Lee's friendship dates back many years. Kim, who attended Lee's inauguration, described Lee as a man of strong faith and a faithful member of Somang Presbyterian Church. Lee has served as an elder -- and has helped direct traffic to ease parking congestion before and after the Seoul mega-church's services."

Lovell went on to say, "Continuing his close relationship with Lee, Kim met with Lee on March 29 in the Blue House, the residence of South Korea's president. Kim spent more than an hour and a half with the president and his wife Kim Yoon. They prayed together and discussed both the tensions with North Korea and the upcoming summit meeting with President Bush, which was held April 18-19 in Washington.

"Kim said he believes Lee's faith will have a positive impact on the challenges he faces in his new office, one of the greatest of which is the tenuous relationship with North Korea. Lee's initial stance is that more reciprocity is needed from North Korea in exchange for the concessions and aid provided by South Korea. Lee's position has escalated tensions between the two countries during the initial phase

of his tenure, but Kim said the president is taking it calmly. Kim encouraged Lee and his wife to have a time of prayer with President Bush and Laura Bush at their summit."

She said that Kim said he also believes that Lee's election is good news for South Korean mission efforts.

"South Korea is second only to the United States as a missionary-sending country. Former President Rho Mu Hyun reportedly faced intense local and international pressure as a result of the six-week Korean hostage crisis in Afghanistan last summer, in which 23 aid workers were taken hostage by the Taliban. Two of the Koreans, both men, were killed by the Taliban," Lovell added.

"While the focus of mission efforts may shift toward more local initiatives in the short term, Kim said he believes the commitment of church leaders to missions and evangelism will only continue to escalate, and local church leaders will be able to count on the support of a president who understands the importance of taking the Gospel to the uttermost part of the earth."

Franklin Graham - Christians should not evangelize during Olympics

By Michael Ireland

XINJIANG, CHINA (ANS)-- On his recent visit to China, Dr. Billy Graham's son, Franklin, recently stated that Christians should not evangelize during the Olympic Games as it is against the law in that country.

Franklin Graham made his controversial remarks as he recently talked to reporters in China while visiting communist officials. The Chinese government has stated that evangelism will not be tolerated during the Olympics.

The underground church thinks differently, according to one ministry leader. "It is a matter of who heads the church and it is certainly not the government," says Bob Fu, China Aid Association president in an interview with OneNewsNow. He believes the underground church welcomes evangelistic efforts.

In response to Mr. Graham's

"offensive and inappropriate comments" concerning his opposition to evangelism during the Beijing Olympic Games, Fu stated: "The Chinese Christians are law-abiding, patriotic citizens, but when an unjust law demands them to go against their faith and Jesus' teaching of the Great Commission, they can not and will not succeed to a 'faith moratorium' in order to please an atheistic government during the Olympic Games, even if that means enduring imprisonment and torture. Mr. Graham's comment is a deep offense to hundreds of House Church prisoners and their family members."

The 4 Winds Christian Athletics sports ministry, based in Madison, Wisconsin, also believes Christians should witness during the Olympics. Since the summer of 2006, 4 Winds has collected testimonies of potential Olympic athletes and has allowed outside groups to take them into the

underground church, estimated to be over 100 million people.

4 Winds president Steve McConkey states, "Underground church leaders asked to use the testimonies of the athletes. We hope that the Lord would use them." Athletes are not paid for their testimonies and the testimonies are not sold for publication. 4 Winds is an international evangelistic and teaching ministry involved in track and field.

On evangelism during the Olympics, 4 Winds' Steve McConkey believes: "Christians should use caution and do as God leads." "Athletes should not change who they are," states McConkey. "These men and women love Christ and are not mean-spirited. We are asking Christians throughout the world to pray for all Christians who will go into China."

Steve and his wife Liz have been in track and field ministries since 1981. They have ministered at the Olympics, the Olympic Trials, and the USA Championships. Steve was a former USA National Track and Field Club Coach from 1982 through 1992.

4 Winds also commented on an anti-boycott statement distributed throughout the United States. The ministry says a boycott of the Olympics is not the answer, as that would only hurt athletes. They also say, "Jesus and the apostles went into challenging countries and did not boycott them."

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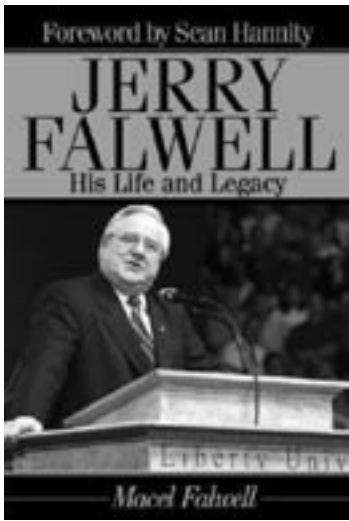
Book Reviews

Jerry Falwell's Life and Legacy: An Interview with Macel Falwell

By Jeremy Reynolds

LYNCHBURG, VA. (ANS) -- A year after his death, the widow of the late Rev. Jerry Falwell has written a book detailing many personal remembrances of her husband.

In a story by Adelle Banks and published on the Religion News Service (RNS), Macel Falwell, 74,



author of "Jerry Falwell: His Life and Legacy," answered a number of questions. The responses were edited by RNS for both clarity and length.

RNS asked Macel Falwell, "In your book you say that Jerry Falwell was 'the polar opposite of his public persona.' Can you tell us what you mean?" Macel replied, "Absolutely anybody that hated Jerry, if they met him face to face, they would leave loving him. He loved people, and he was just always doing things for people."

RNS asked Macel how Jerry Falwell regarded the media, "which covered him extensively, and noted his comments like saying that the U.S. was vulnerable to the 9/11 attacks because of national sin." Macel said that Jerry wasn't at all bothered. She told RNS, "He acted like it never happened. It didn't bother him one bit."

Macel told RNS that the last year without Jerry Falwell has been "horrible," and going to Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va. has also been hard at times. She said (crying), "Every time I go into the house, I feel like he's going to be there. It's been terrible. (And) the first few weeks, it was hard to go to church and some of the songs that they would sing, they'd remind me of him and it was pretty tough."

RNS asked Macel if she was encouraged to see her son Jonathan, who is now pastor at Thomas Road Baptist Church, preach each week. Macel told RNS, "Yes, that

helps a lot and he's done so well. People can't believe that. Everywhere I go they tell me they listen to him doing a wonderful job. ... It feels sometimes like Jerry's there."

RNS asked Macel how she views the difference between her husband's leadership of Liberty University and her son Jerry Jr.'s leadership, who is now president and chancellor of Liberty University. Macel told RNS, "Jerry Jr.'s more like me than he is his dad. Jonathan's like his dad. Jerry Jr. is like me. He never liked to speak in public, and now he has to do it. And I think he's getting to the place where he's getting a little bit comfortable."

RNS asked Macel how her husband aided in the transition of the ministry to his sons. Macel said, "Jerry Jr. was handling all the finances and all, and Jonathan had been speaking in the early service on Sunday morning a bit."

RNS asked Macel if her late husband had ever said anything about their sons following after him. Macel said, "He told me that they would be working together, and that Jerry didn't like to speak publicly. Jonathan did. And working together they could do the job well."

RNS asked Macel if there was something she really wanted to say that she finally got the opportunity to do so in her book.

Macel said, "Just telling them the way Jerry was and ... regardless of what he had to do, he always was there for the children's birthdays. The family came first after God. Anything that the kids wanted to do, that I wanted to do, he was always there for us. We came first after the Lord."

RNS noted that the Falwells also have a daughter, Jeannie Falwell Savas, who is a surgeon in Richmond, Va.

The New Book that CAIR Does Not Want You to Read

Christian Newswire - Twenty-three individuals share their heartbreaking, harrowing personal accounts of leaving the Islamic faith in an eye-opening new book, "Why We Left Islam: Former Muslims Speak Out" (WND Books, ISBN 9780979267109, April 29), compiled and edited by Susan Crimp and Joel Richardson. The Council on American-Islam Relations, better known as CAIR, strongly condemned "Why We Left Islam" in a recent New York Daily News article. CAIR cited not just the cover, the first from an American publisher to feature a vivid, The Good News TODAY

unveiled rendering of Mohammad, but the shocking true stories in which former Muslims condemn their former faith at risk of death.

Islam, the world's fastest-growing religion, is a dangerous dead-end path, warn the contributors. "Why We Left Islam" shows the true face of Islam, a religion that will not live in peace with the non-Muslim world," according to the editors. "It's past time for Westerners to learn the truth about Islam from those who have escaped its yoke."

In the face not just of virulent criti-

Jesusland Author Hesitant About 'Evangelical Manifesto'

Christian Newswire - While applauding the majority of "An Evangelical Manifesto," David Jeffers, author of "Understanding Evangelicals: A Guide to Jesusland," is hesitant to sign the manifesto because of its perceived distancing from America's Christian heritage.

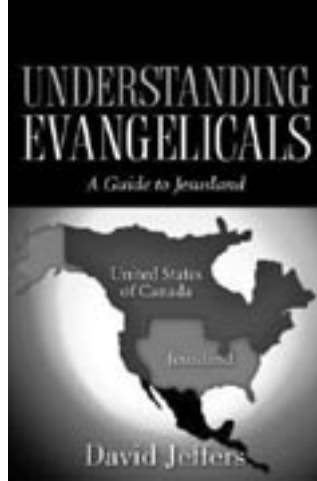
Jeffers points out that on page 16 of the manifesto it repudiates "the partisans of a sacred public square" who "would continue to give a preferred place in public life to one religion which in almost all most current cases would be the Christian faith." Additionally the Jesusland author is confused by the statement "no one faith should be normative for the entire society."

Jeffers wonders if the signers of the manifesto consider the Ten Commandments as the normative foundation for our American legal system. The Jesusland author also questions whether the manifesto signers would repudiate John Jay, whom they refer to, who

stated, "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

Jeffers also brings attention to the Richard Mouw interview where he made reference to "a theocratic impulse of attempting to reclaim America as a Christian nation." The Jesusland author is curious to know if Dr. Mouw would take issue with the following quote from Francis Scott Key while describing a patriot, "He will therefore seek to establish for his country in the eyes of the world, such a character as shall make her not unworthy of the name of a Christian nation..."

It is Jeffers' prayer that the attention of this manifesto will bring to the forefront the historical truth that this nation was founded on biblical principles and that it was founded as, in the words of Benjamin Franklin Morris, "a Christian nation, first in name, and secondly because of the many and mighty elements of pure Christianity which have given it character and helped shaped its destiny from the beginning."

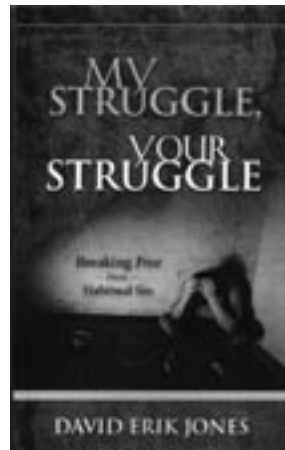


David Jeffers is the author of Understanding Evangelicals: A Guide to Jesusland. A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Liberty University

with a degree in Biblical Studies, Mr. Jeffers frequently comments on the Evangelical perspective of current affairs in the media.

Pastor Comes Clean About Pornography Addiction

(Nashville, TN) - Pastor David Erik Jones remembers the morning he decided to reveal his pornography addiction to his church congregation at First Baptist Church in Jayton, Texas. He knew there was a very good chance he would lose his job that day. But he also knew that his admission might bring others to face their own problems. Either way, he was determined to tell the truth about his life.



His congregation not only supported him, but encouraged him to continue to tell his story. His new book entitled, My Struggle, Your Struggle: Breaking Free from Habitual Sin, details the beginnings of his battle with pornography that would find root in his childhood and follow him into marriage.

"I felt that some of the members might not respect me or want me to continue as their pastor," says Jones, "but I was willing to take that risk. I talked about it with my family and they supported me all the way. I did believe there

was a possibility that I could be asked to leave. But I knew it was worth the risk, and I trusted God to take care of us either way."

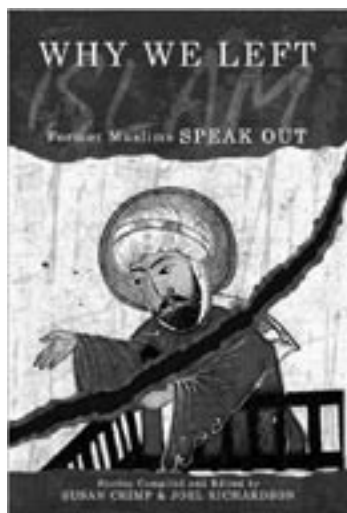
Pastor Jones knows he is not the only person in church leadership that deals with a porn addiction. The statistics are startling. Fifty percent of Christian men and 20% of Christian women admit that they are addicted to pornography (Christiannet.com June 07). Fifty-one percent of pastors say cyber porn is a possible temptation; 37% say it is a current struggle (Christianity Today Leadership Survey, December 2001). Of Promise Keepers attendees, one of the largest Christian men's conferences in the U.S., 53% admitted to viewing pornography regularly (Internet Filter Review, 2006). Forty million adults in the U.S. regularly visit porn sites on the internet (Internet Filter Review). Forty-seven percent of families say pornography is a problem in their home (Focus on the Family Poll, October 2003).

Pastor Jones' confession is the antithesis of what usually happens to church leadership. In the past, church/ministry leaders who struggle with sexual sins have been "found out" and typically lose their ministries in the process. But Pastor Jones voluntarily admitted his problem and has found support within his congregation. He hopes his desire to find healing and hope in his own life will be an encouragement to other men and women who struggle with the temptation of pornography.

"I felt compelled to stand up and say 'You are not alone and there is hope' in this book," says Jones. "I want to see men and women break free from pornography and other habitual sins. I want to see marriages saved, families restored, and people healed from sexual abuse. Christians are not immune to sexual sin and the church needs to respond in ways that offer people healing and restoration. I hope this book is a catalyst for all those things."

My Struggle, Your Struggle is available at Target.com, Barnes & Noble, Borders, Amazon and bookstores around the country. The book website is www.MyStruggleYourStruggle.org.

cism from CAIR and its media enablers but literal death threats from radical Muslim leaders, the contributors share their shocking, disturbing stories:



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editor Joel Richardson, "Whatever CAIR must do to take the focus off the brutally honest testimonies contained in 'Why We Left Islam' they will do, but it doesn't change the reality of Islam as reflected in this book -- a religion that is both brutal and unforgiving."

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'Million Dollar Man' finds it all in Jesus

By Brian Koonce

HOLTS SUMMIT, Mo. (BP)—Ted DiBiase made himself famous with the phrase, "Everybody has a price."

He was billed in professional wrestling as "The Million Dollar Man" and a heel -- a villain in gold-studded, dollar-sign-covered black-and-gold suit with a diamond-encrusted "million dollar belt." He's been featured in video games and his likeness was made into an action figure (not a "doll").

A popular wrestler in the 1970s and 80s with the World Wrestling Federation, DiBiase toured the world flying first class, staying in five-star hotels and dispensing \$100 tips in an effort to maintain the illusion that he was a powerful, confident, self-made



man with no needs he couldn't meet on his own.

People snicker about the authenticity -- and even the sanity -- of professional wrestling, and DiBiase freely admits that his character was pure fluff and the luxuries he enjoyed were handouts from his bosses. However, there's no doubting the reality of DiBiase's faith in Jesus Christ. In fact, his messages to two packed morning worship services at Union Hill Baptist Church in Holts Summit, Mo., April 13 were as blunt as a body slam.

"Bear fruit, or perish," he said, referencing Matt. 7:19: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them."

"That's my story," DiBiase said. "I have had all the things the world says are good. I was a success, a rags-to-riches story, and I had a lot of fun. But I wasn't content. Worldly success is a lie straight from hell."

Born into a Catholic family, DiBiase claimed to be child of God but "bore no fruit." He grew up around professional wrestling his entire life. His stepfather was wrestler "Iron Mike" DiBiase. Shortly after his father's death due to a heart attack during a wrestling match when Ted was 15, his mother slipped into depression and turned to alcohol.

She and Ted moved into a little town in southern Arizona. After a few years in college, he decided to follow in his father's footsteps and enter the ring. Through the trauma of his father's death and his mother's alcoholism, Ted remained faithful to the Catholic church and even served as an altar boy.

Even though he knew of the things of God, he knew there was no evidence of Christ in his life.

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He knew that despite the million-dollar persona, he was worthless



thing, but my actions said something else. The Bible says in 1 John, 'For everything in the world -- the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does -- comes not from the Father but from the world.' That's who I was. That day I asked the Lord to forgive me; if there's a price to pay then I'll pay it. Today I'm a different man with Him guiding and leading me."

DiBiase is no longer "The Million Dollar Man." A neck injury in the early 1990s forced him to retire from wrestling. Although he has numerous championship belts, he now spends his time bearing fruit, preaching the gospel and ministering through his Heart of David Ministry.

in his sin. Then one day while attending church with his wife, Melanie, he heard a truth that took him from the WWF to WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?).

"All those years of my life I'd been paying God lip service, but I had no relationship with Him," DiBiase said. "Why? Because I enjoyed being a self-serving egomaniac. My mouth said one

DiBiase's messages at Union Hill did not fall on deaf ears. Pastor Frank Whitney said that two people were saved after hearing DiBiase, and more than a dozen people rededicated their lives to Christ.

A lesson at Augusta

By Jim Elliff

PARKVILLE, Mo. (BP)--For some reason unknown to humankind, my older brother once got to play golf on the distinguished Augusta National golf course, the course where perhaps the best tournament of the year is held -- The Masters.

It was there that the following life-shaping event took place. He was playing through the course with the required caddy. After he landed in the middle of hole 13 of the notorious 3-hole Amen Corner, he asked the caddy for a certain short iron.

Astonished, the veteran caddy exclaimed, "What do you want with this iron?" "I want to play it safe by laying up just this side of the creek," my brother replied. "Man," the caddy exclaimed, "You didn't fly all this way to hit [a] lay-up shot at the Amen Corner!" And he yanked out a fairway wood to hand to my brother. My brother said, "But I might go into the water." "You might or you might not," said the caddy, "but one thing is for sure -- you'll never know till you try."

My humbled sibling dutifully took the wood from his hands, smacked the ball, and it landed on the green!

Astounded, he exclaimed, "I'm going to go home and write down in my Bible what you just told me."

"I don't understand what you're talking about." "You see," said my brother, "a man can get to an age and stage in life where he can be content just to hit lay-ups -- short, easy, no risk shots. But you're right, I haven't come all this way in life just to hit lay-ups.



Zach Johnson presents Trevor Immelman, the 2008 Masters champion, with the Green Jacket.

Starting tomorrow morning, I'm going to get up and hit it as hard and as far as I can."

There are those believers whose entire life is spent hitting lay-ups. These are the cautious, forever tentative people. Sadly, not much happens for the Kingdom of God

through them.

There is a time to be careful, of course. It's not courageous to play tennis on the highway, for instance -- it's just stupid. But we're talking here about the big issues of life. Are you tentative or tenacious in your approach to the future? Did God place you in the world just to protect yourself or to do something meaningful and courageous?

We should have the spirit of Caleb. He was no golfer, but he could still climb a mountain at age 85. As a friend of mine once said, "He was not of a retiring disposition." In the allotment of lands in Canaan, this adventurous, faith-filled octogenarian requested that his portion be the hill country where the giants lived in "great fortified cities." Life would not be flat and meaningless for this man. There was something to do.

God often commends boldness. "Be strong and very courageous," God told Joshua. "We had the boldness of God," said Paul. "The righteous are as bold as a lion," stated Solomon.

You only have one trip through this world, or, to put it another

way, you only get on the course once. You may not play out the entire 18 holes, or you may be blessed with a double round. Regardless, you had better take advantage of the short time you have. Life is not about lay-up shots, but bold advances for the Savior.

I remember a turning point in my life at age 38. Lots of men feel it. They know enough about their past to understand what they should and should not be doing. They are not that old, but they are more aware than before that the last hole is actually not all that far away. It's time to decide. Do you hit a lay-up or do you go for broke?

With the help of a now deceased friend, J. Oswald Sanders, who had also experienced a great change in his life direction around my age, I decided against complacency in my Christian life and ministry. I took an entirely new direction, over my uncompromising creek, for the sake of the glory of God. Some of my friends and family were not sure

I was sane, but I was determined to experience "God's work, done in God's way" (as missionary Hudson Taylor put it). I've never regretted it.

You cannot just dream something up for your life out of nothing, but rather must find out from God what you are to do. He leads you in a way that demands faith. But will you do it? Can you even bring yourself to think of it?

First, humbly tell God that you are ready to do something significant for Him, whatever glorifies Him at any cost. Second, pray, read the Bible, get counsel, and search until you find out the kind of faith-filled ministry that will make a difference in the kingdom. Get this from God. Third, ask others who will encourage your faith to pray with you. Surround yourself with "caddies" who have some spunk. And then, pull out your fairway wood and swing hard.

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it." Luke 9:24.



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Sarah Insurance Service

By Ralph Davis

To me, shopping for automobile or home insurance has always been something that I have approached with dread. This has much to do with my lack of knowledge about the options available and the expectation of having to deal with an impersonal agent.

It was with great pleasure that I found quite the opposite when I went to meet with Dan Salvatore at SARAH INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. Dan and his wife Rachael have two young boys, Justin and Derek. Prior to joining Sarah Insurance he had 15 years in sales and customer service experience. He has a bachelor's degree in economics and management from Rhode Island College.

Dan has a warm and friendly smile and seemed relaxed and unhurried as he explained all that SARAH INSURANCE SERVICES has to offer their clients. They are able to present highly competitive rates due to access to over 30 top-rated local and national insurance carriers. Best of all they offer a personalized service, so rare in today's electronic jungle, and one-stop

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Dan Salvatore

Barbara said that the bottom line is that they care about people and what happens to them. She said that sometimes people come expecting a cold, office-like environment but then find they are able to relax in this laid back, comfortable setting. Some clients are so at ease that they have said that they would



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sincere, genuine manner. He strikes me as a man who can be trusted. I believe him when he says that the client, and meeting

his or her insurance needs in an honest and forthright manner, is more important than aiming for excessive profit.

If you are looking to buy insurance of any kind for the first time, I would highly recommend that you contact Dan. If you are thinking about leaving your current insurance agency for another, it is virtually a painless process if you call Dan, who can smoothly handle all of the details in a highly confidential manner, and he will likely save you money.

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Barrington Christian Academy

"Building a Foundation for Life"

By Lee Adler

Deuteronomy 6:5 (ESV) You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

These words form the basis of the relationship that God sought to establish with His chosen people. It was a relationship to be founded in the knowledge of the ways of the Lord as they were revealed through His laws as they applied to everyday life. The very foundation of Godly education is an effort to instruct people in how to live in harmony with their Creator and His creations.

Over the course of time, churches have stepped aside from general education to allow secular government to take over the instruction of young people. Different philosophies began to govern how children were taught and quality began to suffer as public educators tried to meet every need and cover every concept. Their focus became diffused and the quality of the education provided was diluted.

Barrington Christian Academy was founded in 1979 as an outreach of Barrington Baptist Church in a time when church members saw a decline in the quality of the education afforded to their children through the public

school system. The East Bay area of Rhode Island appeared to need the influence provided by the strong educational standard that has always been a hallmark of BCA.

While there have been differing approaches to the idea of Christian academic instruction, BCA has sought to establish itself with an independent curriculum that seeks to incorporate the best available information with consistent Godly presentation. By this approach, BCA has achieved an excellent reputation within Christian circles and within the communities it serves.

In fact, community involvement is one of the important themes that guide the school and its leadership. Since 1989, the school has had Elsie R. Wright as Head of School. With the able guidance of an eight-member independent board, she has led in the improvement of both physical plant facilities and educational offerings. One of the most notable features is the additions to the buildings over the past several years, resulting in sixteen classrooms. These include specific spaces for music, science, and art. This becomes even more remarkable when one hears of cutbacks in art and music in public programs. BCA and Mrs. Wright believe that the study of art and music are a means of honing the fine skills that God has given every student. The presence of these programs all the way through high school grades



produces students who are better thinkers and who are more creative.

Students are encouraged to participate in outreach to the nearby community and beyond. Recently, the sophomore class had the opportunity to go to Mississippi on a missions trip. Other students are encouraged to participate in a mentoring program.

Currently, thirty-six faculty and staff cooperate to provide a quality educational experience at Barrington Christian Academy.

Because of the independent nature of their curriculum approach, they are always seeking to improve themselves. Mrs. Wright is a doctoral candidate, and the head of the High School Science Department holds a doctorate in Mechanical Engineering, having taught at one time at the United States Naval Academy. The school is approved as a school for elementary and secondary education by the Rhode Island Department of

Education, and is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. BCA is in the process of filling their brand-new high school wing with matriculating students and anticipates filling all four higher grades by 2009. Applicants for grade eleven are being considered for admission to the 2008-09 school year, complementing the current enrollment in grades from kindergarten to grade ten.

BCA's unique approach to the education of young men and women puts them on the cutting edge of Christian education. Rather than retreating to the ivory towers that some use to put forth a single way of thinking, students at Barrington Christian Academy are encouraged to make connections both within churches and communities. The staff, faculty, and students of BCA cooperate to study and use critical thinking skills to draw individual conclusions, not those dictated by any one textbook. In this way, graduates of BCA are prepared to make a positive, solid impact on a world that is in desperate need of the hope of the Gospel. BCA is, by these means, "building a foundation for life."

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Entertainment

Daughter of Steven Curtis Chapman Killed In "Tragic Accident"

By Warren Cole Smith

(EP News)--The daughter of one of Christian music's brightest stars died May 21.

the first daughter they adopted from China. That organization has provided financial assistance to at least 1700 adoptive families.



Chapman described his involvement on his web-site: "After our first trip to China, my wife and I knew our lives were changing -- our eyes and hearts were opening to how big God really is, and we have wanted to experience more

Five-year-old Maria Sue was killed by a sport utility vehicle driven by her teenage brother, according to local news reports. According to Laura McPherson, a spokesperson for the Tennessee Highway Patrol, the boy did not see his little sister playing nearby. "It looks like a tragic accident," she told the Associated Press.

of that. We've really wondered whether or not we should just go to China and stay there. But I don't think so. I believe God is saying, 'I want you to go, get your heart broken, your eyes opened, and then take this story back to the church in America and around the world.'"

"I don't know of anybody who loves his children more than he does and is so committed to the adoption concept, and to lose one, no matter what the circumstances, is heartbreaking beyond all comprehension," John Styll, president of the Nashville-based Gospel Music Association, told the Tennessean.

Maria Sue was the youngest of Chapman's six children. After being hit by the vehicle, at the Chapman's home just south of Nashville, she was rushed to Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where she later died.

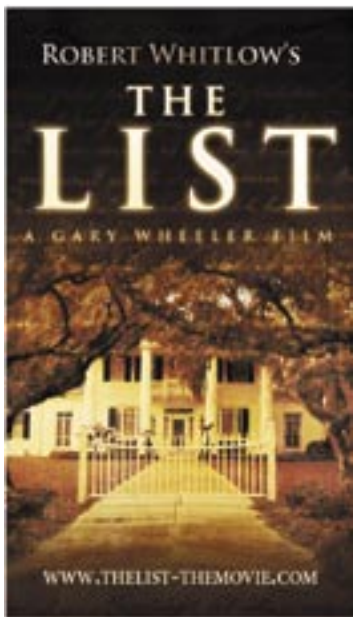
The prolific 45-year-old singer-songwriter has been a national figure in Christian music since the early 1980s, with five Grammy awards and 54 Dove awards from the Gospel Music Association.

Chapman and his wife have become well-known for promoting international adoption, and the couple's youngest three children, including Maria, have come from China. The family established a foundation and ministry called Shaohannah's Hope, named after

Discover The Power Of Prayer: The List

CENTURY CITY, CA (ANS) -- The List, based on the first novel by best-selling Christian fiction author Robert Whitlow, debuts on DVD June 10th from Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment's faith-based programming label Fox Faith, coinciding with the release of his latest novel, Deeper Water (the first book in Whitlow's Tides of Truth series from Thomas Nelson Publishers).

has reigned for over a hundred years, there lives a treacherous blood covenant and vast fortune



guarded by a dark prophecy that will change the life of one man forever in the gripping suspense drama The List, featuring captivating performances from veteran screen legend Malcolm McDowell (A Clockwork Orange, Halloween), Chuck Carrington ("Jag"), Hilarie Burton ("One Tree Hill") and

Will Patton (Remember the Titans, Armageddon).

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By Allison Vigna

NEW BEDFORD, MA -- New Bedford will host the second annual SOUTHCOAST GOSPELFESTIVAL, a summer revival of music for the spirit, by the waterfront on Saturday, July 19, 2008 from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. The event will take place rain or shine under a mega-tent at the Fort Taber Park in the city's South End of New Bedford.

On behalf of the City of New Bedford and Mayor Scott Lang, the Inter Church Council, the Standard Times, Office of Tourism and a diverse group of citizens, we are taking this opportunity to invite

you and your family to take part in this wonderful event to reach out to the South Coast community.

THE SOUTHCOAST GOSPEL FESTIVAL is an outreach to all denominations and diverse ethnic backgrounds. It will attract visitors from Providence, Boston and the surrounding areas featuring local and national gospel musicians. One featured performer will be Calvin Hunt, a soloist with the Grammy and Dove Award-winning Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. Last years



event drew over 1500 people and the goal for 2008 is to reach 4000 people doubling the impact on the community. A portion of the ticket sales will go to local charities and also assist in bringing nationally recognized musicians.

The Rev. David Lima executive minister of the Inter-Church Council stated, "Years ago in the summer there were camp meetings and spirit filled events

where whole families came together praising the Lord. Faith has to be the center of our lives, and we're bringing that back."

Also, the Rev. Curtis Dias said, "Brothers and sisters from all congregations will enjoy a day of peace and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ". It will offer an atmosphere of love, respect and joy."

"Come one Come All"

The donation to attend the event is \$10.00, children are FREE under 12. Tickets will be available at SouthCoast GospelFestival.org or you can call the Inter-Church Council at (508) 993-6242.

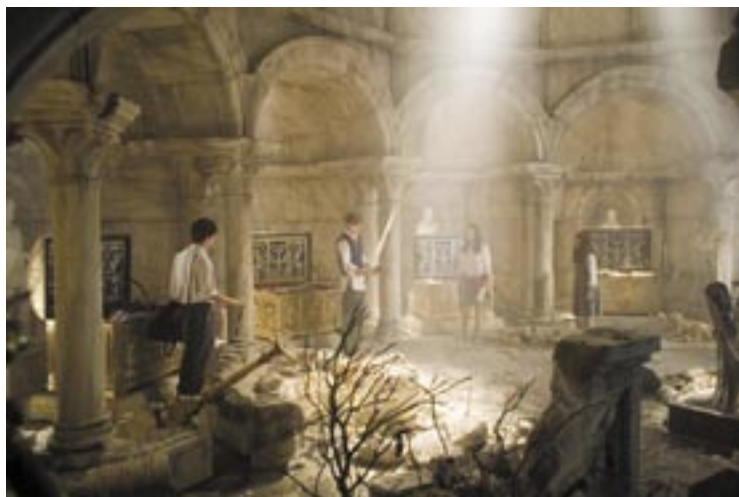
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The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian

By Dr. Ted Baehr

PRINCE CASPIAN is a very exciting, fantastic epic in the tradition of LORD OF THE RINGS. Right up front it needs to be noted that the book has been re-imagined to make the movie. In most cases, this re-imagining has helped the drama considerably. Better yet, the filmmakers have kept the integrity of and even highlighted the theological points C. S. Lewis was trying to make. One would hope that C.S. Lewis would be happy with the cinematic

changes, although he was very critical of movies in general. There are, however, a few



The Pevensie kids discover the ruins inside Aslan's Howl, 1300 years in Narnia after their adventures in The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.

walk. Some of this reorganization makes it appear as if the battles are within the province and capability of the Pevensies, Caspian and other Narnians, but ultimately, it is God who determines the course of the Narnian civilization.

C. S. Lewis believed as the Bible says that through Jesus Christ God is redeeming all Creation. He sees the creatures as being redeemed along with the people. The creatures have their faith battles too. The movie clearly rejects evil, in the person of the bad

minor divergences where media wisdom is required. So, don't expect to see the book when you come to the movie. Expect to see a wonderful movie that retains the faith of the book.

Miraz and in the appearance of the White Witch, who was defeated in the first movie. The movie contains a lot of sword fighting and action, which are reminiscent of the swashbuckling epics of the Golden Age of Hollywood.

The children find their Narnia castle in ruins. 1,300 years have past in Narnia time since they ruled in Narnia, although only one year has past in earth time. The evil Telmarines are destroying Narnia. It is up to Prince Caspian and the four kings and queens to take the small ragtag army of Narnian creatures and fight against the fascist armies of the Telmarines. They are hoping and praying for Aslan to come to their aid. Aslan, for those who don't know, is the Christ figure, the son of the Emperor Beyond the Sea.

The most problematic point is the fact that Susan and Lucy fight in the movie. C. S. Lewis believed that women should not fight, but the good news is that the filmmakers have chosen to be discreet about the women's battle sequences. Even better news is that I had a long conversation with writer/director Andrew Adamson, and he decided not to use the wild party that Bacchus throws in the book. Andrew rightly believed that it was not appropriate to show children drinking wine at a raucous feast.

After being shaken by the news of his father's mysterious death, Renny Jacobson (Carrington) is mystified to discover that his father has left him nothing but a reference to an obscure entity called "The Covenant List of South Carolina, Ltd." Setting out on a quest to learn the truth, he uncovers a treacherous blood covenant and vast fortune guarded by a dark prophecy that will change his life forever. Joined in the spiritual battle by some unlikely and courageous heroes, he soon finds he must fulfill the prophecy spoken in 1863 and destroy the power of "The List," or risk losing the true treasure that has changed his life.

Highlighted by DVD features including audio commentary by producer/writer/director Gary Wheeler (Final Solution) and actress Hilarie Burton, The Power of Prayer featurette, deleted scenes and additional DVD-ROM Bible study guide content, The List DVD is available for the suggested retail price of \$26.98.

The message of the book is the message of the Book of Acts: How does one have faith in God, in the person of Jesus Christ, after His ascension. The book's strong faith message remains in the movie, but it has been re-organized so that Lucy is the only one who sees Aslan until a critical point in the story, unlike the book where each one meets Aslan in his own faith

Despite some minor loose ends in the movie, the plot points are clear, the emotion is intense, the audience cheered and laughed at the right points, and even hard-hearted critics loved the movie. PRINCE CASPIAN should be a tremendous hit since 100 million copies of THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA have been printed.

Health

Scientific Credibility of Pharmaceutical Industry is a Sham

By Mike Adams – The Health Ranger

(NaturalNews) The discovery that drug companies have been ghostwriting scientific studies using in-house writers, then paying (bribing) doctors and high-level academics to pretend they were the author of the article is making shockwaves across conventional medicine. This latest revelation of scientific fraud exposes a massive, widespread system of fraud involving not only the drug companies, but also hundreds of different peer-reviewed, “scientific” medical journals that have published these ghostwritten articles. This scam is the latest embarrassment to conventional medicine; a system built on such a foundation of scientific fraud that the admission of dishonesty no longer surprises anyone. The pharmaceutical industry, it seems, is now supported almost entirely by fraudulent science fabricated by marketing personnel.

Remember, it is these studies -- the very ones now discovered to be ghostwritten by Big Pharma’s in-house authors -- that the FDA uses to approve these drugs, unleashing them onto the public where potentially hundreds of millions of doses of the drug may be sold in just the first few years of its approval. But

what we’re learning now is that **the whole system is an elaborate scam.** For these studies, there’s no real science involved at all.

To back this up, let me explain how this scam works in seven simple steps:

Step 1: A drug company runs an in-house study (using fraudulent study design from the start) to “prove” that their drug is both safe and effective. If the study produces negative results, it is thrown out. If it produces positive results, proceed to step 2.

Step 2: That same drug company uses in-house writers (“ghost writers”) to write up the results of the study in a favorable light by discarding any data that doesn’t fit the desired outcome. Note that these in-house writers are *marketing people*, not doctors or scientists, and they are on Big Pharma’s payroll!

Step 3: The drug company contacts a noted doctor or academic and offers to pay them a bribe (a “writing fee”) to put

their name on the paper as if they were the original author. In reality, the paper has already been completely written and the doctor needs to write nothing.



Step 4: The paper is submitted to peer-reviewed academic journals (such as JAMA) for publication. Since the paper appears to have been independently written by an outside scientist or doctor, the journal is far more likely to consider it credible. Thus, it gets more easily published. The drug company reveals nothing about the true origins of the paper.

Step 5: The drug company that sponsored all this forwards the peer-reviewed, published study to the FDA, claiming this is now “scientific fact” that proves their drug is both safe and effective. Since the study was published in a peer-reviewed medical journal, it must be true, right?

Step 6: The FDA, which conducts *no drug safety studies of its own*, automatically believes the conclusions of the study (since it was published in a credible journal, after all), and therefore approves the drug for sale! From there, the FDA claims its decisions are based on the “gold standard of evidence-based medicine!”

Step 7: Once the drug is approved by the FDA, the drug company then claims the drug has been declared safe and effective by an independent government agency, and therefore the drug must indeed be both safe and effective. In other words, even though the drug company fabricated much of the evidence used by the FDA to make their approval decision, the drug company still claims that the FDA’s decision is an inde-

pendent, science-based approval of their drug! Furthermore, the drug companies are now arguing that FDA approval should immunize them from any lawsuits or claims of harm stemming from their drugs. Amazing, huh?

From here, doctors and medical personnel are taught that the drug is backed by good science and that the FDA has independently reviewed the evidence and approved the drug. Therefore, it’s safe to prescribe to patients. What nobody has been told, however, is that **the entire process -- from the drug studies to drug approvals -- was fabricated!**

Or, put another way, as long as ghostwriting is tolerated in conventional medicine, **the pharmaceutical industry has lost all credibility and is now clearly based on science fraud and marketing gimmicks, not genuine evidence.** And remember, ghostwriting is not a new issue. It’s been going on for decades. The only thing new about this issue is that it has been exposed in once-secret court documents that just happened to come out during a recent Merck trial.

Feds launch ‘Gestapo raid’ over raw milk

By Bob Unruh

WorldNetDaily) A Pennsylvania farmer has been fined \$4,000 for dealing in raw milk in violation of the state’s bureaucracy that demands he hold a permit to sell his natural products to friends and neighbors.

A rally protesting the governmental action against Mt. Holly Springs farmer Mark Nolt drew more than 100 people recently outside the courthouse, where a magistrate threw out one count filed against him but pronounced a guilty decision and \$1,000 fine on each of four other counts.



“They swooped in ... like a bunch of Vikings, handcuffed me and stole \$30,000 worth of my milk, cheese and butter,” he told the New York Daily News.

His case is just an example of what the government is trying to do to those who believe – based on medical results – that raw milk is better for them than the processed milk available in most grocery stores, according to Nolt’s supporters. Processed milk, many believe, leads to clogged arteries, strokes and heart attacks.

According to reports published by the Weston A. Price Foundation, results of a study by the Medical Research Council in the United Kingdom revealed only one percent of the subjects in an ongoing lifestyle study of 5,000 men suffered heart attacks – if they drank full-fat milk and ate butter rather than margarine.

“We learned ... that [the] study col-

lected data on 5,000 British men between the ages of 45 and 59 for a period of 10 years. Of those that drank at least a pint of whole milk a day, only one percent suffered heart attacks!” the foundation report said. “Some researchers are already claiming the difference is due to a healthier lifestyle on the part of the milk and butter consumers. Others, however, think that milk and butter may have some yet undiscovered benefits.”

Another article in the British medical journal Lancet also noted that children who consumed “farm milk,” that is, raw, whole, unprocessed milk, had lower levels of asthma and hay fever.

“Researchers examined the history of allergy, asthma and ‘atopic sensitization’ or skin problems in 812 children, 319 of whom had grown up with a ‘regular exposure to a farming environment’ including the consumption of ‘farm milk,’ that is, raw, whole, unprocessed milk. The remaining group of 493 non-farming children acted as a control. Frequency of asthma was reduced from 11 percent found in the control group to one percent among the farming-exposed children. Similarly, hay fever occurred in only three percent of the farming-exposed children, compared with 13 percent of the controls, and atopic sensitization occurred in 12 percent of the farming group and in 29 percent of the controls,” the foundation reported.

According to a blog report on the Cumberland County case in Pennsylvania, Nolt had been under threat of arrest for months, and authorities came for him on

April 25.

Jonas Stoltzfus, a fellow farmer and member of the Church of the Brethren, was asked to be a spokesman for Nolt, and confirmed, “Six state troopers and Bill Chirdon of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture trespassed onto his property, and stole \$20,000-\$250,000 of his product and equipment.”

Stoltzfus reported Nolt turned in his state permit to sell raw milk “because it did not cover all the products he was selling. He felt he was being dishonest selling stuff that was not covered by the permit.” Stoltzfus said, authorities told Nolt, people had gotten sick from eating his food, “but no one ever came forward and no proof was ever offered.” “This is a Gestapo raid complete with state troopers, raiding a hard-working farmer selling milk to friends and customers.”

The Daily News reported the farmer’s customers were enraged. “My heart is pounding. I can’t believe what a police state this is,” one Brooklyn customer told the newspaper. “I gave him \$100 last week for a huge delivery of stuff, including raw cream that I planned on using to make cream puffs.”

Nolt told the newspaper he didn’t feel bound by the government’s limits on selling milk. “The government doesn’t have the right to dictate what I eat, and never will,” he told the paper.

Stoltzfus compared Nolt to “that little black lady in Alabama who wouldn’t go to the back of the bus.” “Mark believes it is his right to sell, according to the constitution, just like it was Rosa Park’s

right to sit wherever she wanted on the bus,” he said.

A blogger who operates under the name The Complete Patient reported the government, in the form of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, had descended on Nolt’s 100-acre farm already in 2007.

“Nolt contends that the regulations have not been approved by the legislature and shouldn’t apply to him because he is selling directly to consumers, via private contracts that are outside the purview of the state, making a privilege out of a right he believes he has – the right to private contracts,” the blogger wrote.

Taaron Meikle, president of the Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund, said Nolt’s case has the highest profile right now because of his arrest and court case. “We have a lot of consumers who are drinking raw milk, because of the health benefits,” she told WND. “What is happening is truly upsetting.

“Basically, what’s happening is farmers are saying they don’t want this raw milk permit because it only applies to milk and hard cheeses, not selling butter or yogurt,” she said.

“[The government] says it is trying to protect the consumer, but the reality is that consumers

are very well informed. They are not making a decision based on ignorance,” she said. She noted the campaign that has been launched called Real Milk by the Weston A. Price Foundation, providing information about milk, its benefits, and any dangers there are.

She said what consumers need to do is get organized and write letters, becoming activists on the issue if they want to avoid processed milk from cows that are genetically altered or fed genetically altered grains.

A case with some similarities also is going on in California, where federal agents have interrogated employees of Organic Pastures Dairy Co. about its sales of raw milk for pet food.

“The FDA has gone on the record as ‘hating raw milk’ in any form,” Mark McAfee, president of Organic Pastures, said. “If Organic Pastures is doing something illegal, all FDA needs to do is come and tell us and we will make the necessary changes to our labels and procedures.”

Jody N. told WND that Nolt’s customers “are in outrage, because they have private contracts with this farmer and their food was stolen.”

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Editorials

Did The Founding Fathers Sin By Founding America?

By Brannon Howse

Liberals love it when conservatives fight amongst themselves—especially when the battle centers around whether or not America is truly based on a Biblical foundation and God's providential work. In case you're blissfully ignorant about the controversy, let me explain.

Nationally known pastor John MacArthur has actually written that the founding of America was a sin:

Over the past several centuries, people have mistakenly linked democracy and political freedom to Christianity. That's why many contemporary evangelicals believe the American Revolution was completely justified, both politically and scripturally. They follow the arguments of the Declaration of Independence, which declares that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are divinely endowed rights. Therefore those believers say such rights are part of a Christian worldview, worth attaining and defending at all cost including military insurrection at times. But such a position is contrary to the clear teachings and commands of Romans 13:1-7. So the United States was actually born out of a violation of New Testament principles, and any blessings God has bestowed on America have come in spite of that disobedience by the Founding Fathers.

When you combine a lack of knowledge about the American Revolution with a false interpretation of Romans 13, you end up with good conservative Christians adding to the misinformation about our Founders and believing that America was not established under God but by an un-Christian rebellion. My friend David Barton has written a paper entitled "Was the American Revolution a Biblically Justified Act?" in which he notes:

The Presbyterians, Lutherans, Baptists, Congregationalists, and most other Christian denominations during the American Revolution believed that Romans 13 meant they were not to overthrow government as an institution and live in anarchy. This passage does not mean they had to submit to every civil law. Note that in Hebrews 11, a number of those who made the cut in the "Faith Hall of Fame" as heroes of the faith were guilty of civil disobedience—including Daniel, the three Hebrew Children, the Hebrew Midwives, Moses, etc....

If the Founding Fathers had removed themselves from underneath the authority of Great Britain because they were choosing anarchy over an established government, then that would be a violation of Romans 13. Although Romans 13 is not an endorsement of every government, it is a description of what God says is the proper role of civil government.

In Scripture, God initiates several realms of authority in human governance: family, church, and state. These reflect the normal pattern of social interaction, and civilizations throughout history have reproduced these in some form. Simply because the presence of these institutions is normative, however, we should not expect every instance of them to be acceptable.

Fathers are the God-ordained head of the family, but those who abuse their children and wives deserve to be removed from their positions of authority. Few people disagree that a pastor or elder should be removed from leadership in the church—his God-ordained position of authority—if the leader is guilty of grave moral and ethical failures. And, as with church and family rule, God does not necessarily endorse every leader or every civil government that comes along.

For 11 years, our Founders petitioned the King of Great Britain to cease his unlawful, unbiblical actions against the colonials. Although the monarch ignored their grievances, they remained under his authority until he sent 25,000 troops into the colonies for the purpose of seizing property, invading homes, and imprisoning people without trials. The king's actions violated his own British common law, the English Bill of Rights, and the centuries-old Magna Carta.

Once King George III started down the path of violent suppression, the Founders announced their intent to separate from Great Britain. They wrote at length that they were involved in self-defense, which they rightly believed was Biblically acceptable. British troops fired the first shot in every confrontation leading up to the Revolutionary War—the Massacre of 1770, the bombing of Boston in 1774, and the Lexington and Concord engagements of 1775.

Unless you are a thoroughgoing pacifist, there is no basis for saying the Founders sinned in defending themselves against King George's troops and their terrorist tactics against the colonists. The Founders' fight was not a "military insurrection." Our early leaders took seriously their standing before God and believed He could bless a war of defense but not a war of offense. They fought to protect their own lives and those of their family and friends.

Many Christians get queasy over the subject of "civil disobedience" and invoke Romans 13 to avoid the responsibility of standing up to a deviant government. While I agree it is crucial that Christians pursue civil disobedience only when obeying government requires us to disobey God, Scripture offers clear direction on when such action is acceptable.

The Founding Fathers did not violate New Testament principles when they instituted American

Constitution Party Chooses Baldwin

By John F. McManus President,
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At its April 24-27 national convention in Kansas City, the Constitution Party nominated Florida pastor/political activist Charles O. "Chuck" Baldwin as its candidate for president of the United States. Baldwin received 383.8 votes to 125.7 garnered by Maryland's Alan Keyes and a few given to minor candidates. During the proceedings, hundreds of delegates from across the nation heard speeches from a slate of seven candidates and also from party founder Howard Phillips, conservative activist Richard Viguerie, Gun Owners of America Executive Director Larry Pratt, popular author Jerome Corsi, and myself.

Younger looking than his 56 years, Chuck Baldwin was born in northwest Indiana and received his education at Midwestern Baptist College in Pontiac, Michigan; Liberty University of Lynchburg, Virginia; and the Christian Bible College of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. In 1973, he married the former Connie Kay Cole, and they are proud parents of three children and now enjoy six grandchildren.

As pastor of the Crossroad Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida, Baldwin once served in the 1980s as Florida chairman of the Moral Majority founded by the late Jerry Falwell. Before Falwell passed away in 2007, Baldwin distanced himself from his former mentor because of Falwell's continuing support for President George W. Bush and other GOP headliners who had "strayed from positions vitally important to conservatives." In the widely read Internet news column he has authored for many years, Baldwin endorsed the 2008 candidacy of Texas Congressman Ron Paul for the

Republican nomination, and he specifically spoke out against the candidacies of Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee, and John McCain.

A consistent critic of the current occupant of the White House, Baldwin has regularly chided fellow Christian Right pastors and their flocks for "blind support for President Bush in particular and the Republican Party in general." He has faulted them for refusing to "honestly face the real danger confronting these United States," the loss of sovereignty. Among the many stands appearing in the party's 39-page platform and totally supported by the candidate, one can find unequivocal support for both the right to life and the right to keep and bear arms.

The Constitution Party opposes conscription and any type of constitutional convention. It calls for repeal of the Federal Reserve Act and the "anchor baby" loophole used to provide legal status within our nation for border crossers. It seeks abolition of the Departments of Education and Energy; withdrawal from the United Nations, NATO, NAFTA, and the WTO; termination of all foreign aid and all tax-supported benefits for illegal immigrants; phasing out of the Social Security system; and ending the practice of sending military forces into battle without a congressional declaration of war. Believing that reducing the size of government to constitutional limits would enormously cut government's monetary needs, the platform calls for the abolition of the Internal Revenue Service and the repeal of the income-tax amendment.

A strongly religious man, Baldwin emphasized his belief in the right of all to choose the religion of their choice. He made note of his friendship and admiration

for Roman Catholic Alan Keyes during his acceptance speech, mentioning that he had welcomed his opponent for the nomination to speak to his Baptist congregation. Perhaps the strongest of Baldwin's issues is the matter of abortion. He emphasized support for Ron Paul's "Sanctity of Life Act" (H.R. 2597) that declares human life "shall be deemed to exist from conception" and bars the Supreme Court from ruling on the matter. Once legally defined as a person, insisted Baldwin, every infant in the womb would thereby be guaranteed the right to life—under the U.S. Constitution. He thundered, "If the Republican Party had been serious about life, it could have already ended legal abortion in America."

As the party's vice presidential candidate in 2004, Baldwin campaigned with presidential candidate Michael Peroutka, a Maryland lawyer. Considered even then as a possible candidate for the party's nomination, Baldwin admits that the question of his future plans had arisen frequently, but while denying that he had ever sought the top post, he added, "I am always open to God's will." After having been named the party's nominee, he asked the convention to nominate Tennessee attorney Darrell Castle as his running mate, and his request was honored.

Baldwin announced plans to gain the kind of attention Ron Paul achieved through the Internet where he succeeded in "showing how to circumvent the media." He found while campaigning during 2004 that "the American people haven't rejected our message; they haven't heard our message!" And he blamed that deficiency on the dominant news media leading Americans to believe "there are only two political parties." The conventioners roared their agreement when he pledged, "This we intend to change."

Bush Treading Prophetic Danger In Pressuring Israel on Its Anniversary

By Bill Wilson

The pressure on Israel to give up land, security and Jerusalem to establish a terrorist Palestinian state as its neighbor is so great that President Bush held ongoing talks with the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia during his visit to Israel commemorating Israel's 60th anniversary. Many believe that Israel's rise to statehood on May 15, 1948 was fulfillment of the Ezekiel prophecy that the Lord would make Israel's dry bones become flesh and it will live independence, and it is critical that we close ranks on this fundamental issue. Our nation was founded under God's guiding hand—not in spite of it. Whether or not we continue in the godly heritage of the first Americans is a vital concern, but it's one that should be debated between "us" and "them," not between "us" and "us."

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again as a nation. To characterize the Bush Administration's minimization of this prophetic event as a "slap in the face" to Israel, America's strongest ally, would be an understatement.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was in Israel the week before to lay the groundwork for further pressuring of Israel. She held a joint news conference with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Abbas stated that he and Rice discussed the "final status" issues of establishing a Palestinian state. He mentioned among them an end to the Israeli occupation, a release of Palestinian prisoners, the so-called "Roadmap to Peace" conditions and the conditions of the Arab peace Initiative, which calls for Jerusalem to be the capital of the Palestinian state. All of these state items mentioned by Abbas went completely unchallenged by Rice.

Rice was asked a question whether she was raising any issues with the Palestinian side regarding the peace agreement since the pressure seemed to be completely

toward Israel. Rice rattled off a list of minor things that the Palestinians had to do: consolidation of security forces, proper training of the security forces, proper staffing of the security forces, proper equipping of the security forces. In other words, Rice is consumed with arming and training a terrorist entity in preparation of establishing it as a new nation. There was not one word mentioned by Rice that the terrorist attacks had to stop.

The world needs to see this situation: The United States is pressuring Israel to shrink its borders to pre-1967 levels; to give up the holy city of Jerusalem and allow the Palestinians to use it as their capital city; to quit expanding settlements; and to release thousands of Palestinian terrorists held in Israeli prisons. The U.S. is requiring of the terrorists to get their security forces armed, trained and staffed. Zechariah 12:9 says of the latter days, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem." Given the state of the economy, gasoline prices, natural disasters, and the press of Islam against America, perhaps our leaders should heed the warning.

In response to Christians and Psychiatric Medications (Mar 08)

Dear Mr. Christy & Mr. Lepore:

I recently read David Christy's front-page article in the March 2008 issue of *The Good News Today* concerning anti-depressants. As both a Christian and one who suffers from periodic depression I was shocked, insulted and amazed at how narrow-minded and one-sided his article revealed itself to be. While I offer my condolences for his friend who unfortunately took his own life, I myself know of 15 people (myself included) who have been rescued from the depths of depression through properly prescribed medications such as Paxil, Zoloft and Citalopram. This is not a delusion, it is a fact. By citing the exceptions to the rule (Heath Ledger, Britney Spears, his friend) he grossly misrepresented the larger truth. Keep in mind that Ledger and Spears had quite a few other drugs in their lives as well as copious amounts of alcohol. The first precautions with anti-depressants are to minimize or eliminate alcohol consumption and for the physician to note inter-actions with other prescribed medications. If these steps are ignored there will be consequences, as with most other prescribed drugs.

I have had 3 bouts with clinical depression in the past 20 years. These episodes were characterized by long-term insomnia, a 15-20 pound weight loss and a strong feeling that life was not worth living. Even when not depressed I experienced constant stomach distress, anxiety attacks, bleeding ulcers and an erratic heartbeat. As a Christian, prayer and Bible reading were the first refuge. I resisted my doctor's pleas for several years to start on anti-depressant medication. Late in 1996 I finally agreed to start taking 20mg of Paxil daily to relieve my symptoms. These types of medications normally take 4-6 weeks to "kick-in" while they construct a protective wall around nerve endings to retain serotonin, a natural chemical in the body which acts as a balm for the nervous system and promotes well-being. Within 6 weeks the change was profound. A bright light was switched on in my brain and I truly felt like my natural self. Sleep and appetite returned. Stomach distress, anxiety attacks and erratic heartbeat all disappeared. Night and day. These types of medication have to be changed periodically as they lose their effectiveness after 5-7 years (as with blood pressure pills). That 20mg of Paxil daily carried me for over 10 years. I was switched over to Citalopram last year after a brief relapse of symptoms. As with a diabetic's abnormal blood sugar levels, it is something that I will have to monitor for the rest of my life. God does help those who help themselves.

It appears that Mr.Christy fails to recognize psychiatrists as real doctors. It also appears that he doesn't recognize that depression is an illness. I know from personal and painful experience that it is. I would not wish it on my worst enemy. As the saying goes: If you've experienced it, no expla-

nation is necessary—if you haven't, none is possible. I would guess that Mr.Christy's response would be: "We all have periods of sadness or stress – suck it up, get over it and give it to God!!" Would he say the same thing to someone with epilepsy? How about someone with debilitating migraine headaches? We all get headaches, after all. Does he tell people afflicted with Parkinson's Disease to just stop shaking and pray? I would say with all sincerity: I would rather have a heart attack than go through another depression. At least there would be an instant recognition, support and understanding of the problem. There would be no judging or shame, because the weakness would be physical rather than mental. Because it can't be seen or measured, depression is only a figment of one's imagination, some would believe. Thank God we don't use that same line of thinking in our Christian Biblical faith! And Thank God that He has provided us with very real doctors who are skilled in dealing with this very real illness.

Bob

Mr. David Christy's response

Dear Bob,

Thank you for responding. You are one of less than a half dozen that have responded negatively to the piece and I must say yours is the most cogent and articulate yet.

"I was shocked, insulted and amazed at how narrow-minded and one-sided your article revealed itself to be..."

What many have failed to see is that my piece *is the other side* of an already stated proposition, ie, that of established psychiatry and psychology. Of course my position is one sided—the *other side!*

The argument looks like this;

• **A** Psychiatry/psychology says that the reason people become depressed is purely chemical. Some form of imbalance exists and it must be corrected with a drug. The drugs we offer correct that imbalance and thereby lift the depression.

• **B** My position and that of many others says that there are a myriad of reasons that people become depressed, that no measurable chemical imbalance exists until AFTER psychiatric drugs are entered into ones system and that these drugs not only damage people's brains but mask or cover up the real etiology of their depression. It is as simple as this...why add a brain disabling chemical to correct a real life problem?

Now I don't know you so I cannot speak to your situation. What I can tell you is that you sound like a poster boy for drug therapy. When you rapturously describe the way these drugs supposedly work it sounds like you are reading right off of a drug info insert (Did you miss the part that says..."Mechanism of action is unknown"?) "The mode of action of these anti-

Commentary / Letters to the Editor

OPEN IT

By Dick Evans

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. (NLT)

When Paul wrote this, he was speaking of the scriptures we call the Old Testament. We can add to that the New Testament, which includes the gospels and the apostle's letters.

I believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. Through its words God gives us just what we need to live this life here on earth in a way that is fruitful to us and that keeps us on track with Him.

But how many keep their Bible on a shelf or in the middle of their living room on display? How many seldom or perhaps never

open it up?

There was a time when I seemed to collect them. I would buy this version and that version, but still not open them to read them. And when I finally did, I would read but not want to mark them up. Somewhere I had picked up the notion that you never write in a book.

This has all changed. I underline, mark with a yellow marker and write in the margins of all my bibles. Later as I pick up a Bible those notes bring to remembrance the revelation I received when I wrote the note and I can reflect on it once more. As I reflect back, God sometimes gives me greater insight and I add more notations to that page.

Scripture helps us learn right from wrong and will straighten us out. But we must open the Word and read it for that to happen. We must be willing to let it happen. Did you open your Bible today?

Deepak Chopra Praises Evangelical Manifesto, 'New' Evangelicalism

By Ingrid Schlueter, Crosstalk Radio Talk Show

The signers of the controversial Evangelical Manifesto have gotten the attention of one of the world's leading promoters of New Age spirituality, Deepak Chopra, and he likes what he sees. Chopra's latest book, *The Third Jesus*, is the most lucid portrayal of the cosmic counterfeit Jesus as has ever been written. In his commentary of May 19, he praises the Manifesto's tone and message:

The strikingly new note in the Evangelical Manifesto is that it intends to be conciliatory. In affirming that they totally identify with their faith, the writers quickly declare that their purpose is "not to attack or exclude." This seems to reverse the very impulse that brought the religious right to power politically. By erasing the line between faith and the voting booth, evangelicals absolutely excluded anyone who believes in a secular Constitution and its separation of church and state. They also vehemently attacked candidates who didn't share their viewpoint.

What's changed? We get a clue in another phrase -- "the global era" -- which points to the promotion of environmental issues among younger evangelicals, who see themselves as stewards of God's creation. If you want to save the planet, it helps not to attack the bulk of humanity that worships a different God. Beyond that, the

manifesto reflects a willingness to be less intolerant. That's good news from a sector of the American public that made intolerance their marching banner in the past.

For those Christians who were deeply concerned by the message of the self-proclaimed Evangelical Manifesto, the approval of one of the world's leading New Age authors should be one more reason to take a second look at what the signers are actually proposing. Regarding his latest book on the cosmic Jesus, Chopra writes:

There is not one Jesus...but three. First, there is the historical Jesus, the man who lived more than two thousand years ago and whose teachings are the foundation of Christian theology and thought. Next there is Jesus the Son of God, who has come to embody an institutional religion with specific dogma, a priesthood, and devout believers. And finally, there is the third Jesus, the cosmic Christ, the spiritual guide whose teaching embraces all humanity, not just the church built in his name. He speaks to the individual who wants to find God as a personal experience, to attain what some might call grace, or God-consciousness, or enlightenment." --Deepak Chopra on Chopra.com

As doctrinally vacuous evangelical churches grow more interested in mysticism and New Spirituality through the influence of emergent church radicals, the overlap between the two worlds is growing. Those who believe in Biblical truth should be duly wary of what the signers of the Evangelical Manifesto are proposing. If the promoter of the counterfeit "Third Jesus" finds it helpful to his agenda, what exactly does that say?

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depressant drugs on their direct target, the serotonin transport protein, and possible regulatory mechanisms with respect to long-term alleviation of depression, although having been investigated both neurobiologically and clinically over the last years, are not yet understood."¹

My friend you are a victim of a massive marketing and propaganda campaign that is making **BILLIONS** of dollars and killing or injuring thousands. I did not cite exceptions referencing Spears, Ledger, etc. These are the tip of the iceberg!!

• You illogically compare "chemical" depression to physiological disease states. This is an apples and oranges comparison. Again—you have been hoodwinked into thinking that somehow depression is a medical illness like an established disease process. It is not.

Did You Know...

1. **Mental disorders are NOT medical/physical conditions like cancer or diabetes?** Every mental disorder is merely a list of observable behaviors given a label and voted into existence by the APA Board.

2. **No one can objectively prove you have a mental disorder?** Even the APA President admits that **no lab test exists** to prove the existence of depression, ADHD, bipolar, and every other mental disorder--no brain scan, no blood test, nothing.

3. **There is no reason to take a pill for a mental disorder, like you would for true medical/physical conditions?** The chemical-imbalance-in-the-brain theory has **never been proven** to cause mental disorders, despite popular belief and drug company marketing.

4. **Psychiatric drugs CAUSE chemical imbalances in the brain by disrupting normal brain chemicals?** Long-term use can cause permanent brain and organ damage.

5. **The FDA now admits antidepressants and ADHD drugs can CAUSE violent and suicidal behavior in children and adults?** It is well-documented that most school shooters and baby killers over the last two decades were on psychiatric drugs.

6. **Mental health screening, labeling and drugging of children is in almost every state in America?** School screening programs like TeenScreen label normal children with mental disorders, leading to dangerous psychiatric drugging.

7. Over time, more people improve **without psychotherapy** than with it?

8. Every major psychological theory is **anti-Christian** at its core?²

Moreover Bob I never heard you say anything about "Biblical Counseling". Did you ever receive Biblical Counseling?

I am glad you are doing well. My prayer for you is that you continue to do well and that the Lord will be honored in your life. Please refer to the end of the article for further info and help.

Thanks brother.

"In Him was life and that life is the light of men." John 1:4

(Endnotes)

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Inspiration

TREASURE CHESTS

By Rev. Doug Forbes

Children love to collect things! They really like having a special place to store their little treasures. Helping your students to make their own treasure chests will provide them with a fun activity and remind them of the Bible truth from your lesson.

To build your treasure chests you need: gold spray paint, various types of macaroni, newspapers, white glue, pencil boxes or other boxes with covers, white contact paper and colored markers.

Begin your project by having the children glue the macaroni on the top and sides of their boxes. Let the children be creative! They may wish to shape their macaroni into a cross, a flower or some other design.

When the glue dries, take the boxes to the back lawn, place newspaper under them and spray paint the boxes gold. When the paint dries, cut a piece of white contact paper to fit inside the box cover and write the following verse on it: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6: 21 NIV) Peel the backing off the

contact paper and stick the contact paper inside the lid of your box. Every time the students open their boxes to look at their treasures, they will be reminded of this spiritual truth.

To help your students fill their treasure chests, you can give them Bible verse coins, chocolate wrapped in gold foil in the shape of coins, or play jewelry. These treasures could be given out as prizes to answered questions as long as each child gets a few. An alternate idea would be to have a treasure hunt.

For your Bible lesson have the students look up Matthew 6:19-21 in their Bibles. Discuss how these verses teach us to store our real treasure in Heaven because it is the only place where it will be safe from thieves and decay. If your treasure is in Heaven, your heart will be there too. You can send treasure to Heaven through your good deeds, gifts, kindness and helpfulness to your church and others.

It's important to remind your students that we get to Heaven by asking Jesus to forgive our sins, come into our hearts and be our

The Coat Hanger

A woman was at work when she received a phone call that her small daughter was very sick with a fever. She left her work and stopped by the pharmacy to get some medication.

She got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys in the car. She didn't know what to do, so she called home and told the baby sitter what had happened. The baby sitter told her that the fever was getting worse. She said, "You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door."

The woman looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger that had been left on the ground, possibly by someone else who at some time had locked their keys in their

Savior. Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins. Ephesians 2: 8 and 9 tells us that eternal life is a free gift; we can't work our way into Heaven.

When we ask Jesus into our hearts, He makes us members of His family, and we want to live the right way. Let's live a life filled with good deeds because Jesus loves us and we love Him. Let's show God's love by a special act of kindness to someone this week. God said that when we do this, it pleases Him and we store up treasure in Heaven that lasts forever.

car. She looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this."

She bowed her head and asked God to send her help. Within five minutes a beat up old Motorcycle pulled up, with a dirty, greasy, bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head.

The woman thought, "This is what you sent to help me?" But, she was desperate, so she was also very thankful.

The man got off of his cycle and asked if he could help. She said, "Yes, my daughter is very sick. I stopped to get her some medication and I locked my keys in my car. I must get

home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was opened. She hugged the man and through her tears she said, "Thank You So Much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was in prison for car theft and have only been out for about an hour."

The woman hugged the man again and with sobbing tears cried out loud, "Oh, Thank you God! You even sent me a Professional!"

What Makes a Dad?

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagles in flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
And there was nothing more to*



"Could a mariner sit idle if he heard the drowning cry?
Could a doctor sit in comfort and just let his patients die?
Could a fireman sit idle, let men burn and give no hand?
Can you sit at ease in Zion with the world around you DAMNED?"
- Leonard Ravenhill

*add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And He called it - Dad.*

Crossed Wires

By Dan Wooding

LAKE FOREST, CA (ANS)

-- My first job in journalism in the early 70s was with Billy Graham's British newspaper, The Christian. Most of my assignments were in London, so I was pleased when Eric Mayer, the genial deputy editor asked me if I would go to Blackburn in Lancashire to interview an extraordinary patient there in a mental hospital. "This man has written a 15,000-word book, yet he can't speak or move his body," said Eric. "In fact, he's a spastic."

Blackburn was immortalized in the Beatles song, *A Day in the Life* on their Sgt. Pepper Lonely Hearts Club Band album. The song began: *I heard the news today oh boy - Four thousand holes in Blackburn, Lancashire*

When I got to Blackburn, I didn't find any holes, but I did find the hospital. As I walked into his ward, I was shocked to see the state of forty-four-year-old Bill Howe. He lay totally immobile in his cot. "How on earth could he have written a book?" I asked myself in amazement.

I began to talk with the staff and discovered that Bill had been admitted to the hospital as a "spastic imbecile." There did not seem to be much hope for Bill who was constantly ill. The medical report at that time read, "Concentration nil; unable to reply to anything; no communication."

Some of the nurses, though, were convinced that Bill was more than just a "cabbage." Christian Charge Nurse, Bill Waddington, took the initiative and showed him a three-penny bit and a two-shilling piece and asked him which he would choose. Through grunts and indications in his eyes, he chose the two-shilling piece. With this encouragement that there was life in Bill, Nurse Waddington, along with many others, set out to provide him with the key to a new life -- education.

Amazingly, he began to learn -- first numbers and then the alphabet. Bill gradually learned to speak -- through his left foot. He had a large board with the letters and numbers painted on it at the end of his bed and he would tap them with his foot.

From there he learned to write by lying on his back and painting words with his foot on a stencil. This method proved to be rather slow and laborious so he eventually spelled out the request, "I would like a typewriter." The problem was how could he possibly type? A shoe for his left foot which was specially made solved this with a wooden peg attached to the sole.

By this method, Bill Howe was able to write his book, *Crossed Wires*, which was published by the Spastics Society in London, England, which has since changed its name to Scope (www.scope.org.uk). He wrote, "I found that my brain worked, but not with my limbs. It was like the wires were crossed."



This amazing author revealed what it was like to be trapped in a body for all those years without any way to communicate with the outside world. He explained how he loved classical music and thought the female nurses were very pretty.

When I returned to London and shared this amazing story with my wife Norma, she said, "Dan, if it weren't for those dedicated nurses caring for Bill, he would never have learned to "talk" through his feet. They helped a man with no voice to "speak" to the world."

She fixed her eyes on mine and modulated her voice and I knew that an interesting idea had just occurred to her. "Have you ever thought that as a journalist you could be used by the Lord to be a voice for those around the world who have no voice?" She had certainly put a new thought in my mind. A voice for the voiceless," I mused. "I wonder if it will ever happen?"

Friend, have ever had a problem communicating with friends or relatives? Does it seem like you're speaking a foreign language that nobody understands? Maybe you have *Crossed Wires*? Maybe it's time to find a new way to communicate your thoughts and ideas. Maybe it's time to listen?

God hears and understands everything that you are experiencing in this life and He wants you to know it is possible to communicate with Him directly. He wants you to know how very much He loves you. He'd like to speak with you daily if you are willing. But first you must uncross your wires.

Do you fear that things will never change... that your marriage will never improve... that your kids will never go in the right direction... that you'll always be sick... that you'll never conquer fear? Far too often we believe these lies... more crossed wires.

But you know what's great about our Creator? He doesn't see us as we see ourselves. He sees our potential...and He wants to help us achieve it. Paul tells us in Romans 8:37 that "we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

If you are a follower of Christ, you need to stop believing the defeating lies of Satan and start believing again who you are in Christ! Start trusting in the God who can do the impossible in your life!

If you are not a follower of Christ isn't it time to stop trying to forge your own way and allow the one who created you to uncross your wires and show you the way?

The Bible says that God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, to die for our sins, that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16) It also

says that if you confess with your mouth, that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10: 9) Give God your heart, allow Him to remove your transgressions and fears, as far as the east is from the west (Psalms 103: 12), pray something like this:

Jesus, please forgive me for my sin. I know that you died for me and that you have a plan for my life. Please teach me your ways and help me to live my life for you, free from the fears of this world and the next. I want to be ready for eternity with you. 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)

If you've prayed this prayer for the first time or are renewing your commitment to the Lord, please let us know so that we can pray for you as you start your new life in Christ without *Crossed Wires*.

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How are you feeling?

Farmer Joe was suing a trucking company for injuries sustained in an accident. In court, the company's fancy lawyer was questioning Farmer Joe.

"Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine'?" asked the lawyer. Farmer Joe responded, "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favorite mule, Bessie, into the . . ."

"I didn't ask for any details," the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine'?" Farmer Joe continued, "Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer and I was driving down the road . . ."

The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Judge, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man

told the Highway Patrolman that he was just fine. Now, several months after the accident, he is suing my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

But the judge was interested in Farmer Joe's story and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his mule, Bessie."

Joe thanked the judge and proceeded. "Well, as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favorite mule, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my truck right in the side."

"I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurting real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear ole Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans."

"Shortly after the accident, a highway patrolman came on the scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her. After he looked at her, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes. Then the patrolman came across the road with his gun in his hand and looked at me."

"He said, 'Your mule was in such bad shape I had to shoot her. How are you feeling?'"

Penny Trick

After tucking their three-year-old child Sammy in for bed one night, his parents heard sobbing coming from his room. Rushing back in, they found him crying hysterically. He managed to tell them that he had swallowed a penny and he was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking was helping. His father, in an attempt to calm him down, palmed a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it from Sammy's ear. Sammy was delighted. In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed, and then cheerfully demanded, "Do it again, Dad!"



Forgive thy enemies

The preacher, in his Sunday sermon, used "Forgive Your Enemies" as his subject. After a long sermon, he asked how many were willing to forgive their enemies. About half held up their hands. Not satisfied he harangued for another twenty minutes and repeated his question.

This time he received a response of eighty percent. Still unsatisfied, he lectured for fifteen minutes and repeated his question. With all thoughts now on Sunday dinner, all responded except one elderly lady in the rear.

"Ms. Jones, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?"

"I don't have any."

"Ms. Jones, that is very unusual. How old are you?"

"Ninety-four."

"Ms. Jones, please come down in front and tell the congregation how a person can live to ninety-four and not have an enemy in the world."

The little sweetheart of a lady teetered down the aisle, very slowly turned around & said: "It's easy. I just outlived the danged idiots."

No Excuse Sunday

To make it possible for everyone to attend church this Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday":

- Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."
- There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard.
- Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night.
- We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church."
- Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it is too hot.
- Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.
- Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner, too.
- We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those that feel the church is always asking for money.
- One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature.
- Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.
- The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them.
- We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton wool for those who think he's too loud!

Revival

After the revival had concluded, the three pastors were discussing the results with one another.

- **The Presbyterian minister** said, "The revival worked out great for us! We gained four new families."
- **The Methodist preacher** said, "We did better than that! We gained six new families."
- **The Baptist pastor** said, "Well, we did even better than that! We got rid of our 10 biggest trouble makers!"

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Soul Food

Father's Day Jokes

A father is in church with three of his young children, including his five year old daughter. As was customary, he sat in the very front row so that the children could properly witness the service.

During this particular service, the minister was performing the baptism of a tiny infant. The little five year old girl was taken by this, observing that he was saying something and pouring water over the infant's head.

With a quizzical look on her face, the little girl turned to her father and asked: "Daddy, why is he brainwashing that baby?"

No. 1 on Our List -- Literally!

My father was completely lost in the kitchen and never ate unless someone prepared a meal for him. When Mother was ill, however, he volunteered to go to the supermarket for her. She sent him off with a carefully numbered list of seven items.

Dad returned shortly very proud of himself, and proceeded to unpack the grocery bags. He had one bag of sugar, two dozen eggs, three hams, four boxes of detergent, five boxes of crackers, six eggplants, and seven green peppers.

Say What, Dad?

Our Gen-X daughter, Cristie, made my husband a Father's Day card entitled "Things My Dad Would Never Say." Such as: "Can you turn up that music?" "Go ahead and take my truck. Here's 50 bucks for gas."

"I LOVE your tattoo. We should both get new ones." "Here, you take the remote."

Dad and Baby

One day shortly after the birth of their new baby, the mother had to go out to do some errands. So the proud papa stayed home to watch his wonderful new son.

Soon after the mother left, the baby started to cry. The father did everything he could think of to do but the baby wouldn't stop crying.

Finally, the dad got so worried he decided to take the infant to the doctor.

After the doctor listened to the father all that he had done to get the baby to stop crying, the doctor began to examine the baby's ears, chest and then down to the diaper area.

When he undid the diaper, he found that the diaper is indeed full. "Here's the problem", the Dr. said, "He needs a change."

The father was very perplexed, "But the diaper package says it is good for up to 10 lbs.!"

Helping your father

A clergyman walking down a country lane and sees a young farmer struggling to load hay back onto a cart after it had fallen off. "You look hot, my son," said the cleric. "why don't you rest a moment, and I'll give you a hand." "No thanks," said the young man. "My father wouldn't like it." "Don't be silly," the minister said. "Everyone is entitled to a break. Come and have a drink of water."

Again the young man protested that his father would be upset. Losing his patience, the clergyman said, "Your father must be a real slave driver. Tell me where I can find him and I'll give him a piece of my mind!" "Well," replied the young farmer, "he's under the load of hay."



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1 Sunday

9 a.m. - Men's Fraternity I "The Quest for Authentic Manhood" every Sunday morning here at Faith Bible Chapel at 115 Ashaway Rd (Rt 3) Westerly, RI 401-348-9637

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

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3 Tuesday

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4 Wednesday

12 -1 p.m. - Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. Luncheon: at The Courtyard Marriott Hotel (1st Wed of month at this location) 32 Exchange Terrace (Kennedy Plaza) Call Jim 401-821-8750

7 p.m. - A 12 Step Group - All Addictions - Every Wednesday, Free of charge, North Providence Assembly of God, 244 Lexington Ave, N. Providence RI. call Pastor Mike 401-353-0670

7:30 p.m. - Power Study Night every Wednesday at World Covenant Life Minsitries Center, Call for Info 508- 493-3701

7 p.m. Family Night- Adult Bible Study, RoyalRangers (Boys) Missionettes (girls) Daisies (Kindergarten) Rainbows (3 & 4 yrs) Prims (1st-2nd grades); Stars (3rd-5th grades) Friends (6th-8th grades) Christian Fellowship Center 818 Church St, New Bedford MA. 508-995-9996, www.cfc818.org

5 Thursday

7 p.m. - Teen/Youth Night. every Thursday Meshanticut Park Church, 180 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920. 401-942-4616 or www.mpcpri.org

7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery for men and women every Thursday at Christian Hill Community Church. 1745 Main Street, West Warwick. www.christianhill.com

6 Friday

7 p.m. -Underground 101- every Sunday. Gatherings feature, live music, spoken word, art exhibits, drama, movies, discussions, comedy. Ages 21 - 35. North Providence Assembly of God, 244 Lexington Avenue, N. Providence, RI 401-353-8330

7 p.m. ~ Ground Zero Youth Service with Teen-Led Worship and Relevant Bible Teaching. 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

7 p.m. ~ Core- Youth Night (Grades 9 - 12) Every Friday. Christian Hill Community Church. 1745 Main Street, West Warwick. 401-823-0285 www.christianhill.com

7 Saturday

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4-8 p.m.- Adult Coffee House Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly, 10 Troy St. Providence, RI 02909; 401-780-8900

6 p.m. "A Night of Healing", 1st Saturday of every month at Celebration House, One Evans Way, Cranston, RI. 1st Saturday of every month 401-946-6900

7 a.m. - Men's Fraternity II "Winning at Work and Home", the first Saturday morning of each month, Faith Bible Chapel at 115 Ashaway Rd (Rt 3) Westerly, RI 401-348-9637

7 p.m. ~ "Flip Side" Jr. High Night: (6th -8th grade) Every Saturday Christian Hill Community Church. 1745 Main Street, West Warwick. 401-823-0285 www.christianhill.com

7 p.m. ~ "Crimson Rain"- in concert Contemporary/Rock The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick, RI, 401-823-5330 www.Crimsonrainmusic.com/index.htm

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11 Wednesday

12-1 p.m. - 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

7 p.m. - A 12 Step Group - All Addictions - Every Wednesday, Free of charge, North Providence Assembly of God, 244 Lexington Ave, N. Providence RI. call Pastor Mike 401-353-0670.

12 Thursday

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

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

13 Friday

7 - 10 p.m. ~ Men's Night Out. Its All You Can Eat Cookout! Our special guest this month is Shawn Dennison-singer/songwriter. www.mensnightout.info or call 508-230-0996, 508-238-0406 for more information & tickets.

14 Saturday

1-2 p.m. ~ Feed the Body, Feed the Spirit: Clam Cakes and Chowder Feed the Body. Feed the Spirit: proceeds help send children to summer camp. Gourmet (Red or White) Chowder & Clam Cakes, Watermelon, Cookie & Drink \$7.50 Adults, \$3.50 Children, \$10.00 all you can eat People's Baptist Church 1275 Elmwood Ave, Cranston, RI 401-467-8220

4-8 p.m.- Adult Coffee House Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly, 10 Troy St. Providence, RI 02909

7 p.m. "Cross Back" Christian 50's, 60's, 70's, and Doo Woop. The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick RI, 401-823-5330 www.theupperroomri.org

15 Sunday

Happy Father's Day

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18 Wednesday

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19 Thursday

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21 Saturday

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23 Monday

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25 Wednesday

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26 Thursday

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27 Friday

Mens Covenant Meeting at Cathedral of Life last Friday of the month please call 401-780-8900 for time. 433 Elmwood Ave, Providence, RI

28 Saturday

7 p.m. "Risen" Christian Blues, The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick, RI, 401-823-5330 (see this former secular bands site @ stonecoldbluesband.com

29 Saturday

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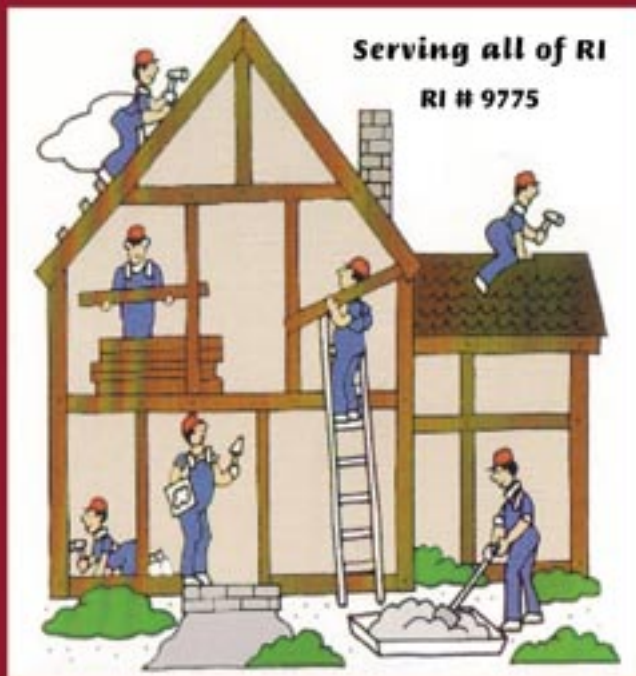
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