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Three Americans arrested by Chinese Police

ZHOU KOU DAN, China (EP) - A police raid during a meeting of Chinese Christians Aug. 23 resulted in the arrest of 130, including three visiting American missionaries. Henry Chu, his wife, Sandy Lin, and Patricia Lan were attending the meeting of the Fangcheng Church during the raid. All three are Taiwanese by birth, but are also U.S. citizens. Chinese authorities released the three missionaries Aug. 25. According to Reuters, the three were being held for "activities incompatible with the tourist status under which they entered China."

The arrests occurred on the one-year anniversary of the arrest of Zhang Rongliang, founding leader of the Fangcheng Church, a popular Christian movement in China with an estimated following of a half-million. It is not clear whether the dates of the arrests are coincidental or intentional. The Fangcheng Church is one of 14 Christian churches labeled as "evil cults" by the communist government. Zhang was arrested in Henan Province with 31 others. Last December Zhang was sentenced to three years in a labor camp under an anti-cult ordinance; he was released on temporary medical leave early this year.

Freedom of the press belongs to only those who own a press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (EP) - Freedom of the press belongs to the person who owns a press, it was discovered Wednesday. That's the message Focus on the Family learned recently when the New York Times and USA Today rejected an advertisement criticizing the Supreme Court's decision to permit partial-birth abortion. The ad, featuring a cartoon by syndicated editorial cartoonist Chuck Asay, was rejected as "too graphic." The ad describes (but does not illustrate) the brutal procedure, and ends with a voice from the Supreme Court saying, "So what's the problem?" The ad ends by saying, "Does this seem right to anyone?" Two other national daily papers accepted the ad: the Washington Post and Los Angeles Times.

Christianity snubbed at U.N. meeting of World Religious Leaders

NEW YORK, N.Y. (EP) - On Monday, a summit of world religious leaders meeting at the United Nations to discuss world peace has instead caused more controversy.

Over 1,000 religious leaders representing 70 of the world's religions gathered at the U.N. General Assembly hall for meetings designed to promote peace between religious groups. The group also established a permanent advisory council of religious leaders to the U.N., designed to help prevent and solve religious disputes.

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West Bank tension derails peace talks

JERUSALEM, Israel (EP) - Renewed fighting between Israeli police and Palestinian groups in the West Bank has erased nearly all gains for peace, report sources from the region. The rioting began on Tuesday when Ariel Sharon, leader of the Israeli Likud party and former Israeli defense minister, led a group of officials to a holy site in Judaism known as the Temple Mount. According to some scholars, the Temple Mount features prominently in biblical end-times prophesies. The site, known to Muslims as Al Haram al Sharif, or the Holy Sanctuary, is under supervision by the Islamic Trust. Sharon claimed his visit to the Temple Mount during Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year celebration,

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Nationwide Christian Newspaper planned

Grand Rapids, MI (MTJTN) - Christian community publicist Jerry Fennell is planning to build a Nationwide Christian newspaper with grassroots support, His plan will take several years to reach a circulation of over one million and he believes that five million circulation is reachable!

Fennell wants to publish "something like a USA Today, only written from a Biblical World View, and with local news sections inserted into it." He claims that the major newspapers of the day, including USA Today, are written from a Humanistic Secular point-of-view.

Jerry Fennell

Fennell believes that is harmful to Christians and society alike.

"The Bible speaks often of the wisdom of receiving Godly council, but for over 75 years Christians in America have been receiving their council on "what the news is" and "what the current events of the day are," from a news industry that has become more and more secular and increasingly hostile toward the Biblical World View and those who try to live it," Fennell said.

Fennell has a multi-phase plan to avoid having to raise hundreds of millions of dollars to start the newspaper. Each phase will finance the next phase. The First Phase is the website: www.morethanjustthe-news.com. The Christian news website has been up and running for over a year and averages about 25,000 hits a month and is

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The Mercy Ship Caribbean Mercy provides free medical and relief supplies to needy people at Caribbean and South American ports.

Mercy Ship making Great Lakes Tour

Grand Haven, MI (MTJTN) - The 2,265 ton, Caribbean Mercy arrived in Grand Haven on Oct. 3 to introduce to West Michigan the voluntary work of the Mercy Ship's "navy", which provides free medical, dental, community development and relief services to needy citizens of port cities of the world. The Caribbean Mercy visits the Caribbean and South and Middle America port cities. Manned entirely by volunteers (120 crew members from 15 countries) and equipped solely through donations, the four ships of the fleet give away around $3 million worth of health care and relief supplies each year to almost one million people. Crew members pay $250 a month to live on the ship and serve as volunteers. They must raise their support before they come aboard.

The 265 foot long Caribbean Mercy is moored for a June 3 to 22 stay at Escanaba Park in Grand Haven on the last leg of a goodwill tour of Great Lakes' port cities.

During her time in Grand Haven, the Caribbean Mercy will be opening her decks to visitors, individuals as well as church, school and other community groups, who want to learn more about her work.

This year the Caribbean Mercy ship underwent a $200,000 refit to equip her to perform eye surgeries. Of the 40 million blind people in the world, half could receive

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Church fires are anti-Christian not anti-Black

Grand Rapids, MI (MTJTN) - The recent attacks on churches are anti-Christian, not anti-Black, reports the Washington Times. Most of the mainstream U.S. media has ignored the fact that of the recent fires at churches, the number of fires are nearly equally divided between white and black churches. In fact, integrated congregations have also been the target, as well as Jewish synagogues. Still, the national news media fans the flames of racism and seeks to blame society for the fires, the Times reports.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) has investigated more than 123 church arsons in 27 states over the past five years. Of those, 38 involved churches with predominantly black congregations, 32 involved white churches, 12 were Jewish synagogues. Forty-one were churches with mixed race congregations.

In the past 18 months 24 predominantly white churches have been burned, a story the national media is failing to report, according to the Washingon Times.

About half of the fires have been ruled accidental or non-arson cases. Few news accounts have reported the arrest of a 13 year old white girl in connection with a Charlotte, North Carolina case that police believe the

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The purpose of this newspaper is:

1. To serve the Christian Community
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5. To encourage Christians to full fill the Great Commission
6. To educate Christians and the World about our Christian Heritage in America and the Covenant we hold with God
6. To promote literacy so every one can read their Bible
7. To promote Christian values
8. To reach the lost

This is a sample of what a Nationwide National Christian Weekly Newspaper could look like!

Paper Plans,

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growing. The purpose of the website, according to Fennell, is to network with other Christians for news and events. The site is also building readership and credibility for the name, *More Than Just The News*, the name Fennell plans to call his newspaper. At the website readers can find the kind of stories the newspaper will carry.

The next step is to publish a newspaper and sell it in the over 8,000 Christians bookstores, Christian colleges and universities and thousands of churches across America. Boy Scouts and Church youth groups will be able to sell subscriptions as fund raisers, Fennell insists. A 26 page newspaper divided into two sections of "News and World News" and "Entertainment and Sports" will be delivered to every distribution site in 2 to 3 days by the Priority Mail Service of the U.S. Postal System.

The newspaper will be supported by advertisements inside the newspaper and by newspaper sells.

The next step is to organize the Top 150 Markets in the different states. One state will be organized every other month. The national newspaper can be created at the Grand Rapids national office and electronically sent to a printer in any city for printing. Fennell plans to establish an intern program with the different Christian Colleges. A student can work for the paper and receive training on how to write and publish a paper by Fennell. After graduation the intern will be placed in one of the Top 150 Markets to develope a local Christian "News and Events" section, supported by local advertising, to be placed inside the "national" newspaper before it is placed in the newspaper racks.

It will take 10 years to organize all 50 states. Expected circulation is projected to be over one million papers. When the rest of the nation will be organized, Fennell projects circulation will reach 5 million.

"We will start out as a weekly. After we have organized all 50 states, we will sit down and ask ourselves, 'What will it take to become a daily?'" Fennell said.

Why do Christians need their own newspaper, this reporter asked, "I have known Christians who went to journalism school but the liberal college professors flunked them out because they would not change their World View. Of those who managed to graduate, after working at a newspaper, TV or radio station for a short time, many hit a glass wall erected by the managers, editors and fellow reporters because they were not liberal or secular enough," Fennell said.

"Since we can not influence the news media from the inside I am proposing that we build our own nationwide Christian newspaper. The goal would be not just to compete with today's dominate liberal anti-Christian news media, but to replace! This newspaper will be written first to Christians

Court stops the opening of government meetings with prayer

LOS ANGELES (EP) - A court of appeals has ruled that government agencies in California are not permitted to open their meetings with sectarian prayer. Using such invocations as the name of Jesus at the beginning of government meetings violates the constitutional separation of church and state, the court said. The ruling does not prohibit clergy or others from offering general invocations. The ruling came after two men - a Jew and a Christian - sued the city of Burbank over the issue. "Religion doesn't belong in City Hall - it belongs in the churches, mosques and synagogues," said attorney Roger Diamond, who represented the men. The invocation that prompted the lawsuit was offered by a Mormon minister at a November 1999 City Council meeting. The minister concluded his prayer, "We are grateful, heavenly father, for all that thou hast poured out on us, and we express our gratitude and our love in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice, when the wicked rule, the people groan.
Proverbs 29:2

Satanism Club attended by 35 students at California high school

SAN MATEO, Calif. (EP) - A California high school announced the introduction of a Satanism club as an on-campus activity, and 35 students attended the club's first lunch-hour meeting, Agape Press reported. David Azzarello, pastor of Redwood Baptist Church in San Mateo, told Agape Press that he warned San Mateo's high school principal of the consequences of allowing the club. "Whenever somebody does not stand up for truth, then of course the devil comes in with his lies," Azzarello said. "That's exactly what's happened today in America - and it's very sad because this was one nation founded upon God, and not just any kind of god, but the true God." Agape Press noted that not all the community's clergy were as negative as Azzarello about having a club for the devil. Father Harold Snider of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church was quoted as saying of the club, "The best thing to do about it is not to make it a big deal."

Court searching for the "Mind of the Founding Fathers"

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (EP) - In a suit that will determine whether or not a 5,300-pound monument to the Ten Commandments keeps its place of honor in the rotunda of the Alabama Judicial Building, a federal judge is trying to determine the minds of the founding fathers relative to the place of religion in civil government. U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson has heard arguments from opposing sets of experts. One group argued that Thomas Jefferson and other founding fathers would have condemned the presence of such a monument, which Alabama's Chief Justice Roy Moore had moved into the judicial building. Moore and the experts who back him maintain that the monument is an acknowledgment that the Ten Commandments are the "moral foundation" of law and that the founding fathers intended no such separation of faith and government as is strictly enforced today throughout the nation. Moore said he moved the monument into the judicial building in part because of what he sees as a moral decline in the nation over the last half century.

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The Bible is the Word of God! Eternal Truths Moral Absolutes Accountability & Responsibility (2 timothy 3:16-17)	All truth is relative All religions are equal "All roads lead to heaven." Cultural Relativism
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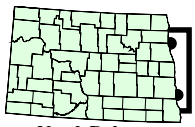
Flooding around Fargo destroyed homes and farms. International Aid volunteers unload food and materials from turck.

International Aid sends help to Flood Victims



North Dakota
The Flood Area is shown in the box with Grand Forks to the north and Fargo to the south.

Heavy rains cause floods in North Dakota

Grand Rapids, MI (MTJTN) - "Mud-covered walkways, water damaged homes, fathers out-of-money, subdued, destitute people," these are the images an assessment team from Spring Lake, Michigan based International Aid brought back from the flood zone North Dakota.

"Grand Forks, North Dakota, was one of the hardest hit towns," said Hal Olsen, International Aid's (IA's) disaster relief coordinator, who spent the past weekend in North Dakota sizing up damage wrought by the recent floods. "But, there are eight or nine other towns between Grand Forks and Fargo that need assistance as well."

The Michigan based Christian relief agency plans to concentrate its assistance efforts on the town of Thompson, ten miles south of Grand Forks, where there is so much to be done that "the groups could be working twelve hours days," Olsen said.

A team of volunteers left IA's headquarters Tuesday bound for North Dakota to deliver cleaning supplies, trash bags, baby food, and personal hygiene products to the flood victims. Several churches and the Salvation Army in North Dakota will be distributing the relief supplies and helping residents with cleanup efforts.

Last week, International Aid sent a truck load of supplies, approximately $30,000 worth of nonperishable food, cleaning supplies and personal care products, to the flood victims.

The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) has a team of volunteers in the Red River area of North Dakota and Minnesota. The CRWRC is cooperating with national relief agencies, regional groups of deacons and area churches, to help with long-term rebuilding needs.

Donations can be sent to International Aid, Spring Lake, MI 49456 or The CRWRC, 2850 Kalamazoo Ave., Grand Rapids 49560.

Church battles city over $158,000 assessment

ROSEVILLE, Minn. (EP) — Advent Lutheran Church in suburban St. Paul, Minn. is preparing for battle against a city policy that Senior Pastor Tom Basich calls "outrageous."

Advent is facing over $158,000 in road repair assessment bills for the reconstruction of Josephine Road. The church, situated at the corner lot of Josephine Road and Hamline Ave. in Roseville, owns 11 acres of land. City policy requires them to pay 100 percent of the cost of road repair. Basich said that the assessment is a financial burden his 300-member church cannot bear.

"Advent Lutheran Church is now facing a discriminatory assessment levy, a massive breach of the wall of separation between church and state, a wrongful attempt by Roseville City Hall to nullify our tax-exempt status, and severe disruption of our First Amendment right to pursue our religious work and mission free from harmful government intrusion," said Basich. "This has produced severe stress among the people of Advent and their families." Basich founded Advent Lutheran and has served as senior pastor since 1953.

The church has the option of paying the assessment over a 15-year period. With seven percent interest, that would be over $255,000 dollars total, a monthly payment of $1,420 dollars, said Basich. Divided equally among the congregation, every man, woman and child at Advent would owe Roseville over $850.

The foundation of Advent's case is that the church is being unfairly "taxed" by the government through discriminatory assessments. Besides Advent, there are currently 33 residential property owners situated along Josephine Road. However, because of the way the city calculates assessments, Advent is the only property owner required to pay an assessment. The rest of the construction will be financed with money generated by Minnesota's gasoline tax.

"What seems odd about this is that the assessment would fall on one body and not everybody else on the street," said constitutional attorney Jordan Lorence, general council for the Northstar Legal Center. "To single out a church in levying this assessment raises some questions." Jordan said that in his experience, many cities have zoning ordinances that "are used to treat churches worse than everything else."

Advent's goal is for the city of Roseville to drop the assessment against the church and change its policy so non-profit organizations and churches will no longer be levied such assessments.

At a Feb. 12 city council meeting, Lynn E. Basich, Advent's lawyer and Basich's daughter, served the Roseville City Council a notice of intention to appeal if the city levies any assessments against the church related to the repair of Josephine Road. The church is "not being treated equally," Lynn Basich told the city council members. "It is the government's function to build and maintain roads, not a Christian church."

Mayor John Kysylyczyn urged Basich and Advent members not to argue the issue of assessments now. But Basich is concerned that if the church doesn't protest now it won't have any options left when the assessment bills come due. "We have to start fighting it right now," said Basich. "This isn't a battle about roads. This is a battle about religious freedom."

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
Psalm 119:105

National Christian Calendar

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National Events:

Oct. 23-29 / **U.S.A. / National TV-Turnoff week.** Contact the TV Turnoff Network, 1611 Connecticut Ave. NW #3A Washington, DC 20009 202-518-5556 or visit www.tvturnoff.org.

Oct. 26 / NASHVILLE , Tennessee **/32nd Annual Dove Awards**

Nov. 1 / NATIONWIDE—U.S.A. / **National Day of Prayer,** organized by the National Prayer Committee. Visit www.gospelcom.net/npc.

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California

October 16-20/ MOUNT HERMON, California / Mount Hermon Christian Writers Conference, Mount Hermon Christian Conference Center near Santa Cruz, Calif. Dave Talbott, Director, PO Box 413, Mount Hermon CA 95041. Call 813-335-4466, e-mail dtalbott@mhcamps.org. or visit www.mounthermon.org.

Colorado

October 23-26 / DENVER, Colorado / Billy Graham School of Evangelism, for pastors and church leaders who want to learn effective evangelism. Visit www.soe.billygraham.org, contact the BGEA at 1-877-2GRAHAM or write to School of Evangelism, P.O. Box 9313, Minneapolis, MN 55440-9313.

Connecticut
Delaware
Florida

October 19-20 / DAYTONA BEACH, Florida / Charisma Women's Conference at Ocean Center. Speakers include Mike Bickle, Paula White, Cindy Jacobs, Fuchsia Pickett, Joyce Rodgers, Nola Warren, and Shirley Arnold. Call 1-800-837-0378 or visit www.spiritledwoman.com/womensconference.

October 20-22 / TALLAHASSEE, Florida / North Florida Festival 2001 at the Tallahassee Civic Center, sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Local church and civic leaders will appear with Franklin Graham. Call 1-877-2GRAHAM for more information or mail BGEA, P.O. Box 779, Minneapolis, MN 55440.

Georgia
Hawaii
Idoho
Illinois

October 26-29 / TECHNY, Illinois / "Toward a Free and Virtuous Society" conference, sponsored by the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty. Call 616-454-3080 or visit www.acton.org for more information.

Indiana

October 16-17 / FORT WAYNE, Indiana / American Christian Writers Conference. Call 615-834-0450 or 800-21-WRITE, or e-mail RegAForder@aol.com. Visit www.ecpa.org/acw for more information.

Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana

October 12-13 / NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana / Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting at the Louisiana Superdome. Call 800-424-5250 for more information or visit www.sbcannualmeeting.org.

Maine
Maryland/D.C.

October 15-16 / BALTIMORE, Maryland / Promise Keepers Conference, theme is "Turn the Tide: Living Out An Extreme Faith." Dates and venues subject to change. For speakers, registration and venue information visit www.promisekeepers.org or call 1-800-888-7595.

Massachusetts
Michigan

October 1-2 / GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan / American Christian Writers Conference. Call 615-834-0450 or 800-21-WRITE, or e-mail RegAForder@aol.com. Visit www.ecpa.org/acw for more information.

Minnesota

October 22-25 / MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota / Associated Church Press Annual Convention at the Hyatt Regency, Minneapolis. Speakers include writer Paul Gruchow, the Rev. Eric Hollas of St. John's Abbey and educator Beth Zeilinger. Call Jacki Palmer at 1-800-328-1800 with registration questions, fax 952-854-6690. For more information call 301-403-8900 or e-mail theacp@earthlink.net.

Mississippi
Missouri

October 27-28 / KANSAS CITY, Missouri / Prevailing Church Regional Workshop at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Liberty, Missouri. Sponsored by the Willow Creek Association. For conference registration call 1-800-570-9812 or visit www.willowcreek.com.

Montana

October 11-12 / BILLINGS, Montana / Women of Faith Conference at the MetraPark. Call 1-888-49-FAITH or visit www.women-of-faith.com.

Nebraska

October 18-19 / OMAHA, Nebraska / Women of Faith Conference at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. Call 1-888-49-FAITH or visit www.women-of-faith.com.

Nevada

October 14-15 / LAS VEGAS, Nevada / Women of Faith Conference at the Thomas and Mack Center. Call 1-888-49-FAITH or visit www.women-of-faith.com.

New Hampshire
New Jersey

October 21 / BURLINGTON, New Jersey / Love Won Out Conference, sponsored by Focus on the Family. For more information call 1-877-787-9961.

New Mexico
New York

October 8-9 / SYRACUSE, New York / American Christian Writers Conference. Call 615-834-0450 or 800-21-WRITE, or e-mail RegAForder@aol.com. Visit www.ecpa.org/acw for more information.

North Carolina

October 10-14/ RIDGECREST, North Carolina/ Blue Ridge Mountains Christian Writers Conference, Ridgecrest Conference Center, PO Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770. Call 828-669-3596 or e-mail Robin Hawkins, director, at rhawkin@lifeway.com.

North Dakota

October 21 / GRAND FORKS, North Dakota / Promise Keepers one day conference, theme is "Turn the Tide: Living Out An Extreme Faith." Dates and venues subject to change. For speakers, registration and venue information visit www.promisekeepers.org or call 1-800-888-7595.

Ohio

October 27-28 / Columbus, Ohio / Women of Faith Conference at the Nationwide Arena. Call 1-888-49-FAITH or visit www.women-of-faith.com.

Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania

October 18 / PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania / National Conference on Preaching sponsored by Preaching magazine. In the U.S. call 800-288-9673, elsewhere call 901-668-9948. More information is at www.preaching.com.

Rhode Island
South Carolina

October 11-13 / SPARTANBURG, South Carolina / Upstate Carolina Festival 2001 in Gibbs Stadium at Wofford College, sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and featuring Franklin Graham. Call 1-877-2GRAHAM for more information or mail BGEA, P.O. Box 779, Minneapolis, MN 55440.

South Dakota

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Tennessee

October 20-21 / JACKSON, Tennessee / Toward A Growing Marriage Seminar, at West Jackson Baptist Church. Presented by LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention and led by Dr. Gary Chapman. Call 1-800-254-2022 for more information.

Texas

October 19-21 / HOUSTON, Texas / Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire Conference, for pastors and church leaders. Sponsored by the Brooklyn Tabernacle and Pastor Jim Cymbala. Call 1-800-527-0649 ext. 169 or visit www.brooklyntabernacle.org.

Utah
Vermont
Virgina
Washington

October 28-May 2 / SEATTLE, Washington / Evangelical Christian Publishers Association seminar "Grow or Die - The Dynamics of Organizational Growth," a seminar for Christian publishing executives and managers. For more information visit www.ecpa.org or call 480-966-3998.

West Virgina
Wisconsin

October 27-28 / SHEBOYGAN, Wisconsin / Breathtaking Decisions: Bioethics, Assisted Suicide, Reproductive and Genetic Issues, at the Pine Hills Country Club. Call 920-452-6520 or visit www.bioethic.org.

Wyoming

Its not that the media
is liberal,
its that they are
Secular-Humanist!

Palau Festival breaks stadium attendance record

TUCSON, Ariz. (EP) - A Luis Palau evangelistic festival set attendance records in early October when an estimated 20,000 people crowded into Tucson Electric Park both evenings of Tucson Festival 2005. The crowds were the largest ever at the three-year-old baseball stadium, home of the Pacific Coast League's Tucson Sidewinders.

The contemporary music-focused evangelistic festival was Palau's first of that style outside of Portland, Ore., his adopted hometown, where record-breaking crowds of 55,000 and 85,000 filled downtown Tom McCall Waterfront Park Aug. 18-19. The Tucson outreach also featured two evenings in Spanish at Kennedy Park. More than 52,000 people attended all festival events, and close to 2,000 responded publicly to Palau's Gospel invitation to commit their lives to Jesus Christ.

Palau focused his messages on young people and told stories of teenagers who had called his live television program, "Night Talk with Luis Palau," which was broadcast on FOX-11 Monday through Thursday. Palau said, "Last night a 13-year-old boy was sobbing on television, sobbing because his mother had left him, his sister, and his dad. When I left the studio, I thought, 'That's why we're here. We've got to say to people there's a better life. With Jesus Christ in your life, life can be happy and contented and beautiful, and people don't seem to know it.'"

People filled the seats of Tucson Electric Park and sat on blankets spread throughout the field.

Caribbean Mercy ship

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This year the Caribbean Mercy ship underwent a $200,000 refit to equip her to perform eye surgeries. Of the 40 million blind people in the world, half could receive their sight with a one-hour operation the ship is equipped to perform.

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Churches around The World to observe Day Of Prayer

Focus Nov. 10 Will Be Prayer For Persecuted Christians

SANTA ANA, Calif. (Oct. 11, 2002) - "The world is becoming more and more hostile to Christianity. It is critical that we stand - or kneel - in unity in support of our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. And praying for those suffering for their faith in Jesus Christ is the most significant thing believers can do."

Those are the words of Terry Madison, president/CEO of Open Doors USA. Open Doors, founded 47 years ago by Brother Andrew, is one of the world's most respected and enduring Christian ministries to the Persecuted Church.

Madison mentions Pakistan as one of the current hot spots where Christians have continually been facing persecution in the year since President Bush declared war on terrorism in the aftermath of September 11, 2001.

"Over the last year there have been five deadly attacks against Pakistan's Christian minority, including the massacre in Karachi which left seven Christians dead two weeks ago," say Madison. "In those attacks by extremists, a total of 39 have been killed and 75 wounded. We need to cover Christians in Pakistan and suffering Christians around the globe with layers of prayer."

Churches around the United States and the world will focus on support of suffering Christians on Sunday, Nov. 10, during the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP). On that day thousands of church congregations from all denominations will join in prayer for the Persecuted Church. IDOP is one of the largest prayer events in the world and has been observed since 1996. A total of 10 Christian agencies - including Open Doors - collaborate to sponsor the event.

"In my many talks with persecuted Christians around the world, I always ask them what can we in the West do most to support them in their walk with the Lord," states Madison. "And they usually say just coming to meet with them is so supportive. But always No. 1 on the list is prayer. They want us to pray with them and for them. But not just one day a year!"

It is estimated that 200 million Christians are being persecuted worldwide and another 400 million Christians are living with restrictions on their religious freedom.

For more information on the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church go to www.persecuted-church.org or to the Open Doors web site at www.opendoorsusa.org.

Currently working in 60 countries with 23 international offices and over 300 staff worldwide, Open Doors with Brother Andrew delivers Bibles and other study materials, provides literacy training and pastoral training and advocates on behalf of those who are persecuted for their faith in Christ Jesus. Open Doors will celebrate 50 years of ministry in 2005. To partner with Open Doors call 949-752-6600, go to its USA web site at www.opendoorsusa.org or write Open Doors with Brother Andrew, PO Box 27001, Santa Ana, CA 92799.

(For more information or to set up an interview with Terry Madison, call Jerry Dykstra at 616-915-4117.)

Pastor jailed in China

BEIJING (EP) - Letters from an imprisoned pastor in China have revealed that police and prison officers have used intimidation, torture, and other atrocities against him and other members of a Chinese church. Pastor Gong Shengliang, founder of the South China Church, has been in prison since April 2001 on charges ranging from subverting the government to sexual molestation.

Members of the South China Church "only want to practice their faith without government interference.

"He who shall introduce into public affairs the principles of primitive Christianity will change the face of the world."

--Benjamin Franklin

Education News:
Public, Christian, and Homeschooling News

Michigan sued for Religious Discrimination

Legal Facts

Attorneys with the Rutherford Institute filed suit in Michigan state court on behalf of a student who was denied a state grant because he is seeking a divinity degree. The suit alleges the denial violates resident Jordan Patrick's constitutional rights.

On May 22, 2000, the state Office of Scholarships and Grants sent Patrick a letter informing him that he had been awarded a tuition grant of $2,650 for the 2000-2001 school year to attend a university approved by the state. Grants are awarded on the basis of financial need. After Patrick declared his intention of pursuing a master of divinity degree, he was informed by the school's financial aid office that he could not use the grant for that degree because of a state law that says "[a] grant shall not be made under this act to a student who is enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree in theology, divinity, or religious education."

The U.S. Supreme Court considered a similar case in 1986, Witters v. Washington, 474 U.S. 481, in which the Court held that the Establishment Clause does not require states to rescind tuition grants to students who choose to pursue a religious degree.

Rutherford Institute defends Student Bible Club's Right to participate in school Yearbook

www.rutherford.org

Members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club (FCA) at West Bridgewater High School in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts recently contacted The Rutherford Institute after school officials told club members they could not participate in the school's yearbook because the club does not have a paid advisor. Institute legal staff immediately contacted the school principal and informed him of the FCA's right to participate in the school's yearbook activities under the Equal Access Act, and that not only was the school's action in violation of the Equal Access Act, it was also in violation of the student's rights of free speech, free exercise of religion, and peaceable assembly. A day after receiving this information, the principal informed The Rutherford Institute that the FCA would be permitted to participate in the school's yearbook activities.

Requests for Legal Assistance:

Religious Freedom: A graduate student at Regent University contacted The Rutherford Institute after his application for a grant from the VA Tuition Assistance Program was denied. VA Department of Education officials told him that, because he was seeking a joint degree that included a Divinity degree, he was not eligible for state funds.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

ACLU admits they can't block "In God We Trust" posters

AFA.net

AFA President Donald E. Wildmon says, "I knew all along that the ACLU wasn't going to sue anyone over the posters. Since we now have proof that their threats are meaningless, we expect to see an increasing number of schools and public facilities displaying our National Motto."

Since February of this year, the American Family Association has been involved in a nationwide campaign to get America's national motto "In God We Trust" into every public school classroom in the country. Toward that end, the Tupelo, Mississippi-based group has distributed almost a quarter-million posters displaying the motto to schools, churches, and individuals from coast to coast.

The ACLU has threatened to sue officials displaying the posters. However, Carrie Moss, executive director of the Michigan chapter of the ACLU, recently conceded that fighting the issue would be difficult. According to The Kalamazoo Gazette, Moss said "It's language (In God We Trust) that has been upheld by the Supreme Court for our money: they decided it didn't necessarily promote any religion, so I think it would be difficult to make an issue about."

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"For too long, the ACLU has used a mythical 'separation of church and state' argument to drive the knowledge of God out of our classrooms," Wildmon says. "As far as I'm concerned, their misdirected efforts —and the failure of God-fearing persons to challenge them — are a major reason our schools, and our society, are in the fix they are."

"It has been shown time and time again that faith in God was a major component in the founding of this country," he says. "And our own Congress voted in 1956 to make 'In God We Trust' our national motto. It's a patriotic issue, not a religious issue."

"There's no reason in the world why the motto should not be taught to every child in our schools and posted in every classroom," he says. "AFA will continue to distribute the posters and encourage officials to hang them in schools, libraries and other public buildings."

ACTION NEEDED:

Let's place a copy of our motto "In God We Trust" in every classroom in the country! Click here for the "In God We Trust Poster" website.

The Mississippi legislature recently passed a law requiring each public school classroom, auditorium and cafeteria to display a copy of our national motto. AFA encourages you to forward a copy of this law to your state legislators and encourage the passage of similar legislation in your state.

Don't worry about lawsuits. The courts have always upheld the display of the national motto in public places. And should the ACLU want to sue, your AFA Center for Law and Policy will be happy to defend without cost.

One principal at a northeast Mississippi elementary school has given every child in her school a button displaying the national motto "In God We Trust." Why not purchase enough buttons to provide one for every student in your school or school district? This would be a great project for a church or civic group.

Evangelize!

Give a copy of this newspaper to your pastor!
Give a copy of this newspaper to a friend!
Give a copy of this newspaper to a lost friend!
Leave a copy of this newspaper at your dentist office!
Leave a copy of this newspaper on a plane!
Leave a copy of this newspaper on a train!
Leave a copy of this newspaper on a taxi!
Leave a copy of this newspaper on a boat!
Leave a copy of this newspaper at your favorite restaurant!
Leave a copy of this newspaper at your barbershop!
Mail a copy to a friend!
Send a copy to an overseas serviceman or woman!
Mail a copy to your church supported missionary!
Use old copies of this newspaper to wrap Christmas gifts!

By H.B. London Jr.

A Need for Visionaries

by Dan Davidson

I recently began another pilgrimage through the Gospel of John, and I was intrigued by the structure the author incorporated into the first chapter. He begins with broad, universal truths, explaining that the Word was not only pre-existent as part of the Triune Community, but that He actually assisted with creation itself. Then, in His love and devotion to us — desiring to share with us the divine relationship He knew in that Trinity — the Word became part of that creation.

Suddenly, the author seemingly switches topics, leaving the glorious realms of heaven in order to describe an itinerant, colorful man named John (the Baptist) who apparently saw himself as a critical piece in the Word's puzzle. I was struck by what must have been a core part of John's message (since it found its way into Scripture): I am not the Christ (Jn 1:20). I am the voice of one calling in the desert (Jn 1:23). John the Baptist had a clear vision and understanding of who he was, how he fit into God's plan, and how he fit into the world. He knew who and what he wasn't (the Christ), and he knew who and what he was (the voice).

That's not true of many of us. Most of us wander through life without much of a vision. Most of us spend our lives seeking our place in the world, in history, in God's plan. In his book, The Second Coming of the Church, George Barna notes that "less than one out of 10 senior pastors can articulate what he believes is God's vision for the church he is leading." That's frightening.

Sometimes we lack a vision because we are too content with where we are and what we are about. We don't want to move. We don't like the uncertainty that comes with change. We're comfortable. We aren't listening for God's voice anymore because a call to move would be disconcerting and unwelcome.

At other times, we are too discontent with our current situation to have a vision for it and find ourselves hoping and praying God won't ask us to stay put. We anxiously cry out for change. We seek escape. Or we search for advancement, fame or some other ambitious prize that we fear may not be in God's plan for us.

Unlike John the Baptist, we don't clearly know who we are not or who we are. And while we stumble along day after day, we lose opportunities for ministry and, all too often, leave those we might serve for Jesus laying beside our roads to self-discovery. "Where there is no vision, the people *perish*" (Prov. 29:18, KJV).

Pastoral Resources

Pastor to Pastor ®

A bimonthly audiocassette series featuring interviews with experts in many fields addressing a number of issues of interest to pastoral families.

Taken from Pastor to Pastor newsletter, Sep/Oct 1998.
Dan Davidson directs the Pastoral Resources department at Focus on the Family, serving as editorial director of both the Pastor to Pastor newsletter/audiocassette series and the Pastor's Weekly Briefing fax, e-mail and webletter. He lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., with his wife, Luz, and their three sons.

Domestic U.S. ministry news:

Pledge Father files suit to bring end to Congressional Chaplains

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) - Michael Newdow, the California doctor who sued to remove the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance, has filed a suit to prohibit U.S. House and Senate chaplains from ministering to members of Congress. The Washington Post reported that Newdow filed a lawsuit in federal district court challenging the constitutionality of taxpayer-funded chaplain programs. He named all of Congress and James M. Eagen III, chief administrator of Congress, as defendants.

Newdow told the Post, "If congressmen want to go to church, [then they should] walk down the block like other Americans do and go to church. Don't get my government engaged in it. There are some people who don't love God Almighty."

The Post reported that Newdow is on "a crusade to take God out of government. He wants the words 'In God We Trust' off money, presidents to quit talking about God at their inaugurations, and members of Congress to be prohibited from offering resolutions in the House and Senate talking about God."

Newdow, who says he "absolutely denies the existence of any Supreme Being," said he applied for the positions of House and Senate chaplains, but was turned down.

The Post noted that Congress has retained paid chaplains since 1789. They earn as much as $147,000 per year to lead prayers, offer spiritual counsel to members, and perform other religious tasks.

Every home in S.C. mailed "Jesus" video

COLUMBIA, S.C. (EP) - Every home in South Carolina was mailed a video copy of the "Jesus" film as a gift during the national observance week of Sept. 11, said David E. McCauley, chair of the Jesus Video Project in South Carolina. An estimated 1,773,038 South Carolina households were scheduled to receive a copy of the video. "South Carolina is the first church and individual partnership team in the country to achieve statewide saturation of the 'Jesus' video, and this is a meaningful time to receive it in homes," said McCauley. He explained that the video being mailed was a special edition that includes an introduction by Christian New York firefighters who served at "Ground Zero" after the Sept. 11 World Trade Center attack.

The movie, which was originally released in theaters by Warner Brothers as a two-hour film, has been condensed into an 83-minute video. Filmed in the Holy Land and based on the Book of Luke, the "Jesus" film has been viewed by more than 4.7 billion people worldwide, making it the most translated and widely shown film in history.

PRESIDENTIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:
http://www.presidentialprayerteam.org/tellafriend.asp
In the face of the heightened alert status, The Presidential Prayer Team asks all members to pray for God's continual protection over our nation. Pray for protection of our transportation, water and energy systems, as well as any facilities or gatherings that represent American power or security—especially any U.S. military facilities, embassies or national monuments. The U.S. intelligence community has determined that these are the most likely targets of potential terror attacks. Pray also for all those who are charged with the responsibility of keeping our citizens safe, from the White House to police and firefighters on the local level.

"...God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

--Jesus

Senate vote on CEDAW too close to call

CATA-List Update

After successful passage of CEDAW (U.N. Convention on Eliminating All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) through the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday, July 30 inside reports indicate that CEDAW advocates are within three votes of getting this dangerous treaty ratified by the U.S. Senate thus making CEDAW "the law of the land," according to Article 6, Sect. 2 of the U.S. Constitution.

Now is the time to make your voice heard in opposition to this very dangerous and ambiguous treaty which will likely come before the Senate soon after their return in September.

* CEDAW supporters claim it won't change U.S. law; if that's the case, then why should the U.S. ratify it?

* The U.S. already has the best laws in the world prohibiting discrimination against women, moreover, the U.S.

leads the world in working to eliminate discrimination; we don't need a treaty to stop discrimination.

* If you hear about "reservations" to the treaty, don't be fooled. A liberal judge can interpret reservations to be inconsistent with the meaning of the treaty and throw them out, resulting in U.S. ratification of the full treaty.

CEDAW has been languishing in the Senate dustbin for more than two decades; in the words of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), CEDAW has never been ratified because "it is a bad treaty; it is a terrible treaty negotiated by radical feminists with the intent of enshrining their radical anti-family agenda into international law." CEDAW calls for an absolute leveling of every kind of distinction between men and women at every level of society.

This is not about opportunities for women. It is about denigrating motherhood and undermining the family. Following are a few examples of what the "expert" committee responsible for implementing CEDAW found problematic in signatory nations:

— Denmark: The Committee noted with concern that stereotypical perceptions of gender role continued to exist in society [that] kept men from assuming an equal share of family responsibilities.

— Belarus: The Committee complained that "Mother's Day" and the "Mother's Award" encourage women's traditional roles.

— Luxembourg: The Committee complained about its "stereotypical attitudes that tend to portray men as heads of households and breadwinners, and women primarily as mothers and homemakers."

— Ireland: The Committee complained that the influence of the Church is still strongly felt and that because of this, "with very limited exceptions, abortion remains illegal in Ireland," and women do not have sufficient access to reproductive health services.

— Slovenia: The Committee derided the fact that only 30 percent of children under age three were in daycare, claiming the other 70 percent would miss out on education and social opportunities offered in daycare.

— Romania: The Committee encouraged "the Government to include sex education systematically in schools..." and to "place priority on the review and revision of teaching materials."

— Kyrgyzstan: The Committee ordered that "lesbianism be reconceptualized as a sexual orientation and that penalties for its practice be abolished."

— China: The Committee called upon them to "decriminalize prostitution."

EDITOR's NOTE: Please call your Senator!

Idaho's Parental Consent Law upheld

Legal Facts

On Dec. 20, a federal magistrate upheld Idaho's parental consent law, but ruled two elements of the law are unconstitutional. Planned Parenthood filed suit after Idaho passed the law in 2000 requiring minors to obtain consent from a parent or authorization through a judicial bypass provision before undergoing an abortion.

Magistrate Mikel Williams held that the law is constitutional but struck down a provision requiring abortionists to notify parents within 24 hours of performing an abortion on a minor in a "medical emergency." Williams also held unconstitutional the state's requirement that minors seeking a judicial bypass do so in their home district or the county in which the abortion is to be performed. The court upheld the state's definition of "medical emergency," which Planned Parenthood had argued was too restrictive. The court also upheld a provision allowing the state to file criminal charges against abortionists who perform the operation without parental consent or judicial bypass. The law allows penalties of two to five years in prison and a fine of up to $5,000 for violations.

Pro-lifers defeat Loitering Statute

Legal Facts

On Dec. 17, U.S. District Court Judge Jerome B. Friedman struck down a Virginia law prohibiting loitering on certain bridges. Three pro-life protestors, who were threatened with arrest under the statute, sued the state in 1999 claiming the law is unconstitutionally vague.

Lytle v. Doyle, no. 2:99cv1366, began in July of 1999, when a Norfolk, Va., police officer threatened to arrest a group of pro-life protestors who were demonstrating on an overpass in the city. The officer cited Virginia Code Sec. 46.2-930, which states: "Pedestrians shall not loiter on any bridge on which the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner has posted signs prohibiting such action." When the protestors refused to leave, the officer arrested two of them. The remaining protestors, David Lytle, Jeanette Lytle and Joan Maguire, left the bridge and, with the assistance of the American Family Association's Center for Law and Policy, filed suit against the state in August 1999. A preliminary injunction against enforcement of the statute was granted in November 1999.

Judge Friedman held that the statute is unconstitutionally vague because loitering is not defined. "Although persons of ordinary intelligence may maintain a common and accepted meaning of the word 'loiter,' such a term by itself is inadequate to inform a citizen of its criminal implications. For example, if a person stopped briefly on the bridge to admire the sunset, he could be in violation of the statute. Because their idleness was for purely innocent purposes, the vast majority of individuals would not realize that their action was criminal, even with 'no loitering' signs posted nearby. The statute thus fails to give adequate notice of what is prohibited." The court also held that the statute is defective because no criminal intent or mens rea is required, and because it gives officers too much discretion in defining what constitutes loitering.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

Who will read such a newspaper?

95% - Of Americans believe in God
70% - Say they believe in an afterlive
33% - Describe themselves as "Born Again Christians"
61% - Belong to one of 250 religious orders or denominations
84% - Say that religion is an important influence in their life
40% - Say that they attend a church or synagogue at least once a week
38% - Believe the Bible is to be taken literally, word for word.

Who goes to church:

Catholics - 56%
Protestants - 37%
Jews - 19%
Women - 43%
Men - 35%
Southerners - 43%
Midwesterners - 43%
Easterners - 28%
Westerners - 29%
Men and women older than 50 - 46%
Eighteen to 29 years old - 23%

Dr. James Dobson Answers Your Questions:

QUESTION: I am acquainted with a woman who needs people badly, but she unintentionally drives them away. She talks too much and constantly complains. I know she has a terrible inferiority complex. How can I tell her about these irritating faults without making her feel even worse about herself?

DR.DOBSON: You do it the way a porcupine mates: very, very carefully. Let me offer a general principle that has thousands of applications in dealing with people, including the situation you have posed. The right to criticize must be earned, even if the advice is constructive in nature.

Before you are entitled to tinker with another person's self-esteem, you are obliged first to demonstrate your own respect for him as a person. This is accomplished through an atmosphere of love, kindness and human warmth. Then when a relationship of confidence has been carefully constructed, you will have earned the right to discuss a potentially threatening topic. Your motives have thereby been clarified.

In response to your specific question, I would suggest that you invest some effort in building a healthy relationship with your verbose friend, and then feed her your suggestions in very small doses. And remember all the while that someone, somewhere, would like to straighten out a few of your flaws, too. We all have them.

QUESTION: My 10-year-old daughter hates pigtails because her friends don't wear their hair that way. I have always loved pigtails. Am I wrong to make her wear her hair the way I want?

DR.DOBSON: Yes, particularly if your daughter feels unnecessarily different and foolish around her friends. Social pressure on the nonconformist is severe, and you should not place your daughter in this uncomfortable position. Closeness between generations comes from the child's knowledge that his parent understands and appreciates his feelings. Your inflexibility on this point reveals a lack of empathy and may bring later resentment.

QUESTION: Is it possible to prevent all feelings of anger?

DR.DOBSON: No. It's important to remember that anger is not only a normal emotional response, it has a biochemical foundation, as well. The human body is equipped with an automatic defensive system, called the "flight or fight" mechanism, which prepares the entire organism for action.

Adrenalin is pumped into the bloodstream, which sets off a series of physiological responses within the body. Blood pressure is increased in accordance with an acceleration in heartbeats; the eyes are dilated for better peripheral vision; the hands get sweaty and the mouth becomes dry; and the muscles are supplied with a sudden burst of energy.

In a matter of seconds, the individual is transformed from a quiet condition to an "alarm reaction state." Most important, this is an involuntary response that occurs whether or not we will it.

Once the flight or fight hormones are released, it is impossible to ignore the intense feelings they precipitate. It would be like denying the existence of a toothache or any other tumultuous physical occurrence.

On the other hand, our reaction to the feeling of anger is more deliberate and responsive to voluntary control. When we suddenly "replay" the agitating event over and over in our minds, grinding our teeth in hostility and seeking opportunities for revenge, or lash out in some overt act of violence, then it is logical to assume that we cross over the line into something we ought not to do.

These questions and answers are excerpted from the book, Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions. Dr. Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Send your questions to Dr. Dobson c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (c) 1982 Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

The Rutherford Report

with John Whitehead*

The Prophetic Voice of George Orwell

George Orwell was one of the great prophetic voices of the twentieth century. As he gazed into the future, he imagined a time very much like our present day and a government with eerie similarities to our own-constantly preparing for war, constantly afraid of attack and perpetually preparing to annihilate its alleged opponents.

Orwell, however, might be surprised to learn how relevant and widely read his writings are at the dawn of the Third Millennium. At the time of his death in England in 1950, 46-year-old Orwell had been a writer for less than twenty years. For roughly half of that period, he lived in obscurity and poverty.

It was only with the publication of *Animal Farm* in 1946 that Orwell's work began to surface as a universal anthem against totalitarianism. By 1949, with the publication of *1984*, Orwell cemented his name in history.

Yet more than 50 years after its publication, Orwell's body of work- *1984*, in particular-is more relevant than ever before. The story of one man's nightmare odyssey through a world ruled by warring states and an authority structure that controls not only information but also individual thoughts and memories, *1984* is perhaps the only English contribution to the literature of twentieth-century totalitarianism that can stand with the writings of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, Arthur Koestler and others.

With stunning clarity, *1984* uncovers the living roots of totalitarianism in contemporary thought and speech. "If you want a picture of the future," one of Orwell's characters prophesies, "imagine a boot stamping on a human face-forever." Of course, with advances in technology and ever-increasing government surveillance, the situation has worsened since Orwell's imaginings of the future. Certainly Newspeak and Doublethink-two terms Orwell placed into the English language-describe the current wall-to-wall propaganda of the military-industrial-entertainment complex where reality and truth are produced by a managerial elite and broadcast to us 24 hours a day.

Orwell had the uncanny foresight to realize that although we present our society as one of freedom, individualism and idealism, these are, in reality, mostly words. Indeed, all it took was a tragedy such as the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack to shake the foundations of democracy. Within hours of the attacks, as society began to implode, Americans were willing to sacrifice their most sacred freedoms for a promise of security-amazingly from the very government that had failed to protect them.

In reaction, the U.S. government passed invasive and overreaching legislation that invites intrusion into the everyday lives of American citizens. For instance, the massive USA Patriot Act allows, among many other things, clandestine "black bag" searches of medical and financial records, computer, Internet and telephone communications and even a list of books Americans borrow from the library. The Act also merged the FBI, CIA and other clandestine agencies into a domestic and international secret police equipped with paramilitary forces. The power and authority now possessed by the U.S. government to investigate the average citizen is unparalleled in history.

Add to this the fact that surveillance cameras have sprung up virtually everywhere. The plain and simple truth is that we are all being watched. Government cameras stare at us from stoplights; they spy on our children at school and peer at us on street corners, in public parks and in public buildings. Many private companies also use these systems (which can be accessed by the government) to keep an eye on their employees and property. The surveillance cameras are often so tiny that they fit into the smallest openings.

Most of Orwell's insights on how authoritarianism develops stem from his incisive observations on war. First, he shows the economic significance of continuous arms production and the building of a war machine-something without which the economic system cannot function. For example, the American military budget for 2003 is approaching a staggering $400 billion. This, of course, leads to an inordinate influence of the military on an otherwise democratic society-a danger Dwight D. Eisenhower warned of as early as 1961 in his now infamous farewell address to the nation.

Furthermore, Orwell understood that the authority of a government over its citizens rests in its ability to wage war. And in *1984* he gives us an oppressive picture of a society that is constantly preparing for war, constantly afraid of attack (for example, by terrorists) and perpetually strategizing to completely annihilate alleged opponents. Orwell argues persuasively that we cannot retain any semblance of freedom and democracy under such circumstances. In the end, the military will become (in fact, if not in law) the dominant force in society.

Orwell also confronted the most pressing issue we presently face, one that raises important philosophical and religious issues. That is, can human nature be altered in such a way that people will forget the longing for freedom, dignity, integrity and love (longings that often consumed those of past generations)? Can we forget that we are human? Can humanity be obliterated? Or does human nature have an innate dynamism that will react against our basic human needs and attempt to change an inhuman society into a human one?

Orwell was always controversial, and his work remains so. According to the American Library Association, *1984* is one of the most targeted books for banning. Nevertheless, Orwell's ideas have been vindicated by time-and chillingly so. What Orwell illustrates "by his commitment to language as the partner of truth," writes Christopher Hitchens in *Why Orwell Matters* (Basic Books, 2002), "is that 'views' do not really count; that it matters not what you think, but *how* you think; and that politics are relatively unimportant, while principles have a way of enduring, as do the few irreducible individuals who maintain allegiance to them."

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1. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)
Everyone is a sinner - there are no exceptions.

2. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)
Death means separation forever from God. Eternal life comes by trusting Jesus Christ.

3. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)
God loved us sinners so much that He gave His son to die for our sins on the cross.

4. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9)
To be born again, you must believe that Jesus died for your sins and declare that you accept Him as Lord of your life and your personal Savior.

5. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)
This is God's promise to you that if you accept Jesus as Lord, He will accept you.

Call upon the Lord now as you pray this prayer:
Dear God, I know that I sinned by breaking Your laws, and I ask Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus died for my sins. I want to be born again and receive new life in Him. I will follow Jesus as my Lord and obey Him in all that I do. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Christianity snubbed atU.N. meeting

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Controversy started before the meeting began, mainly due to the absence of the Dalai Lama, spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Organizers of the summit reportedly did not initially invite the Dalai Lama because of a request from U.N. advisors and pressure from Chinese delegates. After public outcry, the Lama was invited to attend the final two days of the summit; he declined that offer. When Tibetan representatives read a prepared statement to the assembly on his behalf, delegates from China walked out of the room.

Postal Service orders "In God We Trust" poster removed

HOUSTON (EP) - A Texas postmistress has steadfastly refused to remove an "In God We Trust" poster displayed in her post office. U.S. Postal Service officials had ordered her to take it down because it was in violation of postal regulations. But according to the Houston Chronicle, Ida Miera declared that the poster, which still hangs in her post office as well as two others in Montgomery County, Texas, would only come down "over my dead body."

We can justify our every deed but God looks at our motives.
Proverbs 21:2

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Birthday Party Creations

Mom, are you stressed about what to do for your child's next birthday? Relax! Welcome to *MOMSense*. I'm Elisa Morgan.

As moms, we are "Creators of Birthday Parties." From a child's first birthday until that child leaves home, we are in charge of these annual celebrations, and we love to create them in memorable ways.

Shelly Radic, mother of four and an author, has written *The Birthday Book*, which provides parents with meaningful ways to celebrate the unique God-given life of their child. Shelly clarifies that a successful celebration does not mean bringing out all the bells and whistles of our consumer-oriented society. Instead, Shelly identifies a variety of ways to shower love on a birthday child. She writes:

"Busy mothers will be happy to know the list of required foods for a successful birthday party is actually rather short: a great cake, frosty-cold ice cream, and a plentiful supply of drinks. Any thing else served is, well, icing on the cake!"

And speaking of cake, it's important to ask the child what he or she wants. Again, Shelly writes:

"Children usually want a cake to go along with the party theme, but not always. Last year, my son wanted to go bowling for his birthday, but asked for a skateboard ramp birthday cake! Do your best to accommodate the child's wishes. Ask your child about his favorite cake flavor, frosting flavor, colors, and decorating ideas."

These are some of the ways to honor the child's unique personality in creating a birthday party.

We've placed an excerpt from Shelly's book on birthdays on our MOPS International web-site. You're sure to appreciate her fun and unique ideas for making your child's next birthday a success. To read more of Shelly's great celebration ideas, visit us at MOPS.org.

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The Student Bill of Rights

It was March of this year that the Principal of Northville High School told members of the Connect for Christ Bible Study Club that they could no longer meet on Campus. Nicole Pearce, a senior member of that group, contacted FTV for help after someone gave her a copy of our Student Bill of Rights. After much prayer and now with the full legal support of The Thomas More Center for Law and Justice, she decided to take a stand.

Dick Thompson, of the Thomas More Center said, "Either the Connect for Christ Club will be given all the rights and privileges of all the other non-curricular clubs or we will file a suit by the end of August."

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Ministry of Creation Science Evangelism

The following is the paraphrased essence of one of the critical junctures in American history. The scene is the 1925 Scopes Monkey Trial and defense attorney Clarence Darrow had goaded prosecuting attorney Williams Jennings Bryan to take the stand in defense of the Bible. "Mr. Bryan, the defense has one final question, 'Where did Cain find a wife?' "

"I don't know."

"Could you repeat your answer Mr. Bryan? The entire nation is listening via radio broadcast and this is a pretty basic and simple question. Let me rephrase it. If, as the Bible claims, Adam and Eve were the first man and women, and no other people existed, who did their son Cain find to marry?"

"I don't know."

Darrow made Bryan appear foolish because he did not know scripture well enough to defend the most basic of questions:

This trial marked a turning point in American education because for the first time the Bible was openly ridiculed. Bryan's inability to answer simple and logical questions was one factor allowing the American educational establishment to accept evolution hook, line, and sinker while rejecting the historical creation account of the Bible.

Even today most Christians do not know the answer to questions as basic as "Where did Cain find a wife?" The problem with not having reasonable answers to basic questions is that it brings all of Christianity into question. Why should people believe in a God whom they cannot see, if believers in that God cannot answers life's simplest questions about the past and our origin?

The reason that the answer to this question is not immediately apparent is that we have all been trained to think like evolutionists.

Evolution was founded on a principle of modern geology called uniformitarianism. This is the belief that small changes over vast periods of time caused the massive geologic (and later Darwin added biological) changes we see around us. In essence, we are trained to believe that everything has always pretty much operated as we see it today. However, this is not what the Bible teaches.

The Bible teaches that mankind was created perfect, without flaws. It was only after man's disobedience that imperfection entered God's creation. Thus mankind, as originally created, would not have had the myriad of genetic mistakes now present on our DNA. In opposition to what evolution teaches, mutations or mistakes on our DNA, do not lead to better and improved humans. These mistakes cause hundreds of debilitating illnesses and birth defects. The reason all of us are not born with enormous numbers of medical problems is because our genes are a combination of the characteristics of both our parents. It is only when both parents have the same mistake in their genes that their children manifest the resulting genetic problem.

Furthermore, these genetic mistakes accumulate and increase with time. In other words, the information on our DNA gets more garbled - it never increases in clarity. Since mistakes are accumulating on our DNA, it is logical to assume that as we go back in time there would be less mistakes. The reason brothers and sisters cannot marry today is because they are likely to have similar DNA errors leading to children with birth defects.
However, there were no moral laws against children intermarrying until after the time of Moses (approximately 4000 years ago). Before that time it was quite common.

The Bible states that Adam and Eve had MANY sons and daughters. Cain merely married his sister. The reason we don't realize this obvious answer is because we have been trained to believe things have always been the way they are today. The current world becomes far more understandable as we view it through a Biblical perspective, which acknowledges that the past, has at times, been very different than the present.

This Article is from Bruce Malone's book Search for the Truth <cse.asp?pg=products&specific=joenjrk8>.

West Bank fighting,

from page 1.

Year celebration, was a statement of that all Jews should be able to visit the sacred site peacefully, reports the Washington Post. Muslims at the site however took offense at Sharon's presence and threw stones at the large group of Israeli riot police patrolling the site. The violence has escalated since then and spread across Jerusalem and the West Bank with 206 dead and an estimated 1,300 injured.

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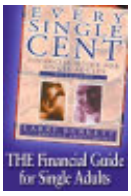

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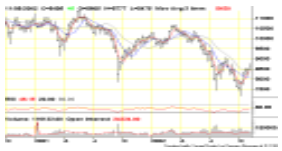

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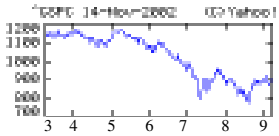

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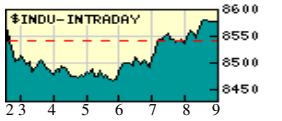

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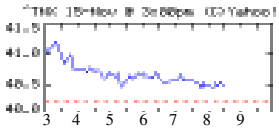

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FOOL'S SCHOOL DAILY Q&A

Beware of Hot Stock Tips

By (TMF Selena)
October 10, 2005

Q. A friend of mine is trying to sell me on some stock in a small company I have never heard of. Is there any way I can get more information on it?

A. Call the company and ask for an investor's package, which should supply a lot of information in the form of an annual report, press releases, and other reports. You might also look up these documents online at the company's own website or at the . Try searching for the company's website via or some other search engine. If you can't get much information about the company, it's a very bad sign.

Once you get your hands on the company's financial statements, scrutinize them. Check to see how much the company is generating in sales and net income (earnings). See how quickly these and other items are growing (or not growing). See how much debt the company is carrying. Find out what its prospects are. Make sure it's not a penny stock (trading for less than $5 per share). If it is, just walk away. Don't rely on rumors of upcoming breakthroughs or promises of profits — look for a solid track record.

You can also check whether there have been any complaints lodged against the company (or any security) by contacting the .

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If you have any questions, thoughts or opinions on this column, share them with others on our discussion board.

This question and answer is adapted from . For answers to this and 499 other common money questions, check it out — it's a handy resource.

What it really means to be financially free

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16. Financial freedom is knowing how to receive funds through prayer.

17. Financial freedom is having the courage to avoid partnerships.

18. Financial freedom is detecting and conquering slothfulness.

19. Financial freedom is listening to the cautions of your wife.

20. Financial freedom is knowing how to pass on an inheritance which insures a Godly and responsible heritage.

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Sonya
Grand Rapids, MI

Doing a fine job!

I appreciate the work you are doing to increase the presence of Christianity in the media. I believe that it is important for Christians to offer alternatives to the secular media, and you are doing a fine job!

Steve
Ohio

As a Christian (member of Hope CRC) I wish to thank you and commend you for your excellent editorial on the B.C. Comics issue. I have been trying to stay in touch with this issue through letter writing and conversaton with those involved. You have articulated some of my own views on this issue. I hope that through your newspaper and other Christian publications, Christians will wise up and stand againt the differnet and growing types of discrimination against us for being Christians.

Thanks again!

Ron

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The Cross is forth!

Dear Editor,

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The Olympic symbol of five linked rings was the most recognizable symbol in the world, recognized by 92 percent. The Shell Oil Company logo Shell and McDonald's Golden Arches were recognized by 88 percent. The Cross was identified correctly by only 54 percent of survey participants.

We have got to do better!

Christopher
Mayfield
London

Thank you for your dedication and hard work in keeping Christians informed of the issues of the day! I am sending you some homemade cookies for you and your staff! I thank the Lord for you and pray for your family everday!

Blessing in His Name,

Dennis & Sue

Found a copy.

I found a copy of your publication on an airplain I was taking to Washington, D.C. I was shocked to read the article about how the first grade kid had his Valintines taken away from him because they had a Bible verse on them! When will the schools learn that when you become a Christian you don't give up your First Amemdment Rights at the school door?

I am sending in a subscription form so I can always get the news from a Biblical World View! I know the secular media is bias by way of their world view. They are not reporting the same news from the same point of view!

Bob Atwater
Washington, D.C.

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From: john ravi chandran [mailto:johnravichandran@rediffmail.com]

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To: editor@morethanjustthenews.com

Subject: **praise the lord from undia**

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From the Editor:

Dear Readers,

Thank you for reviewing this mock-up of what a Nationwide National Christian Newspaper could look like! The newspaper you are looking at is about two-thirds the size the published newspaper will be. We intend to publish a full size standard newspaper, the same size as most daily secular newspapers.

Everything in this newspaper is a suggestion of what could go into such a newspaper. The type of news, the columnist and information, the Financial Page, the Entertainment and Sports Section with comics and weather forecast are all open for debate. If you have any suggestions or comments of what you would like to see in such a newspaper, please send them to me.

In the beginning, I plan to publish this newspaper weekly. After it is established as a nationwide national Christian newspaper, and after much prayer and deliberation, with God's Blessing, it could become a daily.

I believe the need for such a newspaper is self evident. The impact on the nation, the people and the world could be immediate and eternal!

If this newspaper is to truly serve the Christian Community then I need your input! Please fill out the survey on this page, make copies for your Christian friends, discus this topic at Sunday School. Let me know what your think, what you want and expect from such a newspaper! Only then will it be "our" newspaper!

Because of all the restrictions placed on not-for-profit "(501-C-3)" ministries by the IRS when it comes to discussing politics, social issues and the like, this newspaper has to be run as a for-profit business. Our tax status does not make us any less a ministry. The business of the newspaper must be operated as a business. What goes into the newspaper is ministry!

We plan to tithe back to the Christian Community each month on the previous month's profit. A board will be setup to review applications for ministry start-up grants, grants to existing ministries, emergency funding for disaster relief, missionary support and scholarships to Christian seminars, camps, schools and colleges.

This sample newspaper is not for public circulation or review. You have been chosen to review it because we value your opinion and involvement!

Thank you,

Jerry Fennell

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Miss America Unplugged

By Angie Vineyard, Research Fellow

"I would hate for an organization to try to latch onto my visibility to promote their own agenda, especially if it's something that I wouldn't agree with."

So said Miss America Erika Harold to a Washington Times reporter last week when asked about her partnership with the Anti-Defamation League. Harold was speaking about her collaboration with ADL on her youth violence prevention platform, clearly distancing herself from ADL's recently launched campaign advocating gay rights.

"One of the things that I make very clear when an organization wants me to work on their behalf is they support me in my platform. It doesn't mean I support them in their agenda in every other social issue," said Harold. "I don't know that they would support my views on abstinence. We haven't had that discussion because we're focused in that capacity on youth violence prevention." But for all intensive purposes, Harold could very well have been referring to her battle with the Miss America Organization, who not only shirked her views on abstinence but downright prohibited the former Miss Illinois from speaking publicly on the subject. That is, until the Times printed a front page article detailing the censorship hidden away from the media spotlight.

That article liberated Harold, who subsequently told reporters that Miss America Chief Executive George Bauer lifted the restrictions and would enable her to speak on abstinence.

"If I don't speak about it now as Miss America, I will be disappointing the thousands of young people throughout Illinois who need assurance that waiting until marriage for sex is the right thing to do," she told reporters. Speaking to thousands of young people is what Harold has been doing, visiting classrooms, making appearances at fairs and rallies and even a correctional facility to promote abstinence. She traveled more than once to the nation's capitol to lobby legislators for an increase in abstinence-until-marriage program funding and even submitted written testimony to the House Ways and Means Committee this year.

"Initially, I thought the kids were going to boo. I expected they were going to just laugh me right on out," she said of her many chastity talks. "But I will tell you, the kids came up after me and said, 'You know what, I'm glad that you came to tell me this because you made me realize that I have hope, that even if I've made decisions that I wasn't proud of, that I don't have to be confined by them. I can still make a positive decision in the future.'"

How unfortunate, and telling, that Harold can garner more respect from teenagers than from the Miss America Organization, the very group that seeks to promote role models for today's youth. After all, this is their beauty queen, their shining star, their go-getter!

What does the Miss America Organization expect from an intelligent woman headed for Harvard Law School and a career in public policy? Do they really think they can herald themselves as the world's leading provider of scholarships for young women while simultaneously silence the very woman they chose for her intelligence, charm and impassioned beliefs?

Kate Shindle never had this problem. But then again, Kate Shindle never talked about abstinence. As the 1998 Miss America, Shindle promoted condom distribution in schools and needle exchange programs as part of her HIV and AIDS awareness platform.

Incidentally, the Miss America Organization's website directs viewers to pick up a copy of Shindle's recently released CD at Virgin Records - perhaps their only comfortable association with the term. But now they have a different Miss America on their hands. Instead of swapping needles and passing out condoms, this one wants to promote abstinence - the only full-proof way to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.

"One of the things that the CEO of the Miss America Organization said to me is, 'Whatever you say, you own it and you have to take responsibility for it,'"

Harold told reporters before she won her right of free speech with pageant officials. But owning her words never had been a problem for Harold, at least not before being crowned Miss America. Hopefully, it never will be again.

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Why The Democrats Are The Way They Are

By Phyllis Schlafly

If you wonder why the Democratic Party has regressed into sycophantic cheerleading for radical feminist candidates (such as the Hillary Clinton clones running this year), the explanation is in a new book called "Guide to Feminist Organizations." As Midge Decter says in her foreword, this book is long overdue, and we thank Capital Research Center and author Kimberly Schuld for providing such a useful tool.

By setting forth the facts about 35 feminist groups, this guide clarifies how the radical feminists built their political power so that they are falsely touted by the media as "the voice of women," even though all polls show that the big majority of women reject the label "feminist." The feminists did it by organization, networking and lots of money, much of which came from leftwing foundations, corporations headed by weak-kneed executives, and grants of taxpayers' funds.

The feminist groups detailed in the guide include the noisy activist organizations, the decades-old women's groups that had respectable reputations until they were captured by the feminists, the think tanks that grind out dubious data to fortify feminist follies, and the abortion-propaganda groups masquerading under the euphemism "women's health." Networking keeps them interconnected and well- funded.

These groups may appear to have different missions, but they have a common ideology: Women are victims of an oppressive patriarchal society; all men are guilty both individually and collectively; and men who abuse women are not anomalous but typical.

They claim that women's problems are not personal but societal and require constitutional, legislative or litigious remedies. The liberation of women (from home, husband, family and children) requires government to fill the gap with tax-funded services, lawyers and daycare.

First among the activist and advocacy organizations is the National Organization for Women (NOW), which spent $5,292,025 in 2000. Loud and brassy, NOW lobbies for feminist legislation, organizes protest rallies, initiates lawsuits, and always backs Democratic Party candidates and proposals.

The NOW agenda supports all abortion rights including partial- birth abortion, gay and lesbian rights, worldwide legalization of prostitution, and unrestricted access to pornography in libraries. According to the guide, "NOW revels in attacking Christianity and traditional values, conservative ideas and men," with Rush Limbaugh, Jerry Falwell and Promise Keepers their favorite targets.

Free speech? Forget it; no internal dissent is tolerated. NOW demanded that its members give unquestioning support to Bill Clinton despite his shabby sexual shenanigans.

Tammy Bruce, former president of the Los Angeles NOW, spilled the beans about how Bill Clinton bought NOW's support with taxpayer grants for "tobacco control" from the Department of Health and Human Services: "California NOW and National NOW received three-quarters of a million dollars ($767,099) during the [Paula] Jones and [Monica] Lewinsky scandals."

The League of Women Voters abandoned its former credibility and became a federally funded lobby to expand the size of government so that it can accommodate expensive feminist programs. The League, which spent $4,620,246 in 2000, supports gun control, abortion access, universal health care, more environmental regulation, and increased power for the United Nations.

The American Association of University Women turned itself into a vehicle to clamor for claims of feminists whose off-the-wall hypotheses aren't taken seriously in the academic world. AAUW spent $9,512,044 in 2000.

The feminists use the YWCA to teach radical feminism to the next generation. The Girl Scouts went feminist after they took Betty Friedan on their board; they dropped "loyalty" from the oath, began a condom-friendly sex-ed program, and made belief in God optional.

Most of the activist feminist organizations have 501(c)(3) sister groups with interlocking directors and offices, such as NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, which had income of $7,318,269 in 2000. They pursue the same agenda, including government-funded daycare, paid entitlements for family leave, unrestricted access to abortion, comparable worth, affirmative action, universal health insurance, and anti-male implementation of Title IX.

As the guide states, "It's hard to see where NOW political lobbying ends and NOW Foundation education activity begins."

Funding for feminist foundations comes from many sources that ought to know better. NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund has raked in corporate donations from a long list topped by ABC, AT&T, American Express, Chase Manhattan, Colgate-Palmolive, IBM, Johnson & Johnson, New York Times Foundation, Revlon, Saks, and New York brokerage houses; from Ford, Rockefeller and other wealthy foundations; and $1,678,252 in government grants since 1996.

We hope Capital Research will produce a follow-up guide to detail the direct political expenditures of the feminist network. EMILY's List, which contributes only to Democratic pro-abortion feminist candidates, put $20 million into political campaigns in 2000 and another $20 million into campaigns this year.

That's twice as much as the second largest political action committee. Such a vast amount of money explains why Democratic Senators don't dare to confirm a judge who is pro-life.

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Israelis choose conservative Sharon in national election

JERUSALEM, Israel (EP) - Former Israeli General Ariel Sharon, 72, defeated Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak in a special election Feb. 6. Sharon promised that as Prime Minister, he will act to guarantee the security of Israel. Barak conceded that evening after thanking his supporters and acknowledging the "voters have spoken."

"We have lost a battle, but we will win the war," Barak told the Associated Press. "Our path is the one and only path, the path that will lead Israel to peace and security." Barak also announced he will quit his position in the Israeli parliament.

Other Israeli leaders were not as optimistic with the outcome of the national election. "It's a disaster for Israeli democracy and the Israeli people, because they totally want something Sharon is unable to deliver," said parliament member Yael Dayan.

Sharon and his supporters were confident that the election was a strong rejection of Barak and his 19-month-old government. "To those who want security for the citizens of Israel, I will bring it," Sharon said after the outcome of the election was announced.

However, Sharon's military past is evidence that he will only bring more chaos, claim Palestinians, who blame Sharon for massacres at two Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut in 1982.

Sharon has already stated he will not offer a peace deal to Palestinian negotiators that concedes control of Jerusalem or Palestinian-held territories. The last peace plan that Barak had placed on the table included handing over the West Bank and Gaza Strip to form a Palestinian state, as well as control of Arab neighborhoods in Jerusalem.

Sharon grabbed international headlines when he attempted to visit sites considered holy to both Jews and Muslims in September. The visit started weeks of rioting between Palestinians and Israeli troops.

Sharon supporters deny that the leader's visit to the Temple Mount was the cause of the violence. "While the Sharon visit may have been an excuse for the violence, it was not the cause. As has already been suggested, the cause is deeper-rooted and predates Mr. Sharon's visit by some time," said a report from Israel's Foreign Ministry published in the Jerusalem Post.

Israel's Arab neighbors expressed uncertainty about Sharon's recent victory. "We will wait and see what Sharon will do," said Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told CNSnews.com. "Will it be a policy of peace or that of suppression?"

King Abdullah of Jordan dismissed the Israeli elections as unimportant to his country's stability, reports Julie Stahl in Jerusalem.

Church Fires are anti-Christian, not anti-Black

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motivation for the girl's attack was "anti-Christian" not anti-black. One Jewish man was arrested for setting fires at Jewish synagogues. Several whites have been charged with setting white churches on fire as have blacks been charged with burning down black churches. In 20 cases investigated, 32 people were arrested, none of them had a racially driven motivation, according to John Robison, State Fire Marshal of Alabama.

Some would argue that white churches outnumber black churches, so the roughly equal number of arson attacks can be seen as disproportionately affecting black churches. The government's solution is new laws and more power for the government. The Church Arson Prevention Act, now before Congress, will eliminate the $10,000 minimum property damage threshold for church property crimes, making it a federal crime to damage a place of worship.

The AFT has requested $12 million to intensify federal efforts to resolve the church fires. Over 200 federal agents are reportedly on the case. The AFT has a toll free tip line for reporting imformation about any church fire: 1-888-ATF-FIRE.

A number of Christian agencies have taken steps to rebuild churches victimized by arson: Compassion International has created an emergency fund to help churches which are attacked. To contribute, call 1-800-336-7676.

Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization which builds low-income housing will coordinate volunteer laborers on rebuilding projects.

The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, the relief and development arm of the CRC, adopted a resolution expressing support for churches victimized by fires, and committed itself to provide volunteers as needed. The Southern Baptist Convention pledged many thousands of dollars and the services of more than 17,000 volunteer construction workers to help rebuild churches destroyed by fire.

Rev. Billy Graham said he will help raise money to rebuild churches.

The theme of this year's Promise Keepers conferences is "Break Down the Walls," focusing on crossing denominational and racial lines.

The Christian Coalition (CC) held a summit with pastors and civil-rights leaders in Atlanta. Earlier this year CC offered a reward leading to the arrest and conviction of any church arsonist.

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Judge upholds settlement favoring Pro-Lifers and rebukes State Attorney General

Legal Facts

U.S. District Court Judge Peter Dorsey, in Vazquez v. Summit Women's Center, Inc., 301 CV 955, endorsed a settlement between the City of Bridgeport, Conn., and 10 pro-life protestors. The city agreed that it would not enforce the city loitering ordinance against pro-life counselors, nor would it attempt to enforce an injunction against them that had been issued against another protestor. The city also agreed to pay the protestors $30,000 in damages and attorneys' fees. Also, the city acknowledged in writing that the activities of pro-life advocates at Summit Women's Center in Bridgeport ("Summit") are constitutionally protected speech.

The protestors filed suit against the city, the Summit Women's Clinic, and clinic escorts in May, 2001, after Bridgeport police imposed an arbitrary no-speech zone outside the center, and threatened to arrest any protestor who came within 30 feet of the clinic. The protestors settled with the clinic and the escorts. Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, however, sought to intervene in the suit on behalf of the police department and the clinic. Judge Dorsey rebuked Blumenthal for his efforts, and denied the state's motion to intervene.

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