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"Protecting the Rights of the Family Through Prayer and Action"

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Director's Notes

Prayer and Bible Study in our Government *"When the righteous rule, the people rejoice"*

The Psalmist tells us in Psalms 33:12, *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."* Encouraging signs in our national and state governments indicate that our nation is turning to the Lord.

Each Thursday from noon to 1:00 p.m. "some four dozen staffers from all over the White House complex" join for prayer and Bible study, according to Joel C. Rosenberg of *World* magazine (August 18, 2001). These gatherings "include individuals from presidential personnel, speech-writing, public liaison, the office of the White House counsel, the vice president's staff, and even White House interns." The meetings' purpose is "to give Christians the opportunity to break away from their high-stress work for an hour and remember in whose kingdom they really serve." Another Bible study meets on Tuesdays, along with well over 100 Bible study and prayer groups that meet regularly on Capitol Hill.

Prayer and Bible study are not limited to our nation's capital. The *Catacombs Caucus* meets every Wednesday morning in the Governor's Conference Room during the South Dakota legislative session. Legislators, lobbyists and other personnel meet for prayer, Bible study, testimony, praise and worship.

Although this news is encouraging, it is not license to become complacent. Now more than ever Christians must pray for our nation and its leaders. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 urges us to pray for those in authority. Let us always remember that prayer is the backbone of Concerned Women for America.

Do you have a friend or two that you consider prayer partners? CWA's Prayer/Action Chapters are simply you and your prayer partners joining on a regular basis to pray for our leaders and current issues. You may also disseminate information to your friends regarding current legislation. Sally Seward, our Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator, is ready to help you get started. The time is NOW to blanket

South Dakota with Prayer/Action Chapters. Contact us!

From the State Capitol

Cindy Flakoll, our Legislative Liaison, and I spent many days at the State Capitol during the legislative session. Please read Cindy's complete report on page 2.

We appreciate Rep. Tom Hennies' (Dist. 32) courage in sponsoring HB1061, an act to provide for the crime of bestiality and to prescribe certain penalties. After hearing Rep. Hennies (a retired police chief) testify in committee, we expressed our appreciation to him for the sensitive and prudent manner in which he had spoken. He explained to us that the crime of bestiality was previously contained in a South Dakota statute that had been repealed. Immediately, our thoughts turned to Alfred Kinsey, the "father of the sexual revolution."

Out of curiosity, Cindy and I did some research in the Legislative Research Council Library at the Capitol. We found that on February 12, 1976, our state Legislature had repealed a host of statutes relating to "crimes against public morals" and "crimes against nature."

We felt as if we were witnessing a funeral of virtue and morality in our culture. Many of those good statutes were dead, due to the influence of Alfred Kinsey's deviant research. Laws are important. People tend to form their view of what is right or wrong based on what the law says. Our Christian heritage tells us that the foundation for laws should come from God.

To add insult to injury, Hollywood is preparing to produce a movie idealizing Kinsey. Is it not enough that Kinsey's influence has corrupted our culture by "normalizing" sexual deviancy? Will he now be memorialized by Hollywood? Read more about Kinsey on page 3.

Thank you for your hospitality

Thank you to CWA members Joyce Goehring and Ann Propst who provided lodging for Cindy and me while we were in Pierre for the session. Thank you, Joyce and Ann, for blessing CWA with your hospitality.

—Linda Schauer, State Director

The mission of Concerned Women for America is to protect and promote Biblical values among all citizens—first through prayer, then education, and finally by influencing our society—thereby reversing the decline in moral values in our nation.

Points from Pierre

CWA of SD's Legislative Liaison reports on the Seventy-Eighth Session, Legislative Assembly, 2003

The 2003 Legislative Session opened at the Capitol on January 14, where two volunteer lobbyists, State Director Linda Schauer and myself, represented you. As we scrambled to familiarize ourselves with so many new legislators, we also began watching the computers for the nearly 500 bills expected to reach the legislative body.

We, along with several pro-life organizations, due to the initial research and earnestness of Mrs. Sandy Rhoden (wife of Rep. Larry Rhoden of Union Center), began to craft legislation that would more fully inform women before they obtain an abortion. By January 30, the coalition had proposed **Senate Bill 172**, popularly known as "the Web site bill," which would require the Department of Health to update the 1993 "informed consent booklet" via a multi-media Web site. The Web site's topics would include embryonic/fetal development, survival possibilities of the unborn child, abortion methods/risks, pre-abortion procedures, post-abortion complications, parental notification requirements, assistance services, adoption options, pregnancy risks, etc. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Schoenbeck of Watertown and Rep. Heineman of Sioux Falls, can be read in its entirety at <http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2003/bills/SB172p.pdf>. "It's a brilliant idea. I wish I had thought of it!" said Michael Schwartz, CWA vice president for government relations, when I informed him of the bill. As I write this, SB 172 has passed both houses and awaits Gov. Rounds' signature.

HB 1068, sponsored by Rep. McCaulley of Sioux Falls and Sen. Schoenbeck, is a bill to allow home-school (alternative instruction) students to participate in interscholastic activities, at the approval of the local school board. Numerous legislators defended the right of alternative students to participate, stating that it is discriminatory not to allow it since the students' families pay property taxes/school and public lands taxes. **HB 1068** passed the House 43-25 and the Senate 22-10. Gov. Rounds improved some language in the bill, both Houses agreed, and the bill awaits signatures.

Rep. Tom Hennies, Rapid City and Sen. Drue Vitter, Hill City, brought **HB 1061**, an act to criminalize bestiality and make the crime a Class 6 felony. The bill is discussed at length elsewhere in this newsletter.

Reps. Wick, McCaulley and Weems and Sen. Knudson sponsored bills to restrict video lottery. All were defeated,

apparently because legislators did not want the bills to adversely affect the budget, though this was a debatable issue.

We observed and/or worked to defeat several bills, including: **HB 1173**, brought by Rep. Bill Peterson Sioux Falls, and Sen. Bogue, Dupree. This was an act to create a constitutional revision commission. CWA opposes "opening up" the Constitution, which many legislators referred to as a "sacred document." We opposed this bill and it was defeated in the Senate on February 28. **HB 1205**, which originated with Reps. Adelstein of Rapid City and LaRue of Sturgis, aimed to reorganize the state's school districts. Rep. Heineman extensively amended (hoghoused) the bill, and it and became an act to study the consolidation of school districts. The Senate Appropriations Committee voted to "kill" this bill by a vote of 8-1 on March 3.



*Cindy Flakoll and
Linda Schauer*

SCR 9 is a resolution requesting that our U.S. senators support the floor vote and nomination of judicial nominee Miguel Estrada. Estrada's nomination has languished many months and he has not been given an up or down vote as of March 8. This resolution shows that a majority of our legislators understand the grave importance of appointing judges who do not legislate from the bench. Estrada is considered to be a judge who interprets the Constitution as our Founding Fathers intended.

You can access your legislators' votes by calling me at 605-358-8651, or on the Internet at <http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2003/index.cfm>. Type in the bill number, e.g., type "1205" for "HB 1205," and you will be able to click on bill status/votes.

Blessings to all of you in the field.

Without your support, none of these victories would have been possible.

*--Cindy Flakoll, Legislative Liaison for CWA
of South Dakota*

We are in need of a Communications Coordinator to complete our State Steering Committee. This is a volunteer position that requires basic computer and writing skills.

Call Linda at 1-888-255-6551 for details.

The Kinsey Connection

What ever happened to virtue?

(***Please note: Sensitive subject matter, not appropriate for children.)

What has happened to our society? Children are having oral sex in middle school, and young people are falling victim to more than 20 different sexually transmitted diseases. Sex permeates movies, music and the media. How did our values plummet so fast?

The answer lies largely with **Dr. Alfred Kinsey, who in the 1940s** revolutionized American culture with his philosophy of human sexuality. Today America is reaping the grim consequences.

Zoologist Alfred Kinsey sparked the sexual revolution with his reports on *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* (1948) and *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female* (1953). He argued that deviant sexual activity is normal and natural, and that children are sexual from birth.

How did Kinsey come to the frightening conclusion that children are sexual? That is the most frightening aspect of his story. **Kinsey was a silent partner** in the molestation of hundreds of children by encouraging pedophiles to sexually abuse children and record the results. He fashioned a theory of "child sexuality" that permeates virtually all sex education today except abstinence programs. **Kinsey believed that society should not stifle any sexual activity. Kinsey took our culture from chastity to the sexual revolution and from there to special rights for homosexuals.**

Sadly, politicians, judges, educators and homosexual rights advocates still quote Kinsey's reports as valid and trustworthy. In an attempt to validate homosexuality,

pedophilia, incest and bestiality, Kinsey sacrificed scientific and intellectual honesty. For instance, the most **propagated myth of the "homosexual rights movement"**—that 10 percent of Americans are "gay"—was reaped directly from Kinsey's data. He said that up to 10 percent of men over 18 had experienced an exclusively homosexual experience for at least three years, and that 4 percent of the population is exclusively homosexual and another 4 percent exclusively heterosexual. The remaining 92 percent, he claimed, is bisexual.

The fraudulent and criminal Kinsey studies have literally changed the face of our country. We have gone **from chastity to the sexual revolution and from there to special rights for homosexuals.** Clearly, this philosophy is a vicious assault on the family, the building block of our entire nation.

Over 50 years of Kinsey deception have moved our culture into a world of sexual and moral depravity. With this we have epidemic levels of rape, sexually transmitted diseases, illegitimacy, child molestation, promiscuity, pornography and broken lives.

America has bought into the Kinsey lie far too long. As parents, educators, and concerned citizens, we need to stand up to this assault on our children. America's children deserve a chance to grow up unfettered by the chains of premature sexualization.

Virtue: Moral goodness: the practice of moral duties and the abstaining from vice; or a conformity of life and conversation to the moral law.
-- Webster's 1828 Dictionary

South Dakota Constitution—Art. VI—BILL OF RIGHTS
Maintenance of free government – Fundamental principles.
The blessings of a free government can only be maintained by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality, and virtue and by frequent recurrence to fundamental principles.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Concerned Women of America
FROM: Attorney General Lawrence Long
RE: **Planned Parenthood v. Janklow - Update**

On February 13, 2003, the federal district court of South Dakota denied the State defendants' motion for a new trial and motion to set aside judgment in the Planned Parenthood v. Janklow lawsuit. In so ruling, the court stood by its earlier decision finding the following two South Dakota statutes unconstitutional; SDCL 34-23A-4, which requires abortions following the twelfth week of pregnancy to be performed only by a physician in a hospital, or when a hospital is not available, in a medical clinic or office which has a blood bank or sufficient supply of blood immediately available; and SDCL 22-17-5, which imposes criminal liability on physicians performing abortions in violation of state statutes.

The court found the statutes imposed an undue burden on a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, and also found SDCL 34-23A-4 to be void for vagueness. The court relied upon previous decisions of the United States Supreme Court and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals evaluating other states' statutes similar to the ones at issue in South Dakota. The State is appealing the district court's decision to the Eighth Circuit Court, contending that South Dakota's statutory scheme is distinguishable from those previously considered by the courts. The State will also argue that the district court failed to apply the correct legal analysis and failed to consider relevant facts in analyzing the case.

Pledge of Allegiance Poster

Help Students Learn the
Meaning of our
Pledge of Allegiance

CWA of South Dakota is offering this beautiful and colorful Pledge of Allegiance poster (11"x22") for a \$3.00 donation.

Below each phrase of the Pledge is a meaningful explanation. Why not consider donating a poster to each classroom in your local school? What a great way to promote patriotism and an understanding of our Pledge!



Tyranny on the Bench

"And that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth." President Abraham Lincoln

Americans are outraged as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reaffirmed its decision that the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance was an unconstitutional endorsement of religion and could not be recited in schools. This decision is another casualty of judicial activism—whereby judges make the law instead of interpreting it.

Today in America, federal judges, a small group of people, too often create law. However, you and I do not elect them. Their judgments go unchallenged. They think they can do a better job running the country than the people. And, Americans are forced to abide by their decisions.

Federal judges are nominated by the president, approved first by the Senate Judiciary Committee, then by the entire Senate, and given life-tenured positions. Increasingly, America suffers from judicial activism. Judicial activism occurs when a judge, believing a law is unjust, substitutes his or her own personal policy preferences over that law. Such judicial lawmaking is wrong and unconstitutional. In our representative republic, the people, through their elected representatives or through referenda, enact laws.

One of the most egregious examples of judicial activism is found in *Roe v. Wade*. There, under guise of privacy rights, the Court held that a woman had a constitutionally protected right to an abortion. Instead of applying the laws to cases, judges created laws from the bench.

On the other hand, when judges rightly rule from a judicial restraint position, they give deference to laws already

in place by discerning the intent of the law. *Restrained*, or *originalists*, judges believe the original intent of the law should govern. Homosexuality, abortion, religious liberty, and racial preference—every one of these cultural problems was ushered in by judicial decision, not legislation. Tyrannical decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court have the

most sweeping impact on Americans.

America needs strong leaders who consider themselves under Constitutional law. Our country, our way of government, our freedoms, depend on the Constitution. It begins: "We the people." Only lawmakers—the people and their elected representatives—can change it. We cannot allow the Supreme Law of the Land to be blown about by the winds of judicial tyranny.

Holding to his promise, President Bush has nominated judges to the courts who exercise judicial restraint. While the judicial vacancy crisis continues, the far-left alliance of feminist, pro-abortion and other liberal groups is manipulating the Senate to obstruct the confirmation process. Liberal senators impede the judicial selection process, imposing ideological litmus tests, assassinating a nominee's character, and distorting judicial records. They seek a judiciary that will disregard the law and impose its own political agenda, an agenda that the people would not choose for themselves.



Steering Committee member
Sally Seward and
Sandy Herr

Prayer and Action

Please pray that the Senate would confirm judges who believe the original intent of the law should govern. Call our senators and ask them to confirm the President's judicial nominees.

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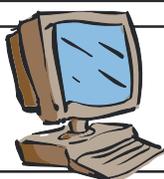
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