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A Word From the State Director

Exposing Radical Islam and Unmasking Sharia Law

Exclusive use of American constitutional law in American courts is being challenged across our country. Currently there are over 50 cases in both trial and appellate stages where “Shariah law has entered into state court decisions, in conflict with the Constitution and state public policy” (<http://shariahinamericancourts.com/>).

According to a November, 2011, article in *American Thinker*, “The Qu’ran commands Muslims to change secular laws to conform to sharia, eventually establishing Islamic law worldwide” (http://www.americanthinker.com/2011/11/the_case_for_banning_sharia_in_america/).

So what is wrong with Sharia? Recently an article was published in Britain that said, “To understand the impact of Sharia law you have to look at other [i.e., Islamic] countries. At its heart it has basic inequalities between Muslims and non-Muslims, and between men and women. The problem with Sharia law being used in tribunals [in

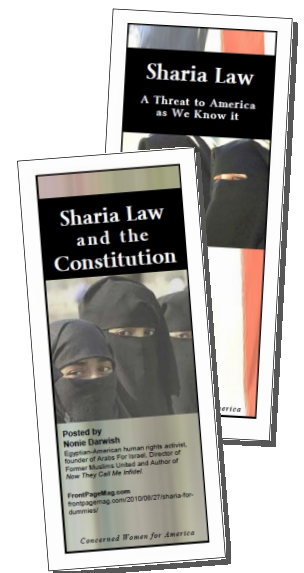
Britain] is that it compromises the tradition of equality for all under the law. It threatens the fundamental values that underpin our society. This is from the Voice of the Copts (<http://www.voiceofthecoeps.org/op-eds/how-sharia-undermines-western-justice-with-addendum/>).

As we hear more frequently of “honor killings,” “mutilation,” “stoning” or “beheading” penalties for infractions of Sharia law, we must make ourselves aware of the consequences of allowing our United States justice system to be corrupted by this harsh, biased, unjust system. Months ago *Time magazine* published a picture on their cover of a young woman whose nose had been cut off as punishment. This is not American justice. David Yerushalmi, an Orthodox Jewish lawyer based in New York who is considered a national leader in the anti-Sharia movement, recently wrote concerning

proposed Pennsylvania anti-Sharia legislation, “Because jihad necessarily advocates violence and the destruction of our representative, Constitution-based government, the advocacy of jihad by a Shariah authority presents a real and present danger” (http://www.jewishexponent.com/article/24991/Should_Shariah_Count_in_Court/).

Save the Date
Exposing Radical Islam and Unmasking Sharia Law Event
September 15, 2012

Concerned Women for America of Texas will provide you a unique opportunity to learn about this threat to our nation, its families and its justice system. Join us and hear guest speaker Bill Federer, author of the best-selling book, *What Every American Needs to Know About the Qur’an – A History of Islam & the United States*. He will focus on Islam’s past and recent history and will expose the underlying tenets of Sharia Law and how it threatens our state, nation and family. On



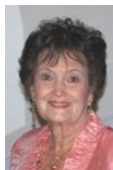
Two great CWA resources at <http://www.cwfa.org/brochures/>.
Feel free to print and distribute liberally.

Saturday afternoon, September 15, 2012, at the Capitol Auditorium in Austin, Texas from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., you will have the opportunity to listen to Mr. Federer and members of the Texas Legislature speak on this important issue. Watch for registration information in subsequent newsletters and visit our webpage at: <http://texas.cwfa.org>.

Another Save the Date *Leadership Training* *September 15, 2012*

When you are planning your September 15, 2012 trip to Austin, make sure you plan to be there at 8:00 a.m. Plans are being made right now for a “mini-leadership” conference similar to those normally held in Washington,

D.C. Save the time and watch for speakers, conference information, and other opportunities.



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East Texas Area News

The 2012 Primary Election Schedule

On December 16, 2011, the U.S. District Court three-judge panel signed an agreement with the Texas Democratic Party and the Republican Party of Texas for the following unified primary election schedule.

Nov. 28 – December 19, 2011: Initial filing dates for a place on the ballot. Under the new agreement a subsequent date will be set to reopen the filing period.

Feb. 1, 2012: Last day to file for a place on the ballot under the new agreement.

Feb. 3, 2012: First day to apply for a ballot by mail.

Mar. 5, 2012: Last day to register to vote for this election.

Mar. 19, 2012: First day of

early voting.

Mar. 30, 2012: Last day of early voting.

Apr. 3, 2012 – Primary election day

April 6, 2012: First day to apply for ballot by mail.

May 7, 2012: Last day to register to vote for this election.

May 29, 2012: First day of early voting.

June 1, 2012: Last day of early voting.

June 5, 2012 – Primary Runoff election day

Senate, District and County Conventions will take place on April 14 or April 21 according to the agreement. The dates will be announced soon by each party's chairman.

The National General Election is November 6, 2012.

You will find a [listing of candidates who have filed for a position on the Texas Primary ballot](#) on our Texas webpage. Offices are: U.S. President; U.S. Senator from Texas; U.S. Representatives from 36 districts; Texas State Senators from 31 districts; Texas State Representatives from 150 districts; and Texas State Board of Education from 15 districts.



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North Texas Walk for Life

First Baptist Church
1707 San Jacinto
Dallas

January 21, 2012

9 a.m. - Open House

10:30 a.m. - Rally
Center Stage

12:00 noon - Parade
to the Federal Court
House Where *Roe V. Wade* was Filed

Central Texas Rally For Life

State Capitol
Austin

January 28, 2012

1 p.m. - March to the
Capitol from parking
lot at 15th &
Colorado Street

2 p.m. - Rally on South
Steps of Capitol

Speakers:

Attorney General
Greg Abbot
Carol Everett

North Texas Area News

Politics or Public Policy?

As we head into this election year full throttle, I wanted to take a moment to clarify some terms. You need to be ready to explain these terms as you visit with friends, family and acquaintances during the next

several months. When people ask you about your involvement in CWA, please remind them with grace that CWA is **NOT** political. It's not about politics or involved with politicians. These terms

tend to conjure up mudslinging, sneaky backroom deals and compromise. CWA is none of those things!

CWA was founded upon the

idea that God's standards needed to be America's standards. Mrs. LaHaye was concerned that our nation was drifting away from God's best and decided to take a stand for truth. CWA has been

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standing for truth since then. Truth cannot be bent, stretched, or gotten around. It stands alone while all else around it shakes and is destroyed. Our politicians were trying to pass the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) to “help” women, but Mrs. LaHaye saw through the veil of deception and reminded America of God’s intended role for women. In the end truth prevailed, and this amendment was not passed.

The role of CWA is to remind, educate and inspire us to call this nation back to Biblical principles. What happens in the public sector (public policy) affects us all. We want our laws to protect the freedoms we have in Jesus

Christ. We want our laws to honor God. We want our elected officials to be full of the fear of the Lord because that is where wisdom is found. In every branch of government at every level God’s truth needs to be respected. Where this is not happening, CWA needs to be there to call to account those responsible. That is the work of CWA. We watch what is happening in the public square and strive to be an influence for good, for Godly standards and truth.

It sounds like a tall order, but rest assured you are not alone. The power of God’s Spirit in you will cause you to be gentle, articulate and kind, as well as assertive, bold and

uncompromising on truth. You will be respected as you engage others on the issues because of the power of the Spirit poured upon you through prayer. Prayer must always precede action, but action must always follow prayer. These are the tools CWA employs to earn the “lady-like,” professional reputation we enjoy as an organization. You are able because our God is able! Now get out there and make a difference in 2012.



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Central Texas Area News

Macy’s - Not a Family-friendly Place to Shop

There are some companies that are actively supporting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) agenda in our nation; therefore, they will not be getting my business. In the past week one more store has been added to my list – Macy’s (also their affiliate company Bloomingdales).

The Macy’s store in San Antonio, Texas, decided to fire one of its employees, Natalie Johnson, after she noticed a cross-dressing man wearing lipstick coming out of the women’s dressing room; she politely told him the rooms were only for women. The man and several friends who were with him began shouting profanities at

Natalie and demanded to speak with her supervisor. After the management of the store assured the man that Macy’s was indeed a LGBT friendly store and transgender men could use the women’s dressing rooms, the supervisor then summoned Natalie into an office where she was forced to choose between upholding the company policy or job termination. What Natalie upheld were her values and belief that it was a dangerous precedent to allow men to change in a women’s dressing room where there were also young girls and for that, she was fired.

Action: We need to spread the word to all of Concerned

Women for America’s Prayer/ Action Chapters and Home Teams to send this information to their friends and family members and ask them to e-mail Macy’s President, Terry Lundgren, at macys_execs@macys.com or call the headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio, at 513-579-7000. You could also call Jim Sluzewski, Senior Vice President of Corporate Communications, at 513-579-7764, or Julie Strider in Macy’s Media Relations at 646-429-5213. Tell them that you are not only deeply disturbed and outraged at the firing of Natalie Johnson, but are adamant that as long as they hold to the policy of allowing men to dress in the women’s dressing rooms, you



will not feel safe to shop there nor take your daughters, nieces, or granddaughters there.

Even if a man wears a dress or wears lipstick, it does not make him a woman. It is absurd if one thinks so. Stores need to draw a line in the sand, especially for the safety of their customers. Make no mistake there are women, or young girls, who could suffer harm by having to dress with a man in the stall right beside her.

On December 6 at the United Nations, Hillary Clinton championed LGBT “rights.” She claimed that LGBT persons are born that way,

and it is something they cannot change. We know from all of the facts and testimonies of those who have come out of LGBT lifestyles that is simply a lie. They can and do change all of the time. It is a behavior and a choice, and this is why there are several nationwide ministries helping those who want to be free from this lifestyle. Statistics and facts have already proven the destructiveness of these behaviors (such as the high numbers of sexually transmitted diseases in the homosexual community). Yet despite that, the LGBT agenda wants to alter OUR lifestyles by intimidating us to accept what we know is not of

God, by trying to inhibit our free speech rights and abilities to speak out against it, and by forcing us to use the same dressing rooms (and in many cases bathrooms) with the opposite sex.

I can tell you that in the midst of my busy Christmas season this was just too important an issue to get tucked away and not addressed. More and more stores will adopt these kinds of policies unless we stand up and let them know we notice and will choose other places to do business over theirs.



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West Texas Area News

Religious Freedoms Constantly Under Attack

I live in a very small town in West Texas where you cannot buy alcohol in town, the one movie theater plays only PG or G rated movies and a prayer is said before each movie starts, and we have a homemade ice cream parlor on Main Street. Seems pretty safe there—but it’s not. Seems difficult to believe that, in my protected town of less than 3,000 people, our religious freedoms are under attack—but they are. Even in our conservative towns and state we have to diligently watch for and faithfully pray against those who would try to stifle our religious freedoms.

One prime example of this took place right here in Texas. In 2007, the Texas Pledge of

Allegiance was modified by the state legislature to read “Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.” It was challenged in Federal District Court. The plaintiffs argued that the pledge and code violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in four ways: (1) the use of the singular term “God” favors monotheistic over polytheistic beliefs (sect preference); (2) the amendment does not have a secular purpose or effect, as any stated purpose is pretext for a religious motivation: (U.S. Supreme Court *Lemon test*); (3) the pledge affirms that Texas is organized “under God” and

impermissibly endorses religious belief (endorsement); and (4) the required recitation by students in schools pursuant to Texas Education Code § 25.082 coerces religious belief (coercion).

The U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit reviewed the plaintiffs’ four claims and noted that none of them were limited to the circumstances of the plaintiffs. The Fifth Circuit agreed in a 2010 decision with the lower court, which found no constitutional violation. In evaluating the sect preference claim, the Fifth Circuit adopted Justice O’Connor’s reasoning that the reference to God is to a generic God rather than any specific deity. The Court





HOW TO BECOME A CWA LEADER

If you are interested in helping your friends, neighbors, work associates and/or church family become better educated in cultural issues and would like to become a member of the Concerned Women for America of Texas team, please contact Ann Hettinger, State Director, at (972) 722-2776 or

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She will connect you to the Area Director closest to you. Many positions are available. You can be a Prayer/Action Chapter Leader organizing people for regular educational meetings and actions; you can be a Home Team Captain communicating information about our issues and actions to your set of acquaintances; or you can support the work of the Area Director by becoming a member of that steering committee as a records correspondent, a 535 coordinator, a state legislative liaison, or a communications coordinator. God does not call the equipped—He equips the called!

found that the term God was generic enough to acknowledge both monotheistic and polytheistic beliefs.

The “*Lemon* test” states that a statute violates the Establishment Clause if: (1) there is no secular purpose; (2) its primary or principal effects either advance or inhibit religion; or (3) it “creates excessive government entanglement with religion.” The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit dismissed the plaintiffs’ arguments on all three challenges. It determined that the recitation of the words “under God” in the context of a pledge is not a formal religious exercise and, therefore, neither the pledge nor the challenged code provision violates the

Establishment Clause.

Thank you, Fifth Circuit! However, this is just one case in Texas. There are many cases in many states dealing with the same issue. Thankfully, in this case, the court decided in our favor. Can you imagine what ammunition a different decision would have given to those who would try to limit our religious freedoms? The phrase they were protesting is the exact same phrase we have in our National Pledge of Allegiance. Thankfully, there is now precedence for *keeping* the wording, not for *changing* the wording.

Another case we are currently watching in Texas is being defended by Liberty Institute. The case is that of a third grade boy who was prohibited

from putting candy canes with the Candy Cane story in his goodie bag to be distributed at a “Winter Party” in his classroom in a Plano, Texas school. A federal judge issued a Temporary Restraining Order and the case was appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. While the Fifth Circuit found that the school had violated the free speech rights of the student, it also found that the School District enjoyed immunity from sanctions. Currently the United States Supreme Court is considering a petition filed in December, 2011, for certiorari to review the case.



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535 News

Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act Again the Subject of Lobbying Efforts

CWA’s next Project 535 is on Monday, January 23, 2012. Please be praying for the volunteers’ lobbying efforts, that God will be present and hearts will be moved toward His will. The topic is CIANA (the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act). This is a second lobby on this topic, but we feel it is important and needs to be discussed again with this start to a New Year.



Project 535 is on the same day as this year’s March for Life. The theme for CWA’s March for Life event this year is “Celebrate Life and Embrace Grace.” CWA will be sponsoring a special briefing on Capitol Hill. Our 535 volunteers will be blessed by hearing from pro-life leaders in Congress as they share their pro-life views. Christian musician Matt Maher will also be singing a few of his

songs! I’m sure they will thoroughly enjoy both!

If you can get to DC, you are welcome to join them! Otherwise, let’s be faithful prayer warriors for them and thank God for their willingness to take on this important task.



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South Texas Area News

A True Proverbs 31 Woman

Over fifteen years ago, Pat Hanson stepped up to take the reins of the South Texas Area. There are over six million people in the 77000-77999 zip codes, and there are over 5,000 CWA members among them. Pat has diligently led her volunteers to educate the citizens of her area to take action on issues affecting homes and families. She has

recruited leaders; she has interacted with the lawmakers, local, state, and national; she has traveled across the nation to meetings; and done all of this with expertise and graciousness. Last year, as her husband experienced his final illness, she shifted the load to one of our loyal volunteers, Beverly Roberts. Later she returned to

continue leading, making the quarterly Action Breakfast in Houston a "must do." This event features important public leaders who address the meeting. Now she has opted to step down as Area Director, and Beverly Roberts will be stepping up into that leadership role permanently.



How fortunate we are to have both of these women dedicated to making America better! Our great appreciation goes to Pat for her faithfulness and gift of service to CWA. We aren't letting her go; she will remain a vital part of the advisory team for South Texas.

Prayer Requests

- ▶ Pray for the hundreds of Christian elected leaders who are serving and working diligently to keep Texas and America on the path pleasing to God.
- ▶ Pray that our CWA leaders will be successful in educating members of their community about the issues facing America.
- ▶ Pray that citizens will participate and not be complacent in the selection process during these election days.
- ▶ Pray that qualified citizens will give of their gifts and talents to serve locally, in Texas and in America, in positions of elected leadership.
- ▶ Pray that many more concerned women all over Texas will pick up the mantle of leadership and become confirmed CWA leaders. The fields are white for harvest; most Americans know that America is in trouble and they want to help. They need leaders who will educate them.
- ▶ Pray for Beverly Roberts as she assumes the leadership of South Texas Area. Pray that faithful and competent people will surround her and assume positions of responsibility as she selects her Steering Committee.

Welcome to **Timothy Nehemiah Shull**,



the newborn son of Chris and Laura Shull of Corpus Christi, Texas. He was born on December 19, 2011. Now they have even more motivation to secure a Christian conservative culture for their nation to protect families. Since September, 2009, Laura has been doing an outstanding job as our Prayer/Action Chapter Leader in Corpus Christi. We appreciate, as well, the

wonderful support given by their church, Calvary Chapel of the Coastlands and their pastor, Rod Carver.

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