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On The Move

A Word From the State Director 2012 is Critical

Last weekend the top leadership of CWA of Texas gathered in Austin for training with our National Field Director, Kenda Bartlett. The enthusiasm grew as we welcomed two new Area Directors. Across the state, directors are seeing a new dedication to the efforts to educate, pray and act on many serious issues. What that means for you is that you are

going to see more information for your chapter meetings, a broader range of ideas brought to your attention, and more intense communication between directors and leaders. I believe that 2012 is the most critical year in United States history. It is our plan to provide you with all you need to impact our culture with Biblical values.

Please begin praying now for the impact we will have in Texas in 2012. Thank you.

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State Legislative News

Do Harmony Charter Schools Threaten Texas Families?

The first question is “What is a charter school?” Because of languishing test scores from Texas school children, in 1995, the Texas legislature authorized charter schools in Texas. These are privately run schools populated by a lottery system. The legislature set a limit on the number of schools at 215. Currently there are 211 of which 38 are chartered to Harmony. According to the Texas Education Agency¹, the purpose of charter schools is to: “(1) improve student learning; (2) increase the choice of learning opportunities within the public school system; (3) create professional

opportunities that will attract new teachers to the public school system; (4) establish a new form of accountability for public schools; and (5) encourage different and innovative learning methods.” While there are four types of charter schools, the majority are “open-enrollment” schools. These charters are granted to non-profit corporations that have tax-exempt status.

According to a report in *Dallas News*² on February 22, 2011, about 120,000 students are currently enrolled in charter schools, with 40,000 on waiting lists. These schools receive public funds

for each student; however, it is approximately \$1,200 less per pupil than traditional public schools receive. No public funds are available for charter school facilities, but they may issue bonds. Recent legislation³ has allowed money from the Permanent School Fund (PSF) to be used as security so that charter schools can borrow at advantageous rates. There are no local controls over these schools. They are accountable only to the Texas Education Agency.

The website for Harmony Charter Schools⁴ lists 38 schools in Texas: Austin, 5; Brownsville, 1; Dallas, 6; El

Paso, 2; Fort Worth, 4; Houston, 15; Laredo, 1; Lubbock, 2; and San Antonio, 2. Their description of their system says, “Harmony Public Schools are high performing K-12 public charter schools in Texas operated by Cosmos Foundation that focus on math, science and computer technologies to provide opportunities for underserved communities.”

The background of the Cosmos Foundation and Harmony Charter Schools is reported in a *New York Times*⁵ article. The school’s founder, Dr. Soner Tarim, a native of
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West Texas Area News

Who in Their Right Mind Would Normalize Pedophilia?

Last month I shared with you my concern about one of the things I learned at CWA's Leadership Training Conference. Here are some details; once you read them, I know you will share my concern.

“Who in Their Right Mind Would Normalize Pedophilia?”

The full report is available at <http://www.cwfa.org/family/voice/2011-09>.

What Is Paraphilia? The term *paraphilia* encompasses a wide range of aberrant sexual urges and behaviors, including but not limited to

pedophilia, exhibitionism, fetishism, sexual sadism and masochism, telephone scatologia (obscene phone calls), necrophilia (corpses), zoophilia (animals), coprophilia (feces), klismaphilia (enemas) and urophilia (urine).

According to the most recent edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM), the [DSM-IV-TR](#), the features of paraphilia are: Recurrent, intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges or behaviors generally involving: Non-human objects; Suffering or humiliation of oneself or one's partner; Children or other non-consenting persons that occur over a period of 6 months; or Which cause clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning.

In regard to the prevalence of paraphilias, the DSM-IV-TR notes, “Although paraphilias are rarely diagnosed in general clinical facilities, the large commercial market in paraphilic pornography and paraphernalia suggests that its prevalence in the community is likely to be higher.

The most common presenting problems in clinics that specialize in the treatment of paraphilias are pedophilia, voyeurism and exhibitionism.

Proposed Revisions for DSM-V: Paraphilias vs. Paraphilic Disorders: Now the American Psychiatric Association (APA) is splitting hairs, making subtle changes

in phraseology to distinguish between “paraphilias” and “paraphilic disorders” in the DSM-V.

Paraphilias are no longer to be considered mental disorders in and of themselves, but only if they cause significant “distress or impairment” to the individual. *Implication:* Under the proposed revision, an adult who engages in intercourse with a consenting 12-year-old and sleeps perfectly sound at night does *not* have a disorder.

Pedophilia vs. Pedohebephilic Disorder: As part of the DSM-V paraphilia changes, the pedophilia subgroup will be renamed “[pedohebephilic disorder](#).”

The proposed language states that for a diagnosis of “pedohebephilia” to be made, the following must occur:

A. Over a period of at least six months, one or both of the following, as manifested by fantasies, urges, or behaviors:

- 1) recurrent and intense sexual arousal from prepubescent or pubescent children
- 2) equal or greater arousal from such children than from physically mature individuals

B. One or more of the following signs or symptoms:

- 1) the person has clinically significant distress or impairment in important areas of

functioning from sexual attraction to children

- 2) the person has sought sexual stimulation, on separate occasions, from either of the following:
 - a) two or more different children, if both are prepubescent
 - b) three or more different children, if one or more are pubescent
- 3) repeated use of, and greater arousal from, pornography depicting prepubescent or pubescent children than from pornography depicting physically mature persons, for a period of six months or longer

C. The person is at least age 18 years and at least five years older than the children in Criterion A or Criterion B.

Implication: Under the proposed revision, if a person molests the same child for years, exclusively, he or she would *not* be a pedophile.

Why Are We Talking About This?

In May 2003, the APA hosted a [symposium](#) in which psychiatrist [Charles Moser](#) of San Francisco's Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality and co-author [Peggy Kleinplatz](#) of

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535 News Chapter Resource on the Issue of Homosexuality

Here is an important media presentation you may want to use in your chapter meeting. You can listen to CWA's own Martha Kleder interview Dr. Michael Brown. He talks about the effect of today's view of homosexuality in our culture. You will be outraged at the blatant war against Christianity. Go to <http://www.cwfamedia.org/media/cw20110714a.mp3>.



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New North Area Director!

You know and love her already! She has served you as Area Prayer Chapter Coordinator (PCC) beginning in 2002 and then as State PCC in 2006. She is a homemaker, wife of a pharmaceutical representative, Tom, and mother of three young men; John, a teaching assistant; David, a marine deployed to Afghanistan; and Michael, a student at Abilene Christian University. She is a member of Highland Oaks Church of Christ, serving alongside her husband, who is an elder, and as a benevolence volunteer. She has served Moms-In-Touch as a Regional Coordinator in addition to her work with CWA. Her task will be to expand our work in all the areas of Texas with a 76000 zip code. Please welcome her and say an enthusiastic "Yes" when she asks you to serve. Her first challenge will be to assemble a steering committee composed of a Prayer Chapter Coordinator, a Records Correspondent, an Area Legislative Liaison and a 535 Coordinator.

North Texas Area News Don't Squander Your Freedom

As a new Area Director I feel overwhelmed with responsibility but I am also confident because the Lord God Almighty indwells me and His Holy Spirit will guide me always and show me what I should do. I ask that each of you pray for me as I begin this work; pray that I will be bold for the Lord first and then be bold for CWA of Texas. I'm stepping out in faith knowing that God will go before me and also be my rear guard.

In September my washer broke, and when I brought the new one home, I had no idea I

had been stripped of my freedoms. This new washer was telling me what it would do rather than letting me chose what I wanted it to do! As I stood there frustrated I recall saying, "I've lost my freedom." Silly isn't it? But not really – we have lost our freedom of choice when it comes to washers! What other freedoms are being stripped away without our realizing? It's time to say enough and no more! God was preparing me and prodding me to take action. When Ann asked me to be Area Director for Texas-North, I knew this was my

calling at this time in my life.

Our Lord has blessed us so much by allowing us to live in America. Freedom is a precious gift, and I don't want to squander that gift! I also know that God is in control, and He alone is sovereign. I must rely on Him at all times. As I step into this new work may the Lord God Almighty uphold me and give me wisdom. I covet your prayers.



Kia Mutranowski
Area Director

Prayer/Action Chapters & Home Team Captains

Greetings Prayer Warriors! I'll miss saying that; as you know I'm stepping down as State Prayer Chapter Coordinator and becoming Area Director for Texas – North. It has been such a joy to encourage you each month and pray for you. Over the past 5½ years, I have prayed for and encouraged various CWA of Texas leaders, and it has been a blessing. I've enjoyed meeting you and putting names with faces. From the beginning I have been committed to prayer, it is our greatest weapon. I have chosen to pray for you as I depart in much the same fashion Jesus prayed for His disciples in John 17. God bless you all as you continue to faithfully serve in CWA of Texas.

"Holy Father, may You be glorified by the work that each of these leaders do in Your Name. Your glory is

revealed in these Your witnesses whom You have called out to serve. Help them to obey, protect them by the power of Your Name, the Name above all Names. Teach them to be one so that they will be filled with joy, able to stand against the evil one. Sanctify them by the truth of Your Word as they are sent out all over Texas to be a witness for You first. Grow their groups and increase their sphere of influence so that the whole world will know they belong to You because of their love. Righteous Father, help them to know that You love them and that You will be with them in their efforts to restore Christian principles to our nation's public policy. May Your Holy Spirit spur them on to good works and fill them with love. I ask all these things in the Mighty Name of Jesus, Amen and Amen."

Kia Mutranowski

Happy Thanksgiving!

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians
5:16-18

With much rejoicing we give thanks to God for each one of you!



Research it!
Wondering how to take a stand on a conservative issue of the day?!

Go to concernedwomen.org for the facts!

East Texas Area News

Go For it!

Last month our local CWA member JoAnn Marsh, a true culture warrior, discovered that pornographic Halloween costumes were on display at Spirit Halloween, a local store.

This is her report:

“Who likes confrontation? Not me and probably not you. But somebody has to do something when organizations or even plain old people take those small steps of treading on your values with their filth. You see, it often starts out with something questionable and the consumer/victim doubts they have recourse.

“When it comes to obscene materials being displayed to minors (illegal nationwide), it is every adult’s job to run to the aid of America’s children and protect them from assault. How? YOU MUST report it to your local police and ask them to let you know what happens. Then speak to the manager in person or call the manager. I encourage reporting it first to authorities to reduce the intimidation factor. Keep taking the complaint up through district managers and through the company’s hierarchy.

“Phone calls are fairly quick and painless. E-mails are even quicker. Next get the word out to friends, family, and last, but most importantly, get on your state’s Attorney General’s website and submit a complaint. With the TV Neilson ratings, one person’s opinion is equal to 30,000 people’s opinion. Your complaint matters and so

does the accountability you are putting on that state office. ‘How will they hear without a preacher?’ (Romans 10:14b) Go for it!”

JoAnn called Pat Trueman, who was over the prosecution of obscenity cases in the Department of Justice (DOJ) during the Bush administration; she was told to handle this on the state level as the Obama DOJ would do nothing. She then contacted Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott’s office and submitted the complaint. She also spent hours and hours contacting heads of conservative organizations,

and news media both local and national, but no one responded.

However, there is good news for Rockwall citizens who care about protecting our children from pornographic Halloween costumes. The Rockwall Police Department was contacted and given the portion of the state law that was being violated; District Attorney Kenda Culpepper also looked into this. After these contacts were made JoAnn Marsh and Johanna Runnels, CWA’s Area Legislative Liaison, visited both Wally’s Party City and Spirit Halloween stores and

found nothing highly objectionable. Thanks to JoAnn for bringing this problem to light last month and to our District Attorney Kenda Culpepper and the Rockwall Police Department for their efforts as well. The offending store heard us and took out the inappropriate costumes. JoAnn’s PowerPoint presentation depicting the abuses is available. Call me if you would like to see it.



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Central Texas Area News

CWA Leaders Gather for Training in Austin

Austin hosted the Texas mini-training camp this month. Pictured below are the participants at a luncheon following the training. It was an outstanding time of learning that will serve all of us greatly. I could not be more proud to



serve with such outstanding concerned women. We all have high hopes for what God is going to do through the work of CWA in Texas in years to come.

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**Texas Primary Election Date
for both the Republican and Democrat Party:
March 6, 2012.**

Until then watch for candidate forums in your areas and know the issues.

the University of Ottawa presented conferees with a paper entitled "[DSM-IV-TR and the Paraphilias: An Argument for Removal](#)." In it, they argued that variant sexual interests do not necessarily constitute mental disorders. They claim, "Judgments should be made on the basis of science, rather than the morality that is popular at the time of a given edition" and that "the confusion of variant sexual interests with

psychopathology has led to discrimination against all 'paraphiliacs.'"

In August 2011, the pro-pedophilia fringe group [B4U-ACT](#) held a [conference](#) bemoaning society's stigma of pedophiles and arguing the case for the removal of pedophilia from the DSM.

As difficult as it is to believe that some would consider these sexual practices to be "normal," the precedent was

set when the APA removed homosexuality from the DSM in 1973 due to political pressure. Since then, groups that support these other paraphilias employ the arguments homosexuals used to [pressure](#) the APA to remove paraphilias from the DSM altogether.



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South Texas Area News

Barbara Cargill Fights the Education Battle in

Barbara Cargill was our very informative and productive speaker at our October Area meeting. Barbara is newly appointed by Gov. Rick Perry as the Chair of the State Board of Education (SBOE). A former science teacher, she is in her 17th year of holding a summer science camp for children at her church. After serving for several years on the SBOE, she has now begun presiding as Chairman.

Barbara shared with us several incidents of media bias and their half-truths. For instance, after gleefully announcing that the SBOE had erased Thomas Jefferson from the curriculum, they were shown to be incorrect in that the SBOE had moved Jefferson from a high school world history class to a U.S. government class to show his more significant contribution there. He remains in four other grades' curriculum. She shared that we could check these things out by going to the SBOE website and reading the minutes.

Setting new standards for language arts and reading was a contentious battle, but the conservatives were able to get better Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) adopted concerning grammar, handwriting, spelling, and good literature.

Over 150 years ago, the Texas Permanent School Fund (PSF) was set up with a \$2 million endowment for textbooks. It has now grown to the \$24 billion range.

The PSF is under the management and protection of the SBOE with the Legislature having authority to vote on the use of allotted money. In the last session, the SBOE sent 3.5 percent of the PSF, or \$1.6 billion, to the Legislature for instructional materials. The legislature voted to provide each school district its allotment for books and technology, which can include laptops, software, and teacher training. Pray for



wisdom that the districts will use this money wisely!

In the last legislative session, HB3 enabled districts to adopt non-approved books with the state still paying for them. However, they do have to prove that 100 percent of the TEKS standards are in the book. Many school districts have not ordered their instructional materials yet.

Barbara joins other

conservatives in her opposition to Proposition 6 of the Constitutional Amendments as it lessens the protection of the Permanent School Fund for education purposes. To see her comments, go to www.barbaracargill.com.

In answer to a question about charter schools, she stated they are required to use the same TEKS curriculum and TAKS and STAARS tests. The STAARS' end of course tests are being used only by freshmen this year and will be

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Pray for Kia as she begins her service to our nation and state as Area Director for Texas-North.
- ◆ Pray for all our directors that leaders will rise up and help as we attempt to guide our nation out of the chaos of our cultural demise.
- ◆ Pray for CWA members to spot violations of community standards in stores, organizations, and schools and have the courage to confront them.

added on each year thereafter. They are a great improvement over the TAKS tests.

Science, social studies and math standards are being reviewed this year. Volunteers with strong foundations in traditional math are urged to apply to be a part of the review of the math standards. Multiplication tables are required but there is controversy over whether to require only the 10 x 10s or increase to the 12 x 12s, and calculators will not be used in elementary schools.

In science, evolution is still supposed to be taught as a theory with the law requiring that "all sides of scientific evidence may be discussed." A lot depends on the teacher; if a student brings up creation, the teacher can teach on it if they like. In high school, the teacher can discuss without insisting on his viewpoint.

There is some fear on the teachers' part to delve into what might be controversial.

In social studies, teaching "American exceptionalism" is now required. Global warming can be considered only as a theory. Issues of interest regarding curriculum

decisions may be viewed in more detail in the TEKS standards section on the Texas Education Agency website.

At the close of our meeting we wrote postcards to members of the SBOE and

legislators about different education issues.

Our next meeting is November 12, and our program includes Michael Newman of Christian Coalition For Reconciliation, speaking on his ministry to homosexuals, and Eleanor

Clark, who has been on Fox News, speaking on "Liberals or Liberty."



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Turkey, came to the U.S. to study at Texas A&M. While there he became interested in the reasons for the poorly-performing math and science students being admitted to college. Together with Dr. Yetkin Yildirim, a fellow native of Turkey who is a Professor at the University of Texas in Austin, he began to develop a proposal, and in 2000 they submitted plans to open the first school in Houston.

Both men are followers of a Turkish Imam, Fethullah Gulen.⁶ Mr. Gulen, age 70, is in exile in Pennsylvania from his native Turkey for promoting an Islamic state there. Though the charges have been dropped, his followers in Turkey continue to promote his ideals. He has several million followers around the world. The Harmony Schools are an extension of a network of schools and universities around the world who

embrace the teachings of Gulen: "The need to embrace modernity in a peace-loving, ecumenical version of Islam. At the center of his philosophy is the concept of 'hizmet'—public service." Though leaders of Harmony Charters deny the connection, several sources make that affiliation. Both Tarim and Yildirim speak publicly about their support of Gulen.

According to the *New York Times* report, Dr. Hakan Yavuz, a Turkish-born assistant professor at the University of Utah, said, "The main purpose right now is to show the positive side of Islam and to make Americans sympathize with Islam." Throughout history missionaries from every religion have sought out cultural needs in a foreign area and ministered in that area. Water experts help natives drill wells and medical teams bring healing medicine to the hopeless, and

in the process seek to influence the people for their religious persuasions. The severe lack of math and science skills in our students has opened the door to this culture and belief system.

While all Charter Schools must follow the public policy of non-promotion of any religion or creed, the presence of the large percentage of teachers in the Harmony Charters from Turkey who follow Islam influences the development of students' perceptions. No one would deny that Christian teachers in public schools influence the student's perception of Christianity.

In addition to this influence, there have been numerous instances where this organization has systematically preferred Turkish-born teachers and have evaded federal protocol in hiring them. Contracts for construction and services

have been awarded to firms connected to the Gulen movement when local contractors under-bid their proposals. While these schools operate as non-profit organizations, there is concern that tax-payer dollars are being funneled to the Gulen movement.

Their success story is unmistakable but at what price to our culture and faith?



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Notes:

¹<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/charters.aspx>

²<http://www.dallasnews.com>

³<http://www.texaseagle.org/torch/torch/58-oct-nov-2011/351>

⁴<http://harmonytx.org>

⁵<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/07/education/07charter.html>

⁶<http://www.fethullah-gulen.org>

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for the most important year in our history, 2012!

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