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According to a recent Pew Research Center study, "Public acceptance of homosexuality has increased in a number of ways in recent years, though it remains a deeply divisive issue. Half of Americans (51 percent) continue to oppose legalizing gay marriage, but this number has declined significantly from 63 percent in February 2004, when opposition spiked following the Massachusetts Supreme Court decision and remained high throughout the 2004 election season. Opposition to gay marriage has fallen across the board, with substantial declines even among Republicans." ("Less Opposition to Gay Marriage, Adoption and Military Service," people-press.org.)

Now is the time to come to the aid of our commonwealth. It is time to put bumper stickers on our cars (despite the sticky goo that remains), write letters to the editor and do whatever else we can to boldly state: "We need to define marriage as one man and one woman."

Several organizations in Virginia will be sponsoring grassroots assemblies reports" describing how some of the legislation concerning the key issues of family, life and education were fared.

It is God who gives us, along with you, the ability to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, and He has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment of everything He will give us. (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

## CWA of VA Came, Saw and Conquered ... Bad Bills

CWA of Virginia's weekly presence at the General Assembly, with faithful foot soldiers of God's Army, was a mighty force. We went there, not only with those able to physically attend the "Citizen Action Days," but with all 9,000 plus members of CWA of Virginia. Our collective voice of alarm was heard by the legislators of Virginia.

While few bills we supported successfully got through the

## Organizing the Grassroots for the Marriage Amendment

training to help concerned citizens learn how to organize grassroots to promote the marriage amendment as well as vote for it (see display ad, page 8). Can you help reach your church, provide a speaking opportunity to your women's club or work the polls on Election Day? We need you to help us promote the marriage amendment at community fairs or public events.

Contact CWA of Virginia to become a part of the grassroots network to assure passage of the Amendment.

We cannot take for granted that the amendment will pass. If we fail to thoroughly inform voters about the benefits of marriage and the risks of undermining this essential institution of society, even if the amendment passes, it will be short-lived. The courts, the culture and media are promoting the very opposite of what most people feel in their gut is true: Marriage should be only between one man and one woman.

### CWA dues now \$25

Thank you for supporting CWA of Virginia with your directed contributions.

Your response to this newsletter helps cover the costs of activities in Virginia. Annual membership is \$25 (an increase from the \$20 shown on the enclosed response envelope.)

### Lisa Miller Update

Conflicting state laws proceed through the courts.

March 13, 2006 — Virginia Circuit Court Judge John R. Prosser, in the case of Miller v. Jenkins, reaffirmed Virginia's ban on civil unions when he ruled that a Vermont civil union may not be registered in Virginia.

The case involves Lisa Miller, a former lesbian (now saved by Christ). Lisa's biological daughter through artificial insemination and Janet Jenkins. While Lisa and Ms. Jenkins were in a relationship Lisa gave birth to her child. Ms. Jenkins never adopted the child, yet has sought "parent-child" contact and visitation. A Vermont court agreed with Ms. Jenkins though no biological or adoptive relationship exists. A Virginia court, citing the Virginia Marriage Affirmation Act that bars recognition of civil unions, declared Lisa to be the sole parent.

Simultaneous appeals of the case are pending in both Vermont and Virginia. The case also pits two federal laws against each other: Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act (requires courts recognize out-of-state custody and visitation orders) and the Defense of Marriage Act (allows states to reject out-of-state same-sex unions and any rights from that relationship).

## Promoting Virginia's Marriage Amendment: Grassroots Activism Training

Saturday, May 6

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Taught by the nationally recognized Leadership Institute

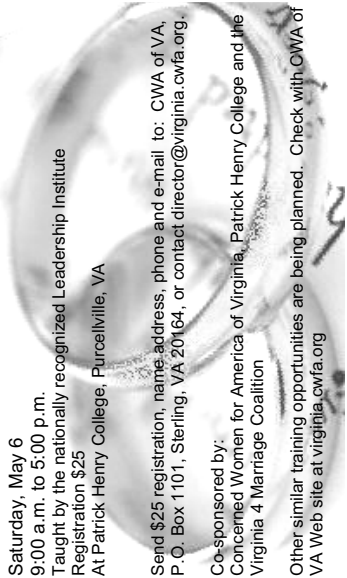
Registration \$25

At Patrick Henry College, Purcellville, VA

Send \$25 registration, name, address, phone and e-mail to: CWA of VA, P.O. Box 1101, Sterling, VA 20164, or contact director@virginia.cwva.org.

Co-sponsored by: Concerned Women for America of Virginia, Patrick Henry College and the Virginia 4 Marriage Coalition

Other similar training opportunities are being planned. Check with CWA of VA Web site at [virginia.cwfa.org](http://virginia.cwfa.org)



## 2006 Global Day of Prayer

Mark your calendar for June 4, Pentecost Sunday, and join an amazing movement of prayer around the world. Visit [www.gdopusa.com](http://www.gdopusa.com) or [www.globaldayofprayer.com](http://www.globaldayofprayer.com) for details. There will be 10 days of repentance and prayer from May 25 to June 3, and 90 days of blessings following the GDOP on June 4.

Join a conference call and pray with Christians in countries all around the world on this great day of worship based corporate prayer.

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord." Habakkuk 2:14

Remember: "History is shaped by the prayers of the saints."

## General Assembly Report

### All Sexual Orientation Bills Fail in General Assembly

By Linda Wall

*ignore Attorney General McDonnell's six-page opinion.)*

To understand the dangers of sexual orientation as a protected class, visit [www.cwfa.org](http://www.cwfa.org).

#### Taking Back the Land by Becoming Pro-active

**Removing Homosexual Clubs From Public Schools**—Legislation giving schools the authority to prevent homosexual clubs from meeting on school grounds failed in the Senate Health and Education Committee after passing the full House 70 to 29 this year. However, it was a step in the right direction to eliminating the 64 Gay Straight Alliances, "sexual orientation" clubs, presently in Virginia's schools. (See *Related Article and Map on page 6*).

#### The Next Battle

"Sexual orientation" activists will be back in 2007. They are relentless and committed to the advancement of an agenda that will ultimately destroy marriage and thus the society that supports our state and nation. Meanwhile, homosexual activists will use the marriage amendment to assert they are discriminated against and denied the joys of marriage. We must contend for the faith, "fight the fight" and occupy until Jesus returns. Every believer must choose who they will serve on this issue: the Lord or Satan. More saints must rise to the occasion and stand for righteousness by getting involved in this cultural war. Contact CWA of VA today and take an active role.

#### Marriage Amendment

*"Section 15-A. Marriage. That only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions.*

*This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage. Nor shall this Commonwealth or its political subdivisions create or recognize another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."*

**The Walls Tumbled Down**  
Budget Language Defeated— Family-friendly legislators in the House and the Senate introduced amendments that successfully removed "sexual orientation" from the state budget.

#### Pro-Sexual Orientation Legislation Defeated in House

- HB 1373 would have allowed counties to add "sexual orientation" as a protected class—defeated in committee.
  - HB 1552 would have added "sexual orientation" as a protected class in housing practices—defeated in committee.
- Pro-Homosexual Orientation Legislation Defeated in Senate**
- SB 673 would have allowed all self-insured entities, public and private, to cover same-sex couples with insurance benefits—passed the full Senate but was defeated in a House committee.
  - SB 700 would have required all state, local and public school employees to hire, homosexuals and transsexuals—killed in a Senate committee.

**Executive Order**—Attorney General Bob McDonnell released an official opinion stating that the executive order making sexual orientation a protected employment class within state government was unconstitutional because changing public policy is the purview of the General Assembly. He was only able to make that assertion after all of the pro-homosexual legislation was defeated in the General Assembly. (NOTE: Governor Kaine said he would

#### LU PAC Project: Support Our Troops on "Red Fridays"

With growing opposition for the War on Terror, Liberty University's Prayer Action Chapter has joined the vast majority of America to support the troops by wearing red every Friday.

The chapter's students have created a red t-shirt that says, "Support Our Troops," with the words "Red Friday" and Liberty's PAC logo below it.

The idea is to show solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect every Friday until the troops come home, sending a deafening message that every red-blooded American who supports our men and women after, will wear something red.

The majority of Americans who support the troops are no longer silent. You can support the troops by wearing red every Friday, too.

To purchase a "Red Fridays" T-shirt for \$15 email [Jennifer.Mills@liberty.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Mills@liberty.edu).



## GA Report: Education

By Jo Thoburn

There were few education policy changes in Virginia's legislative session this year. The Internet Safety Bill was signed by Governor Tim Kaine. This bill requires all public and private schools to include a section on Internet safety for students that is to be part of the curriculum.

Another bill the Governor has signed shows popularly elected school boards that have an even number of members to appoint a tiebreaker in case of a tie vote. Several education bills are awaiting the Governor's signature. One prohibits local school boards from administering questionnaires or surveys requesting sexual information to public school students unless the parent is notified in writing. Another bill changes the testing requirement for home school students and allows them to use national standardized tests. Also awaiting the Governor's signature is a bill that requires persons providing home schooling to hold a high school diploma. Currently, such individuals must hold a baccalaureate degree.

Fortunately, the proposed public school four-year-old kindergarten program was defeated. Expect to see a similar proposal again in January 2007.

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Parents who have a good and loving relationship with their parents don't want to cause them concern, to disappoint them or cause them worry. Behavior choices that can lead to lifelong illness (Hepes and genital warts, for example), addiction and death (HIV is still fatal) rightfully cause strong concern in parents. Parents have earned the right to counsel their children through years of investment of time, energy and love. Parents can best guide their children in difficult choices, in light of that individual child's needs and hopes for the future. It will benefit our youth and Virginia if we alter this failed policy which drives a wedge between parents and their children.

HB173. Notification to parents of certain health services to minors; A bill to amend and reenact §8-1-269 of the Code of Virginia.

"Cheryl Wetstein, "I teen pregnancy dips by a third since '90"; *Washington Times*, May 25, 2005.  
"Cheryl Wetstein, "More teen girls having sex, study shows"; *Washington Times*, May 21, 2004.  
Meeker, Meg, M.D. *Epidemic: How teen sex is killing our kids*. Washington, D. C.: Regnery, 2002. 65.

## Fighting Back Against Sex-Based School Clubs

by Michelle Newman

Last March the Manchester GSA invited Greg Herren, an author of "gay" erotica, and self-proclaimed "Proud Pornographer," to speak to students on campus during the school day. Herren was prevented from speaking only because one brave teacher notified a trusted active citizen, Elaine Hanger. Elaine sounded the alarm and started a mass e-mail campaign to school board members and got several citizens to speak before the board about concerns.

This past fall several concerned citizens (including myself), inspired by Elaine, went to the school board with information, facts and statistics related to Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs), the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN), the dangers associated with homosexuality and any sexual behavior outside of marriage, plus the legal liability schools face by allowing groups that encourage such risky behavior. Our group, a coalition of Concerned Citizens of Chesterfield, CWA of VA, and the Capitol Region Family Forum (affiliate of the Family Foundation), requested 1) that all sex-based clubs be banned, 2) that there be a change in policy that would protect students from being exposed to these dangers at school and prevent another incident like that at Manchester.

Our efforts resulted in a comprehensive policy review and rewrite. We were granted the courtesy of a preview of the policy changes before they were formally introduced and were told that they appreciated our providing well-reasoned arguments based on data and facts. The proposed policy, while definitely an improvement, was weak in accountability and did not specifically address concerns about clubs that contradict Chesterfield's Family Life Policy of promoting abstinence until marriage. At the meeting in which the proposed policy was introduced we called for amendments that would 1) increase oversight of extracurricular activities, 2) require parental permission for student participation, and 3) include a non-referral policy prohibiting the school from referring students to outside agencies concerning matters of sexuality (i.e. GLSEN, Planned Parenthood, and ROSMY—a gay youth center).

In a memo to the board, the superintendent recommended against adoption of our proposed amendments because of the "administrative burden associated with additional oversight or parental permission for student participation." However, in the same memo the superintendent acknowledged that in order "to support policy implementation, there may be a need to develop checklists and model bylaws," and that "schools will need to develop a plan for oversight to ensure policy compliance."

A mass effort to convince the school board to adopt a stronger policy ensued. Churches were notified, the local American Family Radio station aired an interview that was played during the evening drive time, e-mail and postcard alerts, stories in local papers. At least 150 people "with us" showed up to the "decision" meeting, while 15-20 came in opposition, most of them teenagers from GSAs. Rena Lindevaldson, Senior Litigation Counsel of Liberty Counsel, Victoria Cobb, Director of the Family Foundation, Linda Wall, clergy, parents and a high-school student spoke in support of our proposals. We also offered over 700 signatures on a petition supporting our position.

Rena summed up a letter and five-page legal memo she had sent documenting why the board **can and should** prohibit clubs that encourage students to engage in harmful activity "pursuant to the well-being proviso of the Equal Access Act," and "the only [court] case directly on point," the Lubbock Case. The board has the authority. The memo also explains "why, constitutionally, the board should allow for parental permission."

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