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by Olean Koehle, State President

In the fall of 2003, when our government was wondering what kind of constitution the Iraq people should have, Jay Leno on the Tonight Show said the following, "Why don't we just give them our Constitution? It was written by some very smart men; it has served us well for over 200 years, and besides, we are not using it any more." This statement was meant to be funny, but the sad thing is, it is so true. For the most part, very few of our congressmen seem to even know what is written in the Constitution or to refer to it as a guideline on how they are to vote. If they did, they couldn't possibly have passed so much of the legislation that we now have, nor would the Supreme Court have made so many of their decisions that are in violation of the Constitution.

One of the worst pieces of legislation which is against the Constitution and against the sovereignty of our nation was just passed July 1 by the U.S. Senate, with many Republicans voting for it. This was CAFTA, Central American Free Trade Agreement. It still must pass the House, so there is yet a chance to defeat it.

CAFTA has been referred to as NAFTA on steroids. If you think NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, which opened wide the trade and the borders between Canada, Mexico, and the

United States, has been good for our nation, you are sadly mistaken. NAFTA has caused millions of American jobs to be lost or forced to move overseas to survive; it has caused billions of dollars to be lost to American businesses; and it has opened our borders to millions of illegal aliens flooding into our country. "NAFTA has shaken entire industries from textiles to cars, displaced American workers and devastated entire towns...It's evident from the job-training centers in southern Texas to the NAFTA ghost towns of North Carolina with their shuttered textile plants." ("Laid-Off Factory Workers Find Jobs are Drying Up for Good," Wall Street Journal, July 21, 2003)

Yes, NAFTA did create new jobs, but most of them were government positions for bureaucrats working in the more than 30 new international government committees, subcommittees, councils, working groups, and subgroups mandated by NAFTA. And all that is called "free trade?" Free is supposed to be with less government regulations, but with NAFTA, it is just the opposite. What would be the international regulations for all the additional countries of Central America if CAFTA becomes law?

NAFTA, like the European Union (EU) is a political subsidiary of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the economic complement to the United Nations. The real goal behind NAFTA and CAFTA is to prepare us for the final free trade agreement called FTAA, Free Trade Agreement of the Americas, for all the countries of North, Central and South America, essentially forming a EU of the Americas. As Mexican President Vicente Fox told an audience in Madrid, the objective is to create "an ensemble of connections and institutions similar to those created by the European Union." (America's Engineered Decline, William Norman Grigg, p. 45)

Phyllis Schlafly has written two excellent articles about CAFTA that can be found on the Eagle Forum Web Site. "CAFTA Should Be Rejected Just Like the EU Constitution," and "CAFTA is a Bad Deal for the United States," [www.eagleforum.org](http://www.eagleforum.org).

To pay tribute to our U.S. Constitution and the sovereignty of our nation, we would like to invite our readers to attend our September 17 Eagle Forum Fund Raiser Banquet, "A Candle-Lit Evening in Red, White and Blue." (See the insert for details and registration form.)

Father's Day has come and gone - but what was the day like for families of absentee-fathers?  
Could dad be more important than we thought?

## Absentee Dads - a National Crisis?

by Sharon Hughes  
June 20, 2005

Our nation just celebrated Father's Day. For many the day serves as a time for getting together with dad and granddad to honor them in some special way. For others the day serves as a painful reminder of the absence of a loving father in their lives.

Being a father can be one of the most rewarding and one of the toughest jobs on earth...and not everyone gets it right. Juggling work and family responsibilities takes some deliberate effort.

President George W. Bush has determined to make committed, responsible fatherhood a national priority. Is this necessary?

Consider ...

- 43% of U.S. children live without their father
- 90% of homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes
- 71% of pregnant teenagers lack a father in their lives
- 85% of children who exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes
- 71% of high school dropouts come from homes without a father present
- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes
- 80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes.
- 90% of adolescent repeat arsonists live without a father
- 75% of adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes
- 70% of juveniles in state operated

institutions have no father

According to Fathers.com ...(<http://www.fathers.com/help/importance.html>)

- 50% of mother-only families live below the poverty line
- Teen girls from mother-only families are more likely to become depressed
- Children from mother-only families do less well on standardized school tests
- Teens from mother-only homes are more sexually active, and girls are more likely to become single-parent mothers
- Teens in mother-only homes are more susceptible to peer pressure
- Young adults who grew up in mother-only homes had a higher high school drop out rate

The bottom line is clear. Kids suffer without dad in the house, or from dad not being around enough to make a difference. If we were talking about any other issue, with these percentages we would call it a national crisis.

The Bush Administration has said about the importance of dads, "The presence of two committed, involved parents contributes directly to better school performance, reduced substance abuse, less crime and delinquency, fewer emotional and other behavioral problems, less risk of abuse or neglect, and lower risk of teen suicide. The research is clear: fathers factor significantly in the lives of their children. There is simply no substitute for the love, involvement, and commitment of a responsible father."

You may be a wonderful father, or had one, but there are thousands of kids today who don't. I want to encour-

age the men to be a father to the fatherless, which will not only have an impact on a child's life for the rest of his life which is good cause enough, but will as well impact our nation for good as the next generation steps into the role of leading in our country.

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## Illegals" Issue Deeper Than Anyone Imagined

The tsunami of illegals into the U.S. continues. Yet, even as a backlash to it is evolving, news reports show that businesses and big businesses are promoting taxpayer supported illegal immigrant benefits in order to make profits.

### **"Protests Hit Illegal Immigration Summit:**

From washingtonpost.com, quoting Associated Press reports by Adam Goldman, Sunday, May 29: "LAS VEGAS – Protesters on Sunday gathered outside a meeting where members of a controversial civilian group that has been monitoring the Mexican border gathered with other activists seeking to curb illegal immigration.

"More than 150 demonstrators used placards and bullhorns and waved Mexican flags to get their message out: "Racists, go home!" they screamed."

"When I first read that in the newspaper about the need to have passports, particularly today's crossings that take place, about a million for instance in the state of Texas, I said, 'What's going on here?' Bush said when asked about the rules at a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. [Associated Press, April 16]

"...In December, Bush signed into law an intelligence overhaul that requires tighter border security against terrorists and was the basis for the passport proposal. The White House did not say why the president was unaware of the plans..."

"American flag taken down in order not to "offend"" A "NewswithViews.com" report May 27 by Ron Lee

At the state employment development department in Medford Oregon, an American Flag was replaced by a Mexican flag,

"Brazilians Streaming Into U.S. Through Mexican Border," NYTimes.com, June 30, 2005

"Encouraged by highly organized groups of smugglers offering relatively cheap packages, Brazilians recently have been migrating in record numbers to the United States."

"Smuggler pipelines channel illegal immigrants into U.S. from nations with terror ties" [Tracy Press (AP), 7-5-05, p. 18]

"Smuggling becomes fatal for man's family" [Contra Costa Times, A/P, 7-9-05, p.A7]

SAN DIEGO – "...Confronted with a Border Patrol checkpoint, however, their driver swerved into oncoming traffic..." Migrant rights groups say the checkpoints endanger lives because smugglers try to evade them by swerving into oncoming traffic, often at night, sometimes with the headlights off."

Daniel Weintraub, a Sacramento Bee columnist who was reprinted in the Daily Review (Hayward, CA) on 5-13-05, quoted State Senator Ray Haynes: "... illegal immigrants are being exploited by employers and others while the government looks the other way.

"They are exploited by the traffickers who bring them across the border," he says. "They work in substandard conditions for substandard pay. They can't report crimes. They live in constant fear. How can you say that's good for them?..."

### **Depressing News on Big Business Help to Illegals**

The Wall Street Journal of Friday, July 8, 2005 ran the following front page story with the headline: "Welcome Mat - Banks Open Doors to New Customers: Illegal Immigrants." The sub-headline read: "With Help From Government, Mortgage Lenders Tap Growing Hispanic market."

The article reports on organized recruitment and help by various banks to subsidize mortgages for illegal aliens with taxpayer money. Further, not only are the banks subsidizing illegal actions, but various state authorities are aggressively helping. In addition, the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) is actively promoting the efforts. The campaign to profit off of illegals and their state subsidized mortgages is based on ITIN numbers ("Individual Taxpayer Identification Number) given out by the IRS which allow illegals to comply with rules and regulations which otherwise require social security numbers.

According to the article, "...the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority...decided to start a pilot program for undocumented immigrants.... [and] has received applications from many banks interested in offering loans to un-

documented immigrants..." "...Dozens of small banks in such states like Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and Texas have recently started offering undocumented immigrants the opportunity to apply for home loans with an ITIN. Big banks, like Wells Fargo & co. and Bank of America Corp., say they plan to launch their own programs within months. Don Cohen a vice president at North Shore Bank in Milwaukee, which offers ITIN mortgages, says he has fielded inquiries from banks in Alabama, Minnesota, Mississippi, South Carolina and Washington, among others interested in serving undocumented immigrants."

### **What to Do About It**

In addition to the list of suggestions in the April newsletter of how to help stem the tide, readers should look further into becoming a "famor" with "NumbersUSA." Published author and director of "NumbersUSA," Roy Beck visited the San Jose area during the week of June 13 as a guest of the local Republican Women Federated. His report on the efficacy of the faxing program to national legislators was truly impressive.

All concerned Americans wishing to help should contact "NumbersUSA" at [www.numbersusa.com](http://www.numbersusa.com). There are different options for levels of involvement.

The Minuteman group, ([www.MinutemanHQ.com](http://www.MinutemanHQ.com)) which has done such good work spotlighting the federal governments unwillingness to enforce national laws against illegal entry into the U.S., has a new program for citizens to help combat illegal immigration.

In a full page report in Human Events, June 27, the group said its new mission is to "seek criminal convictions and civil penalties under existing Federal and State laws in all 50 states against: Employers (or their agents) who have willfully exploited the illegal alien slave labor market in violation of immigration tax and labor laws.

Operators of so-called "safe houses" who illicitly harbor illegal aliens smuggled into the United States; persons conducting illegal human smuggling operations, especially the trafficking of children for sexual exploitation; and persons engaged in document fraud" will be targeted

## OVER ONE MILLION SIGNATURES GATHERED!

### **Yes, you read it right!**

Over one million signatures were gathered for the PARENTS<sup>1</sup> RIGHT to KNOW Initiative. For the first time since abortion was made legal in California in 1967, a pro-life initiative qualified and will be on the ballot this November.

### **Why parental notification and not parental consent?**

In 1987 the California legislature did pass a parental consent law, but it was immediately challenged by state courts. Finally it got to the State Supreme Court and the parental consent law was upheld but not for long. When Governor Pete Wilson appointed Ronald George Chief Justice, he decided to revisit the decision, which is a very unusual procedure and the parental consent law was voted down.

California Justice Janice Rogers Brown, recently appointed by President Bush to a Washington D.C. Appeals Court, voted in favor of parental consent while on the California Court.

### **Why an initiative? Why in the State Constitution?**

The pro-life community realized that only an initiative would make a difference and it must be put into the State Constitution where it would be beyond the reach of the state courts. Is this initiative necessary?

In California, if your daughter is under 18, she can't get a flu shot, go on a school trip, or get a tooth pulled without a parent's permission but she can get an abortion as early as 12 years of age without a parent even knowing it.

Two-thirds of minors are impregnated by an older man often four to six years older. It has been shown that abortion clinics do not report statutory rape, incest or sexual abuse.

### **Will parental notification help women medically?**

Who knows a girl's and the family's medical history better than her parents? Who really cares? Studies show that the younger a girl is who aborts her first pregnancy, the more likely she will get breast cancer. If her family has a history of breast cancer, it can go up to 100%.

In hiding the abortion, a girl may wait too long to get medical care for abortion complications such as infection or bleeding. Parents are more likely to follow-up on medical appointments for a daughter.

The US Supreme Court has described parent's right to control the care of their children as perhaps the oldest of the fundamental liberty interests recognized by this Court.

### **What will passage of parental notification mean?**

It will mean that at least one parent will be given 48 hours notice that their minor daughter (under 18 years of age) is scheduled to have an abortion. The parents are then assured of being able to provide advice and counsel to her during this difficult time in her life. The scheduled provider of the abortion will be required to make the notification. ? Exceptions: medical emergency or court-determined waiver. Will parental notification make a difference in the number of abortions in California?

Data in states that have similar laws already in place show that passage of this initiative will change teen behavior, resulting in fewer unwanted teen pregnancies and therefore fewer abortions. Given California's size and current abortion rate, it is reasonable to expect a minimum of 20,000 fewer abortions of minors during the first year following passage of the initiative. Our taxes pay for most of these. How many other states have laws like this?

Thirty-one states have either parental notification or parental consent laws on the books. Teen abortions, teen births and teen pregnancies have gone down in most of these states as compared to other states with no parental notification or consent laws. What do the polls show?

A nation-wide Wirthlin poll taken in 2001 showed 81 percent in favor of parental notification. A Zogby poll published in June, 2002, showed 71 percent in California in favor of parental notification. Will this law stand up to a court challenge? US Supreme Court has upheld constitutionality of virtually identical parental notification laws. A judicial by-pass is possible. This initiative will offer protection for the young, minor girl who is abused and vulnerable.

Judges must report abuse, statutory rape, and incest of minors. Abortionists routinely ignore these laws often covering for the adult male. School boards can set policy concerning minors leaving school. What's your school's policy?

At least three California school boards require parental notification and/or parental consent when teenage students leave school for <sup>3</sup>confidential medical services<sup>2</sup>, such as an abortion.

This is legal.

For more information go to: [www.parentsright2know.org](http://www.parentsright2know.org), and [ProLife@crusadeforlife.org](mailto:ProLife@crusadeforlife.org)

# PLOTTING TERRORISM IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

by Angela Azevedo

Terrorism sleeper cells, right here in our own backyard!

This was the recent revelation in the small town of Lodi, approximately 40 miles south of Sacramento, California.

This is frightening!

However, we can thank our Democrat-led Legislature, who last year passed SB 1234 (Kuehl) - Hate Crime. While this bill is supposed to offer protections to the various "protected groups" including homosexuals, it also offers protections to Arab/Middle Eastern and Islamic groups. Read a partial text of the bill below.

In 2006 our law enforcement SHALL participate in courses to deal with hate crimes, and... "by July 1, 2007, require the course to have instruction in multi-mission criminal extremism, the special problems inherent in some categories

of hate crimes, preparation for, and response to, possible future anti-Arab/Middle Eastern and anti-Islamic hate crime waves, and any other future hate crime waves that the Attorney General determines are likely.

This bill would require that the commission include in the guidelines a framework and possible content of general order or other formal policy on hate crimes that all state law enforcement agencies shall adopt and local law enforcement agencies would be encouraged to adopt, as specified."

As long as we have people in the Legislature offering protections to these groups, who are now considered "victims" by virtue of SB 1234, how can our law enforcement effectively do their job?

I wish our Governor would repeal this bill, especially in light of the recent events ... again, in our own backyard!

It makes me sick to think that every time the ice cream trucks come prowling our streets with their tinkling bells chiming "Mary Had A Little Lamb" like the Pied Piper calling out our little lambs [to slaughter] to spend our American dollars to buy their products, we very well may be supporting terrorists sleeper cells!

Some might not agree with me, but I thank God for the Patriot Act, and the FBI for effectively and swiftly doing their job. You won't hear the Islamic community speak out against terrorism because they're trained to lie to the infidels.

The next time you hear the tingling bells of the ice cream truck coming down your street, I pray you will think twice about giving your money to support them!

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## Have You Been HIPAAed Yet?

By Nancy Thomson

The US Department of Health and Human Services instituted the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) Act in 1996. That name alone should have warned us that something illogical was being forced upon us. What's more, the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) is responsible for implementing and enforcing the Privacy Rule with respect to voluntary compliance and civil money matters.

This whole privacy and voluntary compliance mechanism needs to be explained.

Government wants to assure that the flow of an individual's information concerning their care and healing is kept private except when balance per-

mits its use. Whose balance? Well mainly the governments.

People ordering prescriptions must stand behind a designated line in the drugstore and only approach the drug-gist when the person ahead of them has left the area. The same holds true when picking up your prescription. This pattern keeps anyone (almost always strangers) from knowing who is taking what medications. Was this ever a concern of anyone prior to HIPAA?



In some cases the doctor's office space must be redesigned. While a patient is signing in

they might glance over and see a record book opened on the health employee's desk. This would be an invasion of privacy. Thus any records must be kept out of view even though this requires some sort of partition in the office space.

By this time most of you have had to go through numerous pages of HIPAA at your doctor's office. This requires signing off on each to confirm both your reading and understanding of the presented material. When signing in at the doctors, all names of patients before you must be blacked out for privacy reasons of course.

The multitudes of paper work, often necessitating hiring more help to han-

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the extra load just means higher costs for all of us. Does anyone or any health organization escape this frenzy for privacy? No one escapes including individual or group health plans, dental, vision, HMOs, Medicare, long-term care, Medicaid, supplement insurers, employer-sponsored health plans, government and church-sponsored plans, and multi-employer health plans.

However two types of plans are exempt because the government doesn't

consider them matters of health. Food stamp programs along with community health centers don't have to follow HIPAA regulations.

Every health care provider who transmits health information electronically must be covered by HIPAA. All doctors, even the nurses are now doing interviews and follow-ups on computers as required by the government.

All of these rules and regulations are necessary for our privacy we're told. But this privacy doesn't extend to the government. If necessary for purposes

of "compelling public health," the Secretary of Health and Human Services would be immune from the Privacy Rule. Because all health records are now computerized the government can access the information.

Then there is the principle of compliance. The HIPAA Act imposes civil (remember the OCR is the enforcing agent) money penalties. The penalty can't exceed \$25,000 per year if that is any consolation. How voluntary is any aspect of this Health Rule Act.

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## A Dental Version of HIPAA

Nancy Thomson

Stumbling through the continuing effects of the medical doctor's compliance with the "Health Act" it never

occurred to me that the dental practice would be incorporated into the same system.

Upon entering the dentist's office recently the receptionist handed me a page of pos-

sible physical infirmities including headaches, tongue or cheek biting, arthritis, cancer, stiff neck, swollen ankles, on and on the list continued. Also the form wanted to know if I smoked, did drugs, or participated in

other kinds of misbehavior, such as contracting AIDS etc.

Right away I recognized this was HIPAA. While I was filling out the paper another

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## Physician assisted suicide bill AB 654 is DEAD!!!

Bill authors Patty Berg and Lloyd Levine could not gather enough votes to pass AB 654 in the Assembly so it didn't even come to a floor vote. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly Member Berg placed AB 654 in the Assembly inactive file. The bill did not clear the Assembly by the June 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline and is dead for this year.

Assembly Members Berg and Levine may now seek legislative sleight of hand to resuscitate and transform AB 654 into another Assembly bill by gutting one that is already in the Senate and amending it with the essence of AB 654. This ploy would temporarily bypass an Assembly floor vote while they attempt to lure more Assembly Member support. The transformed bill would meanwhile proceed through the Senate legislative process.

Our work is not finished, but Round One went to the side of LIFE! Below is an appraisal of the situation by Tim Rosales of Johnson Clark consultants in Sacramento.

Thanks be to God and those of you who worked so diligently to stop this latest attempt to sell death as medical treatment in California. The public and their representatives are not buying it. Your often extraordinary efforts have been rewarded and it is with elation and gratitude to have received news of this victory in the continuous defense of life. Let us rejoice!

Bob Cielnicki  
Life Priority Network

**"The new maneuver by proponents to revive the bill is a clear publicity stunt."**

### Update:

This latest action by Berg and Levine was a clear defeat for the doctor assisted suicide movement.

Although the Assembly bill is now dead, proponents announced they will amend the assisted suicide language

into another Assembly bill already in the State Senate.

The turning point was your grassroots activism. At the end of the day proponents couldn't find 20 votes to publicly support this bill.

When legislators realized this bill was not about the right to die, but was in fact about doctors killing patients, any potential support evaporated as it always has.

"The new maneuver by proponents to revive the bill is a clear publicity stunt."

Early indications are that the State Senate is more focused on substantive matters like the budget and is ill-disposed to spend time on a bill that has lost support.

Grassroots activism will still be critically needed as the proponents continue with this charade.

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patient came in and was given the same list of questions. He looked perplexed and asked, "Do I have to fill this out"?

The receptionist is always busy. Besides answering phone calls, admitting patients, booking appointments, and presenting bills she now has to explain this complicated procedure of answering all sorts of health questions, not usually associated with dental work.

It was unusual for the door to the back treatment rooms to be closed. The reason became evident. Posted on the door was a notice to the

effect that: The federal government has declared materials used in fillings and root canals cause cancer. It listed several compounds. Under the federal notice was a single sentence from the state government saying everything was ok!

My appointment was only to have my teeth cleaned but as I settled in the dental chair a new procedure ensued. They took my blood pressure. It has always been low. The dental assistant said my pressure was high and I should

just sit awhile. She said I seemed upset with things relating to government and all the HIPAA probably caused my blood pressure to rise. I was told to relax and not think about the government.



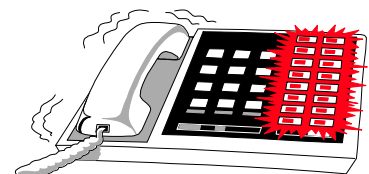
This has been my dental home for many years so we are all quite familiar with each other. Upon leaving I remarked something about finally having my wits about me (registering lower blood pressure) I made future appointments with the receptionist and

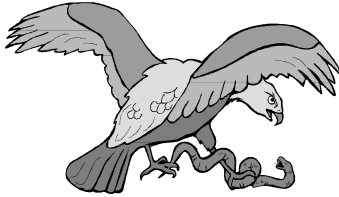
then walked out. Upon returning home it dawned on me that I hadn't paid the bill that is always due following the dental procedure. Evidently some of my wits were still lacking.

No doubt new medical experiences await us. Progress in medical technology is one reason. But we must be aware that the federal bureaucracies are forcing the medical profession's compliance in many aspects of health care. Will the government use this information in the future to limit medical procedures for a certain group of people?

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**Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum of California**  
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*At Fountain Grove Inn, Santa Rosa*

**Saturday, September 17, 2005**

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**Featured Speaker: Chris Simcox, Founder of the "Minutemen"**

**Dinner + Silent Auction + Live Auction**

**Dinner music with oboe, strings, and flute**

**5:30 Social Hour begins**

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