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WASHINGTON COULD BECOME THE SECOND STATE TO MANDATE GAY MARRIAGE – BY JUDICIAL FIAT

The Washington State Supreme Court is expected to issue a ruling sometime in the next few weeks on a suit that would require the state to issue marriage licenses to homosexual couples.

If the court rules in favor of same-sex unions, the consequences could be even more devastating than when the Massachusetts' Supreme Judicial Court made a similar move in 2003. Unlike the Bay State, Washington has no residency

requirement for marriage. Thus, homosexuals from any state could move there and “marry,” then return home and sue to have their union recognized.

All that stands in the way of this is the 1996 Federal Defense of Marriage Act, which says that states don’t have to recognize same-sex marriages contracted in other states. But the federal courts have yet to rule on the constitutionality of DOMA.

In the meantime, my friends, we could have another classic case of judicial activism in the making. Clearly, the people want one thing here, but liberal judges are determined to force society to do what they think best – using the constitution of Washington State (or the United States) as a fig leaf for legislating from the bench.

One reason for hope – Washington State elects its Supreme Court justices. And three of its nine justices are up for re-election next year. If the court decides to legalize gay marriage by judicial fiat, pro-family activists have promised to make this a major issue in next year’s campaigns. If they do, I solemnly promise you that we will be mobilizing Washington pastors to take a bold stand for Biblical values – and to inform their congregations of their of this moral outrage. If the church will not stand against this abomination, who will?

If you share in my concern for the seemingly relentless march to Sodom and Gomorrah, there’s something you can do. Come to Vision America’s Countering the War on Faith Conference, on October 17-18. (See Coming Events for more details). Gay marriage is a major part of the war on faith, family and freedom.

RISE OF SINGLE-ADULT HOUSEHOLDS BODES ILL

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, for the first time in our history, single-adult households now outnumber nuclear-family households (two married parents and a child or children). The decline of the traditional family and rise of singles has ominous implications for our future.

As recently as 1990, nuclear families were still dominant. But by 2000, they had fallen by half a million to 24.5 million, while single-adult households surged past them with 27 million.

A number of factors account for this reversal, including the fact that Americans are living longer – which increases the number of widows and widowers.

But divorce, late marriage, cohabitation and people choosing to remain single for life all have undeniably taken their toll on the nuclear family. All of this has been encouraged – one might say abetted – by a culture which disparages family life and sings the praises of singleness.

In the 1950s, our society held up nuclear families as the ideal, and we got many more of them.

Today, Hollywood and the news media tell us that all living arrangements are equally valid, and marriage and childrearing are only one among many options. Little wonder then that the latter are in precipitous decline.

WHEN THE SCHOOL BELL RINGS, THE NEA CALLS THE SHOTS

In one of her brilliant commentaries, my friend Phyllis Schlafly reminds us of the left's stranglehold over public education. When 63,000 public schools begin their fall term shortly, the National Education Association will be in the driver's seat. As Phyllis reports, at its national convention this summer, the NEA (which is usually indistinguishable from the Howard Dean-wing of the Democratic Party), passed a resolution calling on "educators" to develop "a comprehensive strategy" to deal with what it calls attacks on gay curricula by "extremist groups" (in other words, folks like you and I that believe in the Bible).

The curricula in question are devised by gay organizations which recognize only one point of view – their own. This isn't education, but indoctrination.

By insisting on their right to brainwash our children, and labeling dissenters “extremists,” the NEA is unwittingly driving families away from public education – which, in the long run, may be a very good thing.

FYI, my new book, which is due to be released late this year, will expose the aggressive and ungodly agenda of gay activists and their control of the NEA. Keep me in your prayers as I complete the manuscript this month.

JCCCR’S NEBRASKA AD

Our sister organization, the Judeo-Christian Council for Constitutional Restoration, is involved in an exciting project. The JCCCR is launching a series of television ads to highlight the unconstitutional/anti-democratic nature of judicial activism. The ads will premiere in Nebraska.

Why Nebraska? Because the people of that state have experienced judicial tyranny firsthand. First they saw their partial-birth abortion ban struck down by the United States Supreme Court. Then their defense of marriage amendment was overturned by federal district court judge.

To view this potentially explosive ad, go to the JCCCR website – www.stopactivistjudges.org.

COMING EVENTS

Special Event

On August 23rd (starting at 6:30pm), Vision America will hold a Greater East Texas Enough Is Enough Citizenship Rally at the Maude Cobb Convention Center (100 Grand Blvd., Longview, Texas). The event is open to the public. I am honored to be sharing the podium with Former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore – The Ten Commandments Judge – on this occasion. The topic will be judicial tyranny.

Annual Gala

Tickets are still available for Vision America's annual Heroes of the Faith Gala, August 25th at The Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston, VIP and General Receptions start at 6:15pm, dinner at 7:00pm. This year's honorees are U. S. Senator Sam Brownback, Texas State Representatives Warren Chisum and Robert Talton and Pastor Steve Riggle. Donations include: Patron -- \$2,500, Table Sponsor -- \$1,500, Host Couple-- \$500 and individual tickets (one dinner) -- \$120. To purchase tickets or for more information, go to www.visionamerica.us or call 713-980-3274 or 866-522-5582.

Countering The War on Faith

We now have more details on Vision America's upcoming conference - Countering the War On Faith, October 17-18 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The conference will consider the attacks on Christians and other people of faith by Hollywood, the news media, public education, academia, the judiciary and activist organizations (such as the ACLU, People for the American Way and the Anti-Defamation League). Besides educating ourselves and the public on the war on faith, the conference will offer proactive solutions to the secularist jihad.

Invited and confirmed speakers include: Sen. Rick Santorum, Phyllis Schlafley, Ed Meese, David Horowitz, Sen. John Cornyn, Gary Bauer, Congressman Tom DeLay, Dr. James Dobson, Rabbi Daniel Lapin, Hon. Zell Miller, D. James Kennedy and Alan Keyes.

Individual registration -- \$149, Married couples -- \$259. To register call 866-522-5582.

The Omni Shoreham is making a limited number of rooms available at the special conference rate of \$229 a night on the evenings of Oct. 16 and 17.

Contact reservations at 202-234-0700
