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WILLIAM REHNQUIST, R.I.P.

The 16th Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court passed away over the Labor Day weekend. William H. Rehnquist served on the High Court for 33 years (19 as Chief Justice).

His opinions were consistently pro-life and pro-family. Chief Justice Rehnquist stood for original intent and against judicial activism. Instead of using the Constitution as an excuse to impose his values on the nation, he deferred to legislators and voters. His rulings were based on the clear meaning of words and

phrases, informed by the manifest intentions of the gentlemen who wrote the Constitution.

Rehnquist's death creates a second Supreme Court vacancy in less than 3 months. A confirmation hearing on the nomination of John Roberts has been postponed until next week. The left is mobilizing its legions to fight Roberts. In the meantime, the nation is waiting to see who the president will nominate to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Sandra Day O'Connor. (Roberts was nominated to serve as Chief Justice.)

The president is being urged to nominate a woman or a racial minority. But philosophy is far more important than skin color or gender. Rehnquist, who served the nation so nobly for more than a quarter-century, is a perfect model for his successor.

MARRIAGE - A REPORT FROM BOTH COASTS

A bill to change the definition of marriage (from "a man and a woman" to "two persons") seemed to be on the fast track in California. Last week, it narrowly passed the State Senate. Yesterday, by a razor-thin one-vote margin, it was approved by the California State Assembly.

Thankfully, the governor's office just announced that he'll veto this insidious measure. Though a social liberal, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has long maintained that marriage should be decided by the people (as it was in 2000, when Californians voted 61% to maintain the traditional definition). He deserves our gratitude. (Schwarzenegger will certainly be getting an earful from the other side!) Please call the governor's office and thank him for putting families and children first. Schwarzenegger's office can be reached at (916) 445-2841 x7, FAX: (916) 445-4633, e-mail via, <http://www.govmail.ca.gov>

The California-based Campaign for Children and Families is working for a defense of marriage amendment to the California Constitution. They're hoping to begin collecting signatures soon. If you'd like to help this crucial effort, go to www.VoteYesMarriage.com or www.savecalifornia.com.

In the meantime, on the opposite coast (where this contagion started with a 2003 court ruling mandating homosexual marriage), the Massachusetts Attorney General has just certified a petition for an amendment to the state's constitution nullifying both gay marriage and civil unions. Unlike California, in the Bay State, amending the constitution is a long and arduous process. Collecting signatures is the first step. The petitioning period is September 21 - November 23. For more information, go to www.VoteOnMarriage.org.

The fate of marriage everywhere depends on the fate of marriage anywhere. Get involved.

WHAT GIRL SCOUT COOKIES BUY

The Girl Scouts of America continue their descent into political correctness. As my friend Bob Knight points out in a recent commentary, at their upcoming national convention in Atlanta (October 7-10), GSA delegates will hear from a parade of abortion-rights and lesbian advocates.

This motley crew includes Dr. Johnnetta Cole, whose views are so bizarre that Bill Clinton was forced to withdraw her nomination to serve as Education Secretary. In a recent speech, Cole declared, "Despite the fact that some want to do so, I am not praying today or any day that lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered folk will somehow get religion and become heterosexuals." For Cole, homosexuality is something to be celebrated, not repented.

Once as traditional as the Boy Scouts of America, today the GSA sends its members to Planned Parenthood for advice on sex. Something to think about the next time you're asked to buy a box of cookies. Schooling impressionable minds in such toxic advocacy is hard to swallow.

GIVE TO DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Tony Perkins, executive director of the Family Research Council, is in Louisiana doing disaster relief. Tony advises us that local churches in unaffected areas are supporting 10,000 people displaced by flooding.

A coalition of pastors has brought 150 semi trucks into the state. But this has only made a dent in the mountain of need to be met. I implore our readers to give generously at www.prccompassion.org.

COUNTERING THE WAR ON FAITH CONFERENCE - OCT. 17-18, WASHINGTON, DC

I urge you to register for Vision America's upcoming Countering The War on Faith Conference, October 17-18 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC.

This will be unlike any conference you've attended in the past. We will discuss and analyze every aspect of the war on Christianity and Christians, coming from the news media, Hollywood, public education, academia, the judiciary and leftwing activist organizations (like the ALCU and People for the American Way). Confirmed speakers include Senator Sam Brownback, Alan Keyes, Gary Bauer, Phyllis Schlafly and Jerry Falwell. But that's just the beginning. Individual registrations are only \$149 (\$259 for married couples). That includes two lunches and a dinner - plus all conference materials. We've deliberately kept the price as low as possible to encourage attendance.

At the conference, we will show Christians how to fight back against militant secularists, cultural polluters, gay activists and Hollywood indoctrinators. The conference will be the start of a year-long Christian voter registration, education and mobilization effort.

Clicking [HERE](#) will take you to the Vision America website, where you can register for the conference online and pay with a credit card. After you've done that, please download the conference flyer and distribute it to your personal e-mail list, with a note from you asking them to attend.

Help us fight the War on Faith - Get involved by following the action items above and by forwarding this alert to your friends and family. Your financial contributions are always appreciated. [Click here to contribute.](#)

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