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**PRO LIFE.
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from the **Executive Director — David E. Smith**

During the recent campaign, we continually heard about the so-called ‘war on women’ from the dominant media. What you probably didn’t hear about, at least from the radical feminist establishment, is anything about the actual attacks taking place on women simply because of their beliefs. Two such examples were largely ignored by the mainstream media.



Dr. Angela McCaskill



Teresa Wagner

One was in Maryland, where homosexual marriage radicals forced the publication of the names of people who signed a petition to place a marriage amendment on the ballot to bully and intimidate the signers.

In the weeks before the election, Dr. Angela McCaskill was forced out of her job at Gallaudet University, a place she called home for 23 years, simply for exercising her right as an American citizen and signing the petition. Since being

fired, she has also been the target of threats and intimidation by the intolerant homosexual political movement.

In Iowa, Teresa Wagner, who had multiple offers to teach law at other universities, chose to return to her alma mater, the University of Iowa, where she was working as a part time associate director of legal writing. With excellent reviews from her students and colleagues, she applied for a full-time teaching position, but was rejected in favor of someone not simply less qualified, but someone who “had never practiced law, had no legal publications, and had no prior successful teaching experience.”

The reason Ms. Wagner was rejected was because she worked for the pro-family, pro-life Family Research Council on behalf of the unborn; an unforgivable crime in the eyes of the secular left that dominate the academic world in our nation. Wagner is suing the university on the basis of discrimination.

The message is simple: the left is all about women, as long as those women are in favor of redefining marriage, abortion-on-demand, taxpayer funding of contraception and abortion-inducing drugs. Any others need not apply.

There was a day when an otherwise completely qualified woman being fired from her job or denied a job simply for political activity would have sent the feminist movement into absolute hysteria — and rightfully so. Not anymore. Now, it’s only justified if that political involvement is contrary to the secular left’s totalitarianism.

So when you hear about the so-called ‘war on women,’ remember that it’s people like Dr. McCaskill and Teresa Wagner who are the real victims, not college women who want you to foot the bill for their birth control through ObamaCare. It’s women who have lost their jobs or been intimidated because of their beliefs. That should have all of us outraged. ❄️



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*President of the Center
for Urban Renewal
and Education*



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Nativity Scene

on display in the Springfield Capitol

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Noon to 1:00PM

An invocation will be given by the Rev. Bernie Lutchman, SNSC member and President of Business Men In Christ (Springfield). Bill Lewis, worship leader at Jefferson Street Christian Church (Lincoln), will lead the worship team with traditional Christmas carols. Scheduled to speak are Julie Zanoza, SNSC chair, Lincoln; Tom Brejcha, President and Chief Counsel, Thomas More Society; and IFI Board Member and Pastor Rick Giovannetti of Standing in the Word Ministries (Morris). ❄

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IFI's 2nd Annual Fun.Run.Walk. by Andrew Willis, IFI Intern

In the middle of a tight election season, IFI supporters were able to temporarily divert their attention to a different kind of race.

The 2nd Annual IFI Fun Run was held on October 6th at the beautiful Hadley Valley Forest Preserve in Joliet. Over one hundred and fifty people braved the cold morning temperatures to participate.

The majority ran the 2.6 mile course, but many opted to take an extra lap for the 5.2 mile race. All of the runners admirably persevered to finish well. Cheers greeted the breathless road warriors as they crossed the finish line. All were triumphant though many claimed they were ready to faint. Numerous walkers also participated. Medals were given to the winners of each age group. In addition, prizes were given to those who collected the highest amount of pledges.

When all the contestants were finished, they were rewarded with fresh chicken sandwiches provided by a local Chick-fil-a. It was a wonderful time of fellowship. Chick-fil-a's lovable mascot, "the cow," was present, contributing "udder" joy to the crowd. Thanks to Chick-



Runners brave the cold morning temperatures to participate in the Fun. Run. Walk.

fil-a of Orland Park for their generous donation to the event.

Overall, the 2nd Annual Fun Run was a success. An estimated two thousand dollars was raised for the ministry of IFI. Be sure to keep alert for next year's event. ❄️

HB 5170 — Homosexual So-Called "Marriage"

Back in February of this year, anti-family forces took their next step toward bringing same-sex "marriage" to Illinois despite the fact that through the civil union law they already receive all the benefits they claimed they wanted. As we warned, that wasn't sufficient. They want to eradicate the societal taboos against homosexuality leading to its normalization and even celebration. And for them to achieve this, society must redefine what constitutes marriage.

With the lame duck Veto Session looming, homosexual activists are hoping to take advantage of the election turnover and pressure unaccountable state lawmakers into passing this radical legislation, HB 5170.

This bill is sponsored by the Illinois General Assembly's three openly homosexual members: State Representatives **Kelly Cassidy** (D-Chicago), **Greg Harris** (D-Chicago) and **Deborah Mell** (D-Chicago).

Rep. Cassidy, who was identified as a "lesbian activist" by the *Chicago Sun-Times*,



was appointed to the seat late last year by Chicago power brokers. Rep. Harris was the chief sponsor of the "civil unions" bill. And Rep. Mell, a lesbian activist in her own right, traveled to Iowa last summer to secure the title "marriage" for her and her partner — thanks to a 2009 Iowa Supreme Court mandate.

Anyone paying attention should have expected this. Homosexual activists have explicitly stated that civil unions are merely a stepping stone to their real goal: the eradication of marriage as it's been understood throughout history.

Pro-family friends, this is a wakeup call! The fundamental public purpose of marriage is to provide the ideal environment for children to be raised

by the people who brought them into the world — a mother and father. The relentless drive to redefine marriage to accommodate the political demands of liberal activists separates the interests of children from the purpose of marriage. Marriage is then transformed from a child-centered institution to one that exists only to satisfy the selfish demands of adults.

Contact your state lawmakers today and ask them to uphold natural marriage and to support a state constitutional amendment to permanently define this foundational institution.

We can stop this destructive policy from moving forward, but we must take up the fight again, and be willing to make our voices heard. And this time more than ever we need you to respond to e-mails and action alerts as they progress. ❄️

NOTE

Please subscribe to our IFI E-Alerts to receive timely updates on all of the issues IFI is working on in Springfield.



Subsidizing Planned Parenthood *by David E. Smith*



Throughout the presidential campaign, Barack Obama's unwavering support of Planned Parenthood came through loud and clear. At one point, he defended the nation's largest and richest private abortion provider by saying that it deserves your support through taxpayer dollars because it offers preventative women's health care with things like mammograms. To be precise, the President said,

That statement is one in a long line of attacks on pro-life, conservative Americans who have for years fought to end forced taxpayer subsidization of the \$1 billion abortion conglomerate. And like most of the other attacks, it is completely false.

Simply put, Planned Parenthood doesn't offer mammograms. In fact, if the President were accurate, then Planned Parenthood would be violating federal law and subject to tens of thousands of dollars in fines!

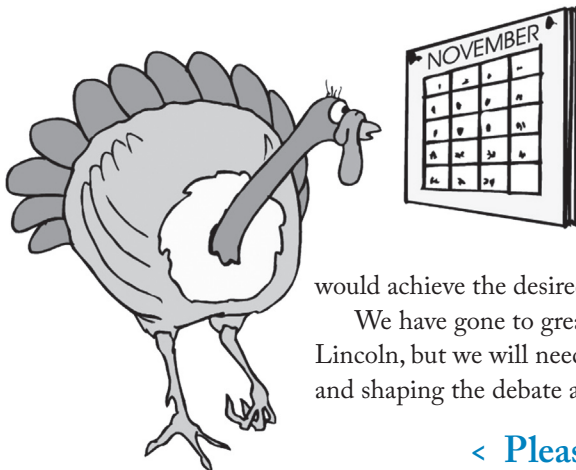
According to **Casey Mattox**, senior counsel with the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF):

“Planned Parenthood is breaking the law because it has no license to perform mammograms... no Planned Parenthood clinic anywhere in the country is certified to perform mammograms. The Mammogram Quality Standards Act, administered by the Obama HHS, says that '[n]o facility may conduct an examination or procedure...involving mammography' without a certification from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. As the FDA explains, there is a good reason Congress wanted to make sure that women were receiving mammograms only from licensed providers: 'Congress passed this law in 1992 to assure high-quality mammography for early breast cancer detection, which can lead to early treatment, a range of treatment options, and increased chances of survival.' The MQSA is a women's health and safety law, and its licensing requirement is designed to ensure that the mammogram a woman receives is accurate and dependable. Planned Parenthood does not have that required license.”

“there are millions of women all across the country, who rely on Planned Parenthood for, not just contraceptive care, they rely on it for mammograms....”

There you have it. If the President is correct Planned Parenthood routinely violates federal law. Or, the President is simply lying or ignorant about what Planned Parenthood actually does as part of the perpetual effort by its defenders to paint the abortion conglomerate as focused on “women's health care” when it is really all about abortion.

Once again, the godless left is attempting to paint those who oppose the coerced taxpayer subsidizing of a billion dollar abortion organization as being opposed to “women's health care” when it's Planned Parenthood that has consistently lied about its services and even opposed every effort to make its abortion centers safer for women. ❄



Illinois Family Institute depends on **End-of-Year Giving!**

For the past twenty years, IFI has worked to advance the Christian worldview in public policy. I hope that we are an organization that you could not only be proud to be a part of through your financial gifts, but more importantly, that we would achieve the desired results that you would expect from the kind of group that does what we do.

We have gone to great lengths to keep you informed about the great work we are doing in the Land of Lincoln, but we will need adequate resources to continue to play a major role in representing family values and shaping the debate at the Capitol in 2013 and beyond. ❄

< **Please consider IFI in your end-of-year giving plans!** >



Springfield Going to “Pot”

The “medical” marijuana bill, HB 30, could be voted on in the upcoming Veto Session or the last days before the new officials are sworn into office in January. Please call your state rep TODAY and urge him/her to vote NO if HB 30 is called for a vote. The passage of this highly controversial bill could have a devastating effect on Illinois youth.

“Medical” marijuana laws normalize use, and the message sent to youth is that if marijuana is a medicine then it must be safe. “...rates of consumption of a drug in a population correlate directly with availability: ...”

(The College of Drugs and Dependence, CPDD)

In Illinois 15,759 marijuana users were admitted for treatment in 2010 — 36.4% were 12-17 years, 18.2% were 18-20 years, and 18.8% were 21-25 <http://www.das.samhsa.gov/webt/quicklink/IL10.htm>.

According to the 2010 *Monitoring the Future Survey*, 8% of eighth graders, 18.3% of tenth graders and 25.3% of twelfth graders reported current use. More high school seniors smoked marijuana than smoked cigarettes.

Each year, two-thirds of new marijuana users are under the age of 18. One in six of these adolescents will go on to develop dependence. (*SAMSHA, 2010; Hall and Degenhardt, 2009*)

Marijuana is the most widely used illicit drug. Most cocaine and heroin users used marijuana first. Marijuana is connected to depression, psychosis and schizophrenia. (*Royal College of General Practitioners, UP International January 16, 2005 London*) According to the 2010 *Monitoring the Future Survey*, 32% of students who use marijuana report symptoms of depression compared to 22% of student who do NOT use marijuana.

Teens that start smoking marijuana

regularly (20 times a month) before age 18 and are dependent show an average IQ decline of 8 points by age 38. (*Persistent Cannabis User Show Neuropsychological Decline from Childhood to Midlife, Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Study*)

Colorado experienced an explosion in their medical marijuana industry when students were able to easily access marijuana from the increased number of registered users. Since 2009, public school suspensions for drug violations increased 45 percent, expulsions for drug violations increased 35 percent, and referrals to law enforcement increased 17 percent.

HB 30 allows eighteen-year-olds to have marijuana. As a qualified patient he would get 2½ ounces of marijuana every 14 days (183 joints, 13 per day). Even the most experienced marijuana user smokes on average three to four joints a day. This would leave him with roughly 135 joints, or 1.8 ounces. Reasonably, he could sell the 1.8 ounces of marijuana for \$250 to \$550 to other students every 14 days.

Schools can't refuse to enroll a medical marijuana patient according to HB30. Section 25. (a) (1) states, “No school, employer, or landlord may refuse to enroll or lease to, or otherwise penalize, a person solely for his or her status as a registered qualifying patient...” Two teens were suspended for showing up high at Grossmont Union High School in San Diego, CA, using a medical marijuana card as their excuse.

Marijuana is used more than alcohol by high school youth. (http://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/PDFs/StateReportApp_IYS_2010.pdf) ▼



One-third (33%) of all drivers in the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), for which there were known drug test results, were positive for one or more drug. Marijuana was the most frequently identified drug, accounting for 28% of drug-positive drivers. (*NHTSA 2010*)

Research shows that a single marijuana joint with a moderate level of THC can impair a person's ability to drive for more than 24 hours. (*Leirer et al, 1991*) Yet HB 30 allows a qualified medical marijuana patient to operate a motor vehicle 6 hours after consumption.

Their goal is full legalization. ✱

“...once you have hundreds of thousands of people using marijuana under medical supervision the whole scam is going to be bought...then we will get full legalization.”

~ Richard Cowan,
former director of the
National Organization
for the Reform of Marijuana

During the past 12 months,
how many times did you drive a car
or other vehicle when you had been
using marijuana or other illegal drugs?

One or
More Times

10th Grade
8.5%

12th Grade
20.3%



During the past 12 months,
how many times did you drive a car
or other vehicle when you had been
drinking alcohol?

One or
More Times

10th Grade
6.2%

12th Grade
16.2%





Sex Ed Bill Could Move in “Lame Duck” Veto Session *by David E. Smith*

The dreaded lame duck session of the General Assembly in Springfield fast approaches. It's November 27th-29th and December 4th-6th. One of the bills we're watching carefully is the comprehensive sex ed bill, HB 3027, which has already passed the Senate.



The politically tenacious in Springfield, particularly those on the Left who seek to undermine sexual wellness and normality in America, may try to resurrect and move the bill because lame duck legislators have nothing to lose for supporting it. For this reason, we are asking IFI readers to be even more tenacious in urging their state representatives to vote “NO” if this bill should come up for a vote.

Background

Illinois State Senator **Heather Steans** (D-Chicago), the original sponsor of **HB 3027**, which passed the Senate in May 2011, posted on her website that she proposed this bill to reduce the number of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and unintended pregnancies among adolescents.

Ironically, even though her bill requires that sex ed information be “research-based,” neither she, nor Illinois State Representative **Camille Lilly** (D-Chicago), the House sponsor of the bill, nor any other co-sponsor has provided any research-based proof that comprehensive sex ed curricula is consistently *more effective* at reducing STDs and unintended pregnancies than is abstinence-centered curricula.

And there is yet another irony. Currently, 2/3 of the school districts in Illinois that provide sex ed *use* contraception-based curricula as opposed to abstinence-centered curricula. So, Steans and Lilly are trying to make the public believe that the problems of sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancy result from the type of curricula *least* used in Illinois. And they believe all this, apparently based on little to no research. It's important to note that Rep. Steans represents the homosexual Chicago neighborhood known as “Boys Town.” This is important to note because an often overlooked goal of comprehensive sex ed curricula is the normalization of homosexuality.



Reasons to oppose HB 3027

- Currently any school district that wants to use a “comprehensive sex ed” curriculum may do so, but those that want to use an abstinence-centered curriculum also have the freedom to do so. If passed, this bill would rob communities of the freedom to choose abstinence-centered curricula.
- HB 3027 bill removes the statement “pupils should abstain from sexual intercourse until they are ready for marriage.” If this bill were to pass, what would the required comprehensive sex ed curricula teach about abstinence? If teens are not taught to abstain from sexual intercourse until marriage, what will they be taught? If abstinence is loosed from its marriage mooring, what gives it its boundaries? What does it say to students if marriage is not the point at which abstinence ends? If marriage is not the end point, what is? Being in love? Being in a “committed” relationship? Feeling ready? And if those are the determinative criteria, then why should teens who are in loving, committed relationships abstain?
- This bill requires that sex ed curricula be “age-appropriate” and “complete,” but there are no criteria established for what constitutes “age-appropriate” or “complete.” Most, if not all, comprehensive sex ed curricula publishers believe that an “age-appropriate” “complete curriculum” addresses a host of issues that many parents believe are unnecessary and age-inappropriate, including masturbation, abortion, multiple methods of contraception, homosexuality, and gender confusion. In addition, all these topics are presented from a liberal and affirmative perspective.
- This bill requires that sex ed curricula place “substantial emphasis on both abstinence and contraception,” which are contradictory concepts. It would be like having a law that required substantial emphasis on both abstaining from cigarettes *and* smoking filtered cigarettes, or on both abstaining from having multiple romantic partners and

...continued ►



making sure to *tell* all your partners about the others.

Much of the research conducted by the Heritage Foundation found that typical comprehensive sex ed curricula “on average, allocate 4.7 percent of their page content to abstinence.... In addition to the vast differences in the quantity of abstinence material between authentic abstinence and comprehensive sex-ed curricula, there are equally large qualitative differences in the abstinence messages of the two types of curricula. With few exceptions, the limited abstinence messages in comprehensive sex-ed are perfunctory, simplistic, unconvincing, and equivocal.”

- The bill provides no requirement that curricula selected by schools be proven effective in school settings. Programs that have proven effective in one setting won't necessarily be effective in other settings. Much of the research conducted on comprehensive sex ed curricula has been conducted on programs used outside of school settings (e.g. detention centers, after-school programs, mentoring groups, alternative schools, and programs for teen moms).
- A recent Congressional report recommends abstinence-education, the very type of curricula that this bill would prohibit.
- A recent study shows that a majority of both Republicans and Democrats want their children to be taught abstinence. ❄

TAKE ACTION

If you don't know who your state representative is, please call the IFI office at 708-781-9328.

**Urge your
State Representative to
Vote NO
on HB 3027!**

Sold Out Fall Banquet!

by Andrew Willis, IFI Intern



David Smith addressed a sold out crowd.



David Barton was the keynote speaker.

Traditionally, the Illinois Family Institute and its supporters have passionately defended religious freedom in the public square. However, many times what is often forgotten are the men and women who established the cherished principles that we often take for granted. On September 7, 2012 in Hoffman Estates, IFI held its Fourth Annual Family, Faith, and Freedom Banquet with an emphasis on celebrating America's rich and many times forgotten religious history.

David Barton, president of WallBuilders, was the keynote speaker for the night. The purpose of his speech was to address the doctrine of separation of church and state.

Arguing that the writers of the First Amendment never intended that religion should be removed from the civil government, the historian instead explained that religion has a legitimate and even necessary role in the public square. Barton systematically laid out the history of the relationship between church and state, a proper understanding of the First Amendment, and gave numerous examples of harm caused by banning religion in the public square.

Barton states, “The only entity that is limited by the First Amendment is not the people, not the churches, only congress.” He concluded by encouraging the attendees to support the work of the Illinois Family Institute. “What you have with groups like IFI is someone who watches politics in ways that we don't... [IFI] helps us preserve our society and culture.”

IFI also presented three awards to outstanding citizens of Illinois. The Covenant Keepers Hall of Fame's Longest Married Couple Award went to Bud and Clara Cawthon. The couple celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary in April. Although the couple could not attend the banquet, a video of the couple was shown and can currently be seen at the IFI YouTube site: <http://youtu.be/g0EVb-CoMHQ>.

Penny Pullen, IFI's founding director and former state representative, received the “Outstanding Achievement” Award. And Dave Norck was presented with the “Voice of Truth” Award for his continual activism for traditional family values — specifically his work to help defeat the radical sex-education bill (HB 3027) pending in Springfield.

Julie Roys of Moody Radio did an excellent job as the emcee. The Wheaton Bible Sanctuary Choir blessed the crowd with patriotic songs and Dr. Mark Zumhagan gave a thrilling rendition of Patrick Henry's legendary “Give me liberty or give me death” speech.

The Lord truly did bless the night. The sold-out banquet hall was filled with both longtime IFI supporters and with visitors who were exposed to IFI's ongoing ministry in the public arena. The board of directors and the staff at IFI is thankful for all who attended the event. The Founding Fathers have laid a solid foundation for the United States; it is our job to continue building. ❄



Illinois Family Institute Prayer Requests

Scripture contains many admonitions to put our trust in God — not man, or “princes.” (Psalm 146:3; Psalm 118:8-9) Today’s American power figures may not be “princes,” but rather legislators, the governor, or the president. These men and women hold the reins of political power in our society. We must remember to trust God, but we are commanded to pray for those in leadership whose eyes may be blinded to spiritual truth.

Now that we’ve just completed a major election in the United States, please pray that God would work in the hearts and minds of our elected leaders, present and future, that they would seek truth and honorably serve the people who elected them so “that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” (1 Timothy 2:2).

*“Then you will **know the truth**,
and the **truth** will set you free.” ~ John 8:32*



Please Pray...

...for the Protection of Life

- Pray that the truth about stem-cell research will be told in the media. Pray that the hype of embryonic stem-cell research would be rejected in favor of the mounting evidence supporting adult stem-cell research which is more successful and does not result in the loss of human life.
- Pray that Illinois citizens would understand the implications of the belief that life begins at conception — even in the terrible circumstances of rape.

...for the Sanctity of Marriage

- Pray for our nation as homosexual political activists continue to force their agenda on the American public. Pray that the U.S. Supreme Court, where this case is bound to end up, will uphold natural marriage, state sovereignty and common sense.
- Pray for the case in Cook County, where liberal activists seek to overturn Illinois’ law defining marriage as one man, one woman. Pray for wisdom and resources for the great attorneys at the Thomas More Society and Alliance Defending Freedom, as they seek to reason with Judge Sofia Hall.
- Pray for strong marriages and healing for divorced families and those in turmoil. Pray for the children negatively impacted by their families’ break-ups.

...for Illinois families

- Pray that God would awaken more Christian families to the importance of family worship that should be the centerpiece of their Christian home. Pray that fathers would faithfully spend time with their family — reading, teaching and singing God’s Word, and pass on a godly heritage and biblical worldview.
- Pray that the “medical” marijuana bill will fail in Springfield. Pray that lawmakers would realize that passing such a bill will lower perceived risk and increase marijuana use among adolescents and teens.
- Pray that the sex education bill will fail in Springfield. Pray that parents and taxpayers would speak out against the liberal forces that would seek to desensitize young children to messages of immodesty, promiscuity, and homosexual behavior and instead supplant God’s values of marriage, abstinence and morality.

...for Illinois Family Institute

- Pray for IFI’s continued efforts to serve God by faithfully proclaiming the truth in the public square.
- Pray that Illinois citizens would grasp the magnitude of God’s plan and the truth behind a basic biblical worldview and support IFI’s work and ministry.
- Pray for strength, wisdom, and integrity for the IFI staff and board in their mission to bring a biblical perspective to public policy. ❄

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