

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY BROADCASTS ABOUT ISSUES (Daily Broadcast)

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In Defense of Home Schooling**Mar 7 (C3) US only 28:30**

Stuart Shepard announces that we are interrupting our schedule to inform listeners of an outrageous ruling that came down from the California courts. Dr. Dobson, hosting this program by phone, states that what has occurred is yet another egregious decision by a California Appeals Court that strikes at the very heart and soul of families and their children. The court has assaulted parental rights once again. Our listeners in all 50 states should take note of what's going on, as what happens in California has a way of seeping into the rest of the nation. Dr. Dobson is joined by Carrie Gordon Earll (Focus on the Family), Dr. Mike Farris (Home School Legal Defense Association), Roy Hanson (Executive Director of Family Protection Ministries), and a home schooling mother from northern California named Kathleen. Just a couple of weeks ago on our broadcast, we talked about home schooling and the important role that father's have. The California courts have made an aggressive and imperious decision by saying that the statutes of California forbid parents to teach their own children at home, unless they're a certified teacher. For most parents in California, that means they cannot teach their children at home. If they have a child in the secondary stages, they cannot teach because they are not certified in *everything*. This ruling is effectively slamming the door on home schooling in that state. At the heart of this case is distrust for parents. Three judges have relied on a 1954 decision from California, a 1929 decision from Vermont, ignored U. S. Supreme Court decisions in the interim, and simply said that parents must obey the statute in the way they have interpreted it – which was done in a stingy fashion. Until the California Supreme Court rules on this, it's not likely that we would see massive enforcement actions against parents. Dr. Dobson says that this decision is reminiscent of an issue that took place in the U. S. Congress and the House of Representatives back in the 1990's, when Congressman George Miller did his best to get the Congress to pass legislation that would have required teaching credentials for anyone who wanted to home school their children. Public outcry is credited with thwarting that attempt. The remedy at the moment is to ask the California Supreme Court to "depublish" this ruling, rendering things back to the way they were prior to this decision. Roy advises California home schooling parents to join the Home School Legal Defense Association as a protection to their family and to support them. Carrie mentions that California parents are already under SB777, a new law passed by the legislature and signed into law, which has massive impact on what is being taught about sexuality in public schools in California. If this law goes into effect, it would require only positive pro-homosexual messages to be taught in the schools. Call to action: People can go to www.hslda.org to sign a petition to urge the California Supreme Court to make this ruling limited to just the one family that is really involved in this case. People can call HSLDA for more information at 540-338-5600. Information is also available at www.family.org by clicking on the "Social Issues" tab. We also urge people to be in prayer over this issue. This program was provided by Focus on the Family.

A Man Called Norman – II**Mar 14 (C3) US & Canada 1:58****Drop-in: Union University Tornado Disaster Relief Fund**

H. B. London, Vice President and Pastor to Pastors at Focus on the Family, announces that almost every building on the campus of Union University in Jackson, TN was either damaged or destroyed in the tornados that swept five states back on

February 5th. The rebuilding efforts are just beginning, and insurance and other funding can only go so far. Union University has set up a disaster relief fund so that people can help them with costs associated with the rebuilding effort. Focus on the Family has contributed to this fund, and we encourage our listeners to do the same. We have a brief video of the devastation at www.family.org. We ask people to pray about how they can help Union University financially, and to pray for the faculty and students.

Debunking the “Fairness” Doctrine Mar 19 (C3) US only 28:30

John Fuller announces that today we’ll be tackling some current events. Both Dr. Dobson and John attended the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) Convention held recently in Nashville, TN, and President George Bush spoke to the crowd one morning, who responded graciously to his remarks. He made some important comments about freedom of speech, and the possible return of the “fairness” doctrine. We air an excerpt of these remarks. The NRB has ensured that America’s airwaves stay open to those who preach the good news. The very first amendment to our Constitution includes the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion. We must not let anyone take those freedoms away, but there is an effort underway to jeopardize your right to express your views on public airwaves. Some members of Congress want to reinstate a regulation that was repealed 20 years ago called the “fairness” doctrine. Supporters of this regulation say we need to mandate that any discussion of so called controversial issues on the public airwaves includes equal time for all sides. Their idea of “balance” is really an attempt to silence those they don’t agree with. If Congress truly supports the free and open exchange of ideas, they can demonstrate that right now. The Republicans have drafted legislation that would ban the reinstatement of the so called “fairness” doctrine. Unfortunately, Democratic leaders in the House of Representatives have blocked action on this bill. Almost every Republican in the House has signed onto what is called a discharge petitions, and they are currently only 24 signatures away. He says that if Congress should ever pass any legislation that would stifle the ability to express our views, he’s going to veto it. Back in the studio, John Fuller states how President Bush wants to protect our freedom of speech. Because talk radio tends to be conservative, those who come from the leftist end of the political continuum want to do what they can to muzzle it and stifle it. Since we’re in the last year of his administration, so some questions remain and what happens this fall may determine the types of battles we’ll have over this issue in the coming years. The election in November will have a lot to do with our freedom of speech, and our ability to tell people what the concerns are if this would occur, and there are other aspects to it. Dr. Dobson reads a portion of a newsletter he has written and which may be sent to our listeners soon. He reads a half page of this letter, which deals in part with the “fairness” doctrine issue. He discusses Senate Bill 1, which would have imposed terrible reporting requirements. This was the first piece of legislation that the Democrats introduced in the Senate after winning the majority in the election of 2006. The penalty for violating that bill would have been \$200,000 per incident. We asked our listeners to oppose its passage, and they did so in enormous numbers, and liberals in the Senate ran for the tall grass. We expect that they will be back. Next came along an outrageous effort to re-impose the “fairness” doctrine, as we’ve been discussing today. John has another concern that came up at NRB this year about religious liberty. There was a lot of

discussion about hate speech legislation, which could be used to silence religious speech not only on TV and radio, but also in the pulpits in our churches. There are some members of the House and Senate who see this issue the way we do, and some of them are already fighting our battles for us. One is Congressman Mike Pence (R-IN) and in the Senate Norm Coleman, who have introduced what they call the Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2007 (HR 2905 and S1742). The bill would prevent the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from re-instating the “fairness” doctrine. The FCC Chairman automatically resigns on January 20 when a new President takes office, and the new President nominates a new FCC Chairman. The House leadership under the Democratic majority is holding up Congressman Pence’s bill. He has filed a discharge petition to move the bill directly to the floor, in which it will need 218 signatures, and currently has 194. There is a list on our website at citizenlink.com where our listeners can find out which members of Congress have not yet signed this petition. We are very close to getting it done, but we need a massive outpouring from our listeners to urge 24 more members of the House to sign on to this petition.

Blessing Others **Mar 20 (C3) CA only :57**

Drop-in: State Marriage Amendment Petition

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Encounters With Jesus **Mar 21 (C3) CA only :57**

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God’s Grace is Sufficient – II **Mar 27 (C3) CA only :57**

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God's Grace is Sufficient – II**Mar 27 (C4) CO only 4:00****Drop-in: Religious Liberty**

Carrie Gordon Earll, Senior Director in Government & Public Policy at Focus on the Family, shares an urgent message to our listeners in the state of Colorado. There are several bills that have been introduced in the Colorado Legislature this session that threaten the religious liberties of Catholic hospitals operating in the state. People of faith should be aware - and be very concerned. Fran Maier, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Denver, joins Carrie to discuss the pending sale of two Denver hospitals to the Sisters of Charity. He states that there are significant religious liberty issues. The heart of the matter in House Bill 1203 is a resistance to the fact that when the Sisters take over control of these hospitals, it will put into force what they call the "ethical and religious directives on medical care". Those directives preclude certain services like abortion and the denial of food and water. Catholic health care is an expression of the social ministry of the Gospel, and there are certain people who simply don't want that to be part of the medical environment in these hospitals. Fran says that most lawmakers are reasonable people, but there are also certain people with ideological agendas that Christians should be very concerned about. This bill is an icon of that, and we invite our listeners to pick up the phone and call their members of the Colorado legislature and ask them to vote against HB1203. For more information and to get in touch with state legislators, go to the Colorado Family Institute website at www.cofamily.org. You can also call them at 877-239-7355. This message has been paid for by Focus on the Family Action.