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Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports.

• George Washington •

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FEDERALIST PERSPECTIVE

Top of the fold...

The first full week of the third year in the war against Jihadistan has proved full of promise, progress and setbacks. The campaign to build an Iraqi republic — in the heart of the Middle East — continues to progress with measured success, despite much Leftmedia hand-wringing and Leftpolitico Monday-morning quarterbacking.

There are additional intelligence reports this week supporting previous evidence *The Federalist* reported in November of '02 that Iraq shipped some of its biological and nuclear WMD stores to Syria and the Bekaa Valley. This comes on top of last week's assessment from Israel's Mossad that Syrian strongman Bashar Assad allowed Saddam's primitive nukes (possibly with cores for three) to transit through Syria to a protected site in Lebanon's heavily fortified Bekaa Valley.

Former Iraqi Gen. Sultan Hashim Ahmad, defense minister under Saddam's Ba'athist regime, surrendered yesterday to Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, commander of the 101st Airborne Division. After weeks of negotiations, Ahmad turned himself in on the condition that his name be removed from the U.S. military's "55 most-wanted" list, meaning he will not be subject to indefinite confinement and will possibly be shielded from prosecution. The move to accept the former minister's surrender on these terms is hoped to quell some of the guerilla violence that continues to threaten U.S. troops on the ground in Iraq.

For the record, on Wednesday President George Bush reiterated the administration's position that Saddam Hussein is not known to have directly conspired with al-Qa'ida in the commission of the September 11 terrorist attacks, though the former Iraqi regime's ties with the terrorist group were strong: "We have no evidence that Saddam Hussein was involved with...September 11," said President Bush, adding, "There's no question that Saddam Hussein had al-Qa'ida ties."

National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice remarked that the administration has "never claimed that Saddam Hussein had either direction or control

of 9/11." Dr. Rice went on to say, "What we have said is that [Saddam] supported terrorists, helped to train them, but most importantly that this is someone who, with his animus toward the United States, with his penchant for and capability to gain weapons of mass destruction, and his obvious willingness to use them, was a threat in this region that we were not prepared to tolerate."

While Saddam did not leave a paper trail sufficient to suggest he personally vetted al-Qa'ida's 9/11 attack on our countrymen, here is just a bit of what we do know about Saddam's coddling of al-Qa'ida terrorists. Under Saddam's reign of terror, Iraq provided chemical and biological weapons training for al-Qa'ida terrorists and in 2002 provided medical care for senior al-Qa'ida operative Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and safe haven for two dozen al-Qa'ida terrorists traveling with him. Facilities in northern Iraq run by Zarqawi and terrorist network Ansar al-Islam included al-Qa'ida poisons/toxins laboratories and planning centers for attacks against France, Britain, Spain, Italy, Germany and Russia.

For the record, *The Federalist* reiterates its standing position: The United States deposed Saddam Hussein and his Ba'athist regime in order to prevent — if not too late — the transfer of nuclear and biological WMD intent for use against the U.S. and its allies by al-Qa'ida or other terrorist surrogates. The primary objective of al-Qa'ida and their collaborators remains to disable the U.S. economy permanently, and thus disrupt its political, economic and equally important, *cultural* influence around the world.

Regarding the prosecution of our war with al-Qa'ida Jihadis, a Spanish judge issued an indictment against 35 members of al-Qa'ida, followed by the arrest of five of them the following day in southern Spain. Ten of those listed in the indictment are charged with direct involvement in the September 11 terrorist attacks, while others listed are connected with the vehemently anti-Western Al-Jazeera Arab television network.

While our Spanish allies continue to combat terrorism at home, France, again offered the opportunity to participate in Iraq's reconstruction and movement to autonomy, continues to reject a U.S.-drafted UNSC resolution to that effect. No longer a recalcitrant ally, France is morphing into an outright enemy of U.S. security, democratization and global stabilization. At

first demanding UN control of Iraq, the French are — literally within a matter of days — now insisting on immediate Iraqi self-rule. Prior to this, the French government prevented the UNSC from fulfilling its own resolution to use force against Hussein's Iraq — which owed the French billions in IOUs, not to mention France's lucrative oil contracts with the Ba'athist regime (also in violation of UNSC resolutions).

The latest UN draft resolution for assistance in the reconstruction of Iraq employs the precise language and rationale used by the French themselves to justify their incursion into the Ivory Coast earlier this year, according to the UNSC resolution they obtained for the purpose. If the French reject this, their anti-Americanism will be laid bare more than it already is, and Franco-American relations will have reached yet another historic low.

Quote of the week...

"Since America put out the fires of September the 11th, and mourned our dead, and went to war, history has taken a different turn. We have carried the fight to the enemy. We are rolling back the terrorist threat to civilization, not on the fringes of its influence, but at the heart of its power." —George W. Bush

Open query...

"Do images of those fighting on the peaks of Afghanistan or in the desert of Iraq, when juxtaposed to the rallies on our elite campuses, suggest that a populist military is doing a better or worse job than our privileged universities in training our youth to be educated, well-spoken, and rational?" —Victor Davis Hanson

The BIG lie...

"There was no imminent threat. This was made up in Texas, announced in January to the Republican leadership that war was going to take place and was going to be good politically. This whole thing was a fraud." —Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-UI) ***That whole 9/11 thing was also cooked up to "be good politically."*

On cross-examination...

"Modern Democrats insist on confronting thugs and tyrants with tea and sympathy. This approach was expressed indelibly by Michael Dukakis in 1988, who, when asked during the debates with George H.W. Bush how he would deal with a rapist in his wife's bedroom, offered to set up a blue-ribbon commission to study the root causes of crime. Poor Kitty Dukakis was to be left in her nightie to deal with the brute while the little Duke hurried off in search of ribbons." —Wesley Pruden

In other news...

Saudi Arabia has made it known that it wants to purchase nuclear weapons. Allegedly feeling pressured

by a weakening of its U.S. relations, calling into question Riyadh's reliance on the U.S. nuclear umbrella, combined with the threat of a nuclear-capable Iran from the east as well as the very real threat of 200 Israeli nuclear warheads from the west, the Saudi government is contemplating the acquisition of its own nuclear deterrent. The Saudis are also reportedly considering two other options: The inception of a defense alliance with an existing nuclear power, and a regional agreement creating a verifiably nuclear-free Middle East.

The Saudis already possess a number of nuclear-capable medium-range ballistic missiles purchased from the Chinese in 1988. Four years ago, Saudi defense officials established contact with Pakistan regarding its successful nuclear weapons program.

China, however, may not be the greatest weapons-proliferation threat — nor, for that matter, is North Korea. The State Department this week announced its sanctions imposed on Russia's government-owned weapons technology company, Tula KBP. Leading up to the second Gulf War, the firm sold thousands of Kornet antitank missiles — capable of destroying U.S. Abrams tanks — to Saddam's Iraq. More recently, however, Tula KBP sold an array of advanced conventional weapons systems to Iran, a state sponsor of terrorism, the State Department reports. The CIA notes that known Russian arms sales to Iran alone are valued at some \$300 million every year.

News from the Swamp...

In the House, it was by a margin of one vote that Reps approved a modest "parental choice" school voucher plan last week to help poor kids trapped in the District of Columbia's failed public school system get a better education at one of the area's private schools — where plenty of hypocritical Swampsters send their own kids. While spending per student in the District is 50% higher than the national average, college-bound students "graduating" from that system scored a measly 799 on their combined math and verbal SATs in 2003. The national average was 1026. In stark contrast to these woeful public-school numbers, the average was 1190 in D.C. parochial schools and 1218 in D.C. independent schools.

It was Ted Kennedy and his cadre of Sociocrat elites that opened the doors to let black kids into government schools — yet now he's locked the doors and won't let them out! Rep. Tom Davis notes, "[The Demos] have union endorsements, union money. These poor black families don't have a PAC."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein seemingly broke ranks with Kennedy, saying, "Based on the substantial amount of money pumped into the [government schools] and the resultant test scores, I do not believe that money alone is going to solve the problem." Of course, the fundamental problem is the breakdown of families,

largely the result of many years of Leftist social engineering by Kennedy, Feinstein, et al. (Perhaps these Leftists would support a voucher plan that helps D.C. kids find caring fathers.)

The Senate passed the partial-birth-abortion ban 93-0, unanimously for those in session, sending the measure to conference committee with the House version. The Senate's bill, unlike the House's, includes language affirming support for the 1973 Roe v Wade decision in which the Supreme Court insisted that the constitutional right to privacy includes taking the lives of unborn children. Sen. Rick Santorum pledges that the pro-abortion rhetoric will be stripped from the bill that emerges from conference. Next stop, probably by this fall: On to President Bush for his signature ... and then surely a court challenge before the Supremes.

On the Homeland Security front...

The Department of Homeland Security is worried — and rightly so — about the California Demo government's decision to issue driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. The licenses previously were used as proof of citizenship to border guards for re-entry to the U.S. after short trips across the border. Congressman Duncan Hunter, who chairs the House Armed Services Committee, is joining those proposing that Congress cut transportation funding to states that license illegal entrants. Indeed, Hunter may back legislation by friend of *The Federalist* and Colorado Rep. Tom Tancredo to reduce by 25% over five years highway money to these states.

The FBI is warning that food and water are likely targets of future al-Qa'ida attacks on our countrymen here at home, alerting that these Jihadis are intent on hitting us here again. FBI head counterterrorism official Larry Mefford noted that al-Qa'ida cells remain in the U.S. and, "Our concern continues to be what exists in the United States that we're unaware of."

President Bush has ordered creation of a centralized master list of terrorists, likely to contain over 100,000 names culled from lists scattered throughout various agencies. Access to the master list would be available to local police, airport-security officers and those issuing U.S. travel visas.

Judicial Benchmarks...

From the Leftjudiciary, re-warming the tactic of using the Leftjudiciary to decide elections (which made its grand debut in the 2000 presidential race), the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has interjected a federal ruling that conflicts with California's state constitution in order to cover Gray Davis's derriere. The "Circus" court gave legs to the ACLU's claim that minority voters would be especially disadvantaged by some counties' use of punch-card voting machines and ruled that the recall must be delayed from its sched-

uled October 7. In other words, the voting machines were sufficient to elect Gray Davis, but not to dispose of him.

From the "Non Compos Mentis" Files...

"This decision is a masterpiece." —Mark Rosenbaum, ACLU legal director, on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision delaying California's October 7 recall election.

On the Left...

Wesley K. Clark dropped his hat into the ring for the Demo presidential sweepstakes, putting national-security issues back in play for partisan campaigning. Make no mistake, the "K" stands for and Clark is a Klintonista through and through — born in Arkansas, same distressing family pathology, same academic achievement record, including a Rhodes Scholarship, same unmitigated narcissistic drive for power, same meteoric rise under the Clinton regime, and same degree of loathing by many of his senior officers because of his unmitigated self-promotion rather than patriotic drive. To be sure, Wes is no Ike. *Federalist* political analysts estimate that Clark is really vying for the veepstakes — to be Hillary Clinton's running mate for '04 — uh, we mean '08.

This week's "Braying Jackass" award: "I believe the right wing of the Republican Party is deliberately undermining the democratic underpinnings of this country. I believe they do not care what Americans think and they do not accept the legitimacy of our elections and have now, for the fourth time in the fourth state, attempted to do what they can to remove democracy from America." —Demo presidential contender Howard Dean

This week's "Alpha Jackass" award: "His campaign reminds me a lot of what we did 30 years ago." — Former Democrat presidential candidate George McGovern on Howard Dean's campaign ***Oh, we certainly hope so!*

From the "Non Compos Mentis" Files...

Another Arkansan, and notable draft dodger, Bill Clinton, was also on the stump. "The last election was tight as a tick," he yammered to an Iowa crowd. "That election was not a mandate for a radical change, but that was what we got." (Certainly one "radical change" from the Clintonista reign to the Bush administration regards much-improved personal moral conduct and better treatment and use of our military forces.)

Clinton nattered on, "Instead of uniting the world, we alienated it. Instead of uniting the country, he [President Bush] alienated it." Unfortunately for the Great Prevaricator, evidence is mounting that our self-defensive war with the Jihadi terrorists, post 9/11, might have been averted, had Clinton treated earlier ter-

rorist attacks as acts of war rather than relatively minor crimes — and had he actively pursued Osama bin Laden when given chances to apprehend (or otherwise neutralize) the lead Jihadi.

Around the nation...

From the states, Texas voters passed a constitutional amendment to allow the state legislature to cap damages in civil lawsuits. Republican Gov. Rick Perry noted, "It appears Texans agree we've become too litigious in our society. This will be a much-needed victory for doctors, nurses or hospital employees all across the state of Texas whose futures have been jeopardized by the skyrocketing liability-insurance loss."

In Second Amendment matters, Missouri state lawmakers overrode Gov. Bob Holden's veto, and that state now becomes the 45th to approve right-to-carry permits. The House voted 115-45 to override, with the Senate narrowly following suit in a 23-10 vote just making the two-thirds majority cut. The deciding vote in the Senate was cast by John Dolan, an Army Reserve public-affairs officer, who took special leave from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in order to attend the special session. Missouri lawmakers also overrode Holden's veto of a bill forbidding Missouri municipalities from suing gun manufacturers.

Who couldn't predict this one! Apparently Bush administration handlers have forgotten January of 2000 when Clintonista Janet Reno's thugs deported Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old Cuban refugee, whose mother died in their struggle to escape Fidel Castro's tyranny and reach the shores of freedom, where she and Elian would be reunited with family members. Last month, the Bush administration sent 12 Cuban refugees back to Havana after they were picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard on a Cuban mapping boat, prompting exiled Cuban leaders in Florida to protest. On Monday, 13 Republican state legislators, including 10 Cuban-Americans, demanded in a letter that Mr. Bush make "substantial progress" on the Cuban-American agenda against Red tyrant Fidel Castro, or "we fear the historic and intense support from Cuban-American voters for Republican federal candidates, including yourself, will be jeopardized."

Topographical nomenclature is on the verge of a great new era, as the New Hampshire state legislature prepares to name one of the tallest peaks in the White Mountain Range in honor of President Ronald Reagan. Mount Reagan, standing at 5,553 feet, will stand alongside the peak named for President George Washington, and joins the others named in the state's prestigious Presidential Range — Presidents Jefferson, Adams, Madison, Monroe, Pierce and Eisenhower. In naming the peak for Mr. Reagan prior to his death, New Hampshire is violating a federal law which mandates that a president must be deceased for a minimum of five years before a mountain can be named in his honor. (We at *The Federal-*

ist were just wondering where within the Constitution is the language that grants mountain-naming authority to the central government.) The state legislature voted to simply "ignore" the federal law, however, and we're certain President Reagan would be pleased with New Hampshire's pro-federalist stand.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The best news we heard from the states this week came from Illinois and Michigan, where we added two little *Federalists* to our ranks! The wife of our Associate Technical Administrator Joshua Murray gave birth to a son, and the wife of our Content Editor Gustavus "Gus" Andrews also gave birth to a son. Moms and babes are healthy and doing great — which is more than we can say for the dads! And to those moms, we say Oorah!

In business/economic news...

Though not much of a surprise, last Sunday's collapse of the World Trade Organization free-trade talks in Cancun, Mexico, came as a great disappointment. Though by definition a trade-regulation apparatus, the WTO's objective is to *dismantle* global trade barriers by January 2005. If the Cancun talks are any indication, this worthy aspiration is DOA, giving the proponents of protectionism a significant boost. In the case of Cancun, there is plenty of blame to go around: Blame goes to the European Union for its hypocritical stance regarding its trade barriers and politically motivated farm subsidies — subsidies that in essence keep sub-Saharan Africa in perpetual poverty. The U.S. role at Cancun leaves it to blame for profligating the same economically-crippling protectionism and subsidization (though not hesitating to cynically point out *Europe's* hypocrisy). Finally, contrary to popular opinion, blame also goes to the Third (often-dubbed "Developing") World for its stubborn resistance to open-market concessions of the kind they demanded from the industrialized nations.

The tragedy of Cancun is, of course, that all parties would benefit from the reduction or elimination of market barriers. If the U.S. is serious about our own economic prosperity, the elevation of the Third World and security through global stabilization, there is only one course of action: unilateral free trade. Though such a transition could be painful, in the absence of a generally accepted WTO free trade plan, such a move would ultimately prove a great leap forward into an era of capitalist prosperity and democratic security.

The *Wall Street Journal* editors note: "From a free trader's view, after all, the World Trade Organization is a protectionist device. It allows countries to justify, on grounds of treaty reciprocity, limits on trade that otherwise make no economic sense. Perhaps it's time for the U.S. and other countries that benefit from open global markets to begin once again practicing unilateral free trade. ... Such a policy kept Britain rich for decades in an earlier era, and it would do the same for us now. And the example for the rest of the world would do more for free trade than all

the Cancun conferences from here to the next century.”

On the frontiers of junk science...

Senator James Inhofe, Chairman, Committee On Environment And Public Works, had a few words recently on the “junk science” undergirding efforts by Leftists, ostensibly concerned for the environment, to increase the power and control of centralized government: “Recently, 46 leading climate experts wrote an open letter to Canada’s National Post on June 3 claiming that the Kyoto Protocol ‘lacks credible science.’ Many other scientists share the same view. Over 4,000 scientists, 70 of whom are Nobel Prize winners, signed the so-called Heidelberg Appeal, which says that no compelling evidence exists to justify controls of anthropogenic greenhouse-gas emissions. I want to repeat that: over 4,000 scientists, 70 of whom are Nobel Prize winners, signed the so-called Heidelberg Appeal, which says that no compelling evidence exists to justify controls of anthropogenic greenhouse-gas emissions. I also point to a 1998 recent survey of state climatologists, which reveals that a majority of respondents have serious doubts about whether anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases present a serious threat to climate stability.”

Around the world...

The Israeli cabinet has decided to “remove” head Palestinian terrorist Yasser Arafat one way or another. The UN Security Council on Tuesday responded to this self-defensive plan to remove an obstacle on the so-called road map by trotting out a resolution calling for Israel to reverse the decision to oust Arafat — which the U.S. ambassador to the UN, John Negroponte, promptly vetoed. Negroponte pointed out that the measure failed to condemn the terrorist acts that moved the Israelis to the decision.

And remember when we had that tiff with the Red Chinese holding our downed aircraft and crew? That seems so long ago, pre 9/11, at April 1, 2001. Released information reveals that the crew failed to complete destruction of classified materials before the emergency landing on Hainan Island, so that the Chinese Reds may have gotten their hands on some prime secret info.

Jose Maria Aznar, Prime Minister of Spain and one of the few staunch U.S. allies in Western Europe, is set to step down from office next year in keeping with his 1996 promise of a self-imposed two-term limit. Why is this significant? Aznar will be the first Spanish head of state to leave office without revolution or coercion since the abdication of Charles V in 1556. In so doing, Sr. Aznar is restoring credibility to Spanish democracy, just as he restored credibility to Spanish conservatism following the fascist tyranny of Franco and the subsequent backlash to the Left. Aside from these monumental accomplishments,

Aznar has introduced fiscal policies contributing to the creation of four million new jobs in a nation of 40 million, he has worked for the stabilization of Central and South America, he has pressed for a strengthening of the trans-Atlantic relationship, and he has provided an effective counter-voice to the rampant anti-Americanism of France and Germany. When asked about French President Jacque Chirac’s use of the term “la résistance” to denote Islamic terrorists operating in Iraq, Aznar said with a smirk, “It’s a very French position.”

And last...

Upstaging even Michael Moore’s “documentary” propaganda, to commemorate the 55th anniversary of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (AKA “North” Korea), Pyongyang hosted an 8-day film festival featuring the “immortal feats” of Kim Il Sung and the political charisma and statesmanship of recently “re-elected” Kim Jong Il. Among the documentary films dedicated to Il Sung were “The Leader Is the Great Father of Our People” and “The Fatherly Leader with the Working Class.” Other films dedicated to the exploits of Kim Jong Il include “Having the Great Brilliant Commander,” “Care Shown to Make Their Lives Shine” and “Legend of Love Created on the Road of On-Site Guidance.” Other cinematic feats debuted at the festival are “My Country,” “The Birth of a New Government” parts 1 and 2, “The Nation and Destiny” and “People of Jagang Province” parts 1 and 2.

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