



THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*A Message from NPG President
Donald Mann*

A few days after President Bush traveled to the Mexican border to lay out his agenda for dealing with America's immigration crisis, I spotted a column on the internet entitled "Will America Have Borders Again?"

That's a scary question -- yet it's right on target. Unfortunately, it sums up where our country is headed if the Bush Administration gets its way on the open-ended guest-worker/amnesty program it wants to ram through Congress. And, yes, I include the word "amnesty" even though President Bush insists it is not in his plans. His program sets the stage for a future amnesty just a few years down the road when all the do-gooders decide that it would be shameful for America to make millions of hard-working "guests" return to their home countries after they have laid down family, social and economic roots.

What is totally lacking in the President's program is the political will to make permanent decisions on immigration that won't have to be revisited every few years. It doesn't take a genius to figure out that the political clout of the Hispanic community is going to get stronger and stronger with each election and future politicians will surely be under increased pressure to give into every whim of the pro-immigration lobby. Even today, as Congress gets ready to debate the Bush administration's "immigration reform" legislation, special interest lobbying groups are spending millions of dollars working -- not in the best interests of our nation -- to obtain the best deal possible for those who broke the law to get into our country.

If we accept the figure of 11 million illegals already within our borders (which many believe is a very low estimate) then that means almost four percent of our current population is illegal -- one out of every 25 people! If present trends are allowed to continue, substantially more than two-thirds of future population growth will be because of post-2000 immigrants and their descendants. Adding more new immigrants today -- and opening the

doors for millions more "guest-workers" in the coming years -- only increases that number exponentially.

The only good news in this entire scenario is that the national immigration debate has served to focus Americans on the long-term consequences of immigration and how we need to control it -- before it controls us. Look at the price France, Britain, the Netherlands, and other European countries are paying today for letting immigration get out of control! And the more the public understands the long-term social, economic and environmental costs of an immigration-fed population boom, the more people we can rally to pressure our nation's leaders to adopt a National Population Policy.

As NPG embarks on a new year I think it's important to look back on 2005 which has been a very productive year for us. We've been very forceful in getting our message to Congress on immigration reform, a National Population Policy, and the need for a National Immigration Moratorium. In addition, we continue to forward the results of our on-going *National U.S. Voter Opinion Survey on America's Population Growth* to all Members of Congress so they can be kept aware of public sentiment on population and immigration issues.

2005 also saw the advent of brand-new NPG programs that include our Internet Forum Series and new Population Scholarship Essay Contest. We constantly updated our website to accommodate the more than 60,000 people who visit each month. And we launched a new radio commercial that we'll run in fast-growing suburbs around the country to remind listeners that we're here to help them fight back against population growth and urban sprawl.

These programs, along with our extensive nationwide grassroots recruitment efforts, educational advertising and outreach programs, Library Project, research and Forum Papers will continue to keep our mission moving forward.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the constant interaction of tens of thou-

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sands of NPG members who have shown an increasing willingness in recent years to be more aggressive in fighting for serious and responsible immigration and population policies. We can never forget that we owe it to future generations to leave them a country -- and a world -- where their lives can be as rich and bountiful as ours. My best to you in 2006!

Ronald Mann

HIGHER BIRTH RATES AMONG IMMIGRANTS

The Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) released a startling bit of research related to immigration and population growth in October. According to a report written by Steven Camarota, an analysis of data collected by the Census Bureau in 2002 found that women from the top-10 immigrant-sending countries living in the U.S. collectively have higher fertility than women in their home countries. As a group, immigrants from these countries have 23 percent more children. Among other findings:

Among Mexican immigrants in the U.S., fertility averages 3.5 children per woman compared to 2.4 children in Mexico. Among Chinese immigrants, fertility is 2.3 in the U.S. compared to 1.7 in China. Canadians have 1.9 children compared to 1.5 at home.

The CIS study estimates that the birth rate of illegal alien women was 3.1 children on average in 2002, or about 50 percent higher than the two children U.S. natives have on average. The birth rate for legal immigrants is 2.6, or about one-third higher.

CIS has previously estimated from birth records that there were 380,000 births to illegal aliens in 2002, accounting for nearly 10 percent of all births in the U.S.

CIS also concluded that if illegals are allowed to remain in the country, either as illegal aliens or legal residents, births alone will add some four million people to the U.S. population over the next decade.

Finally, CIS states that new immigrants (legal and illegal) plus births to immigrants add some 2.3 million people to the U.S. each year -- accounting for most of the nation's annual population increase.

NPG is indebted to the Center for Immigration Studies for taking on such a thorough and significant

study as it underscores the dramatic long-range impact today's lax immigration policies will have on our society in future years.

ON AIR...WITH THE FACTS!

Anyone who listens to talk radio knows that immigration reform ranks at the top these days in stations all across America. At NPG we take great pride in the fact that our own Dave Simcox is called on regularly by talk radio hosts across the country to speak on immigration and population. Dave provides the real facts and alarming details as to the devastating consequences we, as a nation, face if we don't get serious about addressing these two very complex issues. In recent months, Dave has appeared on nationally syndicated radio and on stations in 15 states. Stations with the most recent appearances include KRLC, Lewiston, ID; KUBC, Montrose, CO; WAAV, Wilmington, NC; WZTK, Burlington, NC and WIMA, Lima OH.

CAN A "BAY FEE" SAVE THE CHESAPEAKE WATERSHED?

Rapid development, sprawl, new housing and population growth have always been key enemies of the fragile Chesapeake Bay and time is running out on a 2010 deadline for the seven jurisdictions that comprise the area's watershed to make significant reductions in the amount of nitrogen, phosphorous and sediment flowing into the nation's largest estuary.

Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. all contribute sewage and agricultural run-off to the bay and all agreed in 2000 to cut pollution in the bay by half by the year 2010. Much of the problem is money. And while more than \$6 billion has been spent on bay restoration since 1995, a failure of leadership combined with a lack of state funds has hampered efforts to meet that goal.

A recent article in *The Patriot-News* of Harrisburg, PA put forth the idea that states should consider creating a modest annual "bay fee" on every residence, business and farm in the Chesapeake watershed to be used "to improve treatment facilities and otherwise prevent pollution from further diminishing this irreplaceable natural asset. The fundamental problem, however, is overpopulation in the watershed states, and the only permanent solution lies in reducing the number of people in that area to a sustainable level.

NPG INTERNET FORUM SERIES

We take great pride in our ongoing efforts to keep the public informed about population-related issues by helping to fund research and educational papers by some of the leading scholars in America today. Through the year, we forward these to our members as NPG Forum Papers. In 2005, we initiated a new NPG Internet Forum Series to provide an even greater number of papers on various population topics

as well as to reach a wider audience via our website. While this program has been welcomed enthusiastically, we realize that many NPG members do not visit our website regularly or do not have access to the internet. The entire list may be viewed on our website, www.npg.org. If you would like to receive a printed copy of any of these papers please use the enclosed Reply Form to order your selection.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR NPG SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you have a family member or friend in college or heading there soon? You may want to advise them of our newly-created NPG Population Scholarship Essay Contest. Three scholarships in the amount of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500 will be awarded to high school seniors, as well as college freshman, sophomores and juniors. Students will compete by writing a 500-word essay on U.S. population issues. Entry forms will be sent to over 300 schools and to those requesting them in mid-January. If you would like to receive this detailed information, please check the box on the enclosed "Special Contribution" reply.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Have you been paying attention? The clues below relate to information contained in this newsletter as well as other NPG newsletters throughout the year. Test your knowledge as to how much you remember.

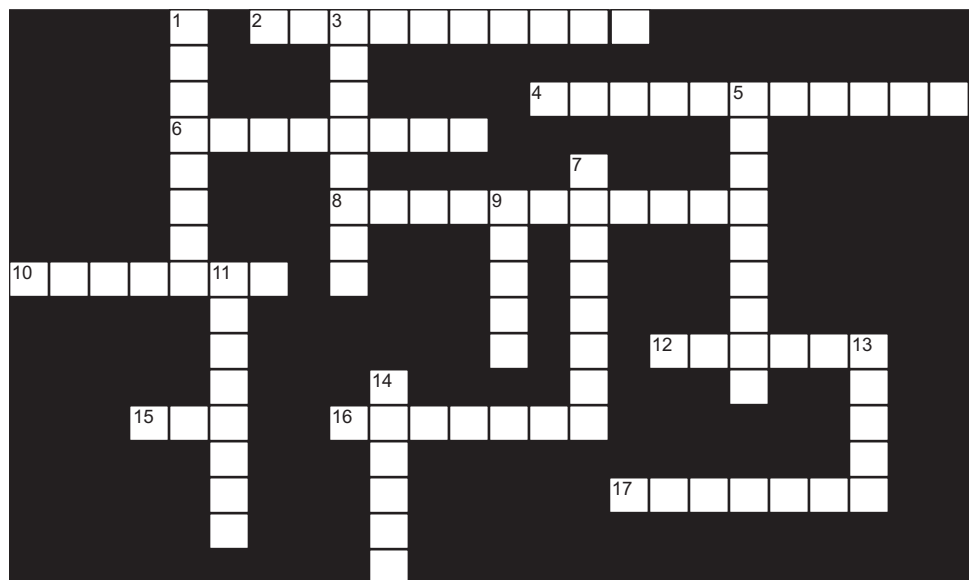
(Answers on back page. Don't cheat!)

Across

2. NPG President
4. Bush revolving-door immigration policy
6. Book by Jared Diamond on how societies choose to fail or succeed
8. Driving force behind the future U.S. population growth
10. One of two states whose Governor declared an immigration-related "State of Emergency" this past summer
12. Name of monthly donor group, The President's _____
15. U.S. born women currently have a birthrate of _____ children.
16. First name of author in 9 down
17. The Library _____ distributes population and environmental-related information to America's libraries with the goal of getting NPG's message to a wide audience

Down

1. Colorado Congressman leading fight against illegal immigration
3. What the "N" stands for in NPG
5. Our website address
7. April 22nd
9. With 16 across, last name of author of "The Collapsing Bubble"
11. Formal name for research papers: The _____ Series
13. Estimated number of illegal aliens in the country is between _____ and twelve million?
14. NPG's radio spokesman Dave _____



ASIA'S NEW POPULATION NIGHTMARES!

China and India are experiencing a new problem -- massive rural to urban migration. A recent article in the *Austin American-Statesman* cited World Bank statistics that forecast more than 500 million Asians moving from rural areas to cities between now and 2020. Better paying jobs and development that is devouring cropland are driving peasant farmers into factories. China's cities are expected to double in size during the next two decades. India's Calcutta has seen its population double in just a decade and Bangkok, Thailand has grown from 6 million residents in 1995 to 10 million today. The U.S. currently has 9 cities with more than 1 million people; China presently counts 171 -- along with 279 cities with populations between 500,000 and 1 million. By some measures, the fast-growing Yangtze River delta, with more than 80 million people, is the world's most heavily populated urban zone.

What's ahead? Just as Americans did in the mid-20th century, the Chinese are buying cars and building highways at a record pace. Car ownership in China, now at 23 million, doubles every 5 years. In India, car ownership has doubled in 10 years but will experience tremendous growth now that banks are financing car loans. The final result will be a spiraling increase in demand for gasoline that will increase competition for the world's limited supply of oil. It also creates greater air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions that will affect the world's climate.

STANDING UP FOR NPG!

With 34 years in the forefront of fighting population growth, working to restrict immigration and preserving our environment, we take offense to those who question our commitment. So when a trio of letters to the editor appeared in *E Magazine* this summer deploring NPG's actions in fighting amnesty for illegal aliens, we took the occasion to answer with the following:

NPG RESPONDS

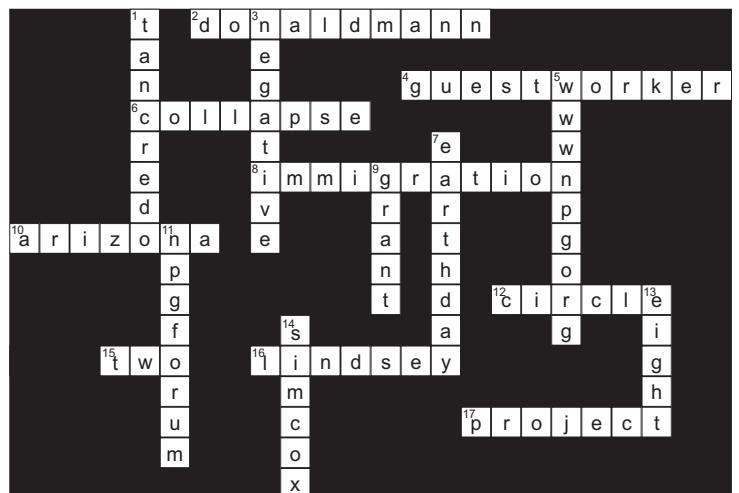
I was very surprised to see three letters to the editor in the July/August issue of the *E Magazine (Advice and Dissent)* criticizing Negative Population Growth's advertisement. Perhaps the three writers should look at the many polls that show the vast majority of Americans overwhelmingly support reductions in immigration in order to gain control of a rapidly growing population and to preserve our future quality of life. U.S. population has nearly doubled since 1950, growing to more than 296 million. Even more frightening is the fact that we will add at least 123 million more Americans to that total if present trends continue, with the vast majority of that growth caused by immigration.

Statistics show we now allow more immigrants to enter our country than ever before. Immigrants also have more children than native-born Americans, so the long-term impact is even greater. In order to truly preserve our nation and our environment, population levels must be stabilized and eventually reduced. The first important step is to greatly reduce immigration levels.

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