

SUPREME COURT RULING ON COPA WILL NOT STOP DOJ FROM PROSECUTING INTERNET PORN

The *United States Supreme Court* ruled 5-4 to uphold a temporary order by a lower-court that restrained the government from implementing the *Child Online Protection Act (COPA)*.

However, this ruling will not stop the *Department of Justice* from enforcing the federal obscenity statute against Web sites that offer hardcore pornography.

Concerned the *Supreme Court* may uphold the temporary restraining order against *COPA*, Florida Family Association started urging the *Department of Justice* to enforce the federal obscenity statutes against Web sites that offer pornography.

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Just Getting Started*

VOTE REGARDING FEDERAL MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

The results of the vote by the *U.S. Senate* on the *Federal Marriage Amendment* was not known at the time this newsletter was published. The newsletter is printed on the seventh day of the month. The vote on the *Federal Marriage Amendment* was planned for July 15th.

Rest assured that if there were not enough votes to pass the *Federal Marriage Amendment* on July 15th, the amendment will be brought up again. Efforts need to continue strong to influence congress to approve the *Federal Marriage Amendment*.

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to Stop Same-sex Marriage*

3 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES RESPOND FAVORABLY TO FFA'S INTERNET PORN COMPLAINT

Florida Family Association mailed the report titled *United States Leads the World In Internet Pornography Available To Children* in May 2004 to a dozen law enforcement officials in five states where the largest internet porn sites operate.

A letter accompanying the report alleged the Web sites hosted materials that could be ruled obscene. The letter asked each law enforcement agency to investigate the obscenity allegations regarding the internet porn companies in their jurisdictions.

Florida Family Association has received letters from THREE law enforcement agencies that indicate their intentions of investigating the complaint. It is likely that some of the other agencies are investigating the complaints but do not intend to report their intentions to Florida Family Association.

Most law enforcement agencies will not confirm an ongoing investigation because of concern over alerting the people being investigated. That is why Florida Family Association will not report in this newsletter the names of the agencies who responded favorably.

The fact that three agencies have informed Florida Family Association of their intentions IS VERY ENCOURAGING NEWS.

TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REQUIRES MERCHANTS TO MOVE PORN BEHIND COUNTER AND COVER

Florida Family Association wrote a letter to the Executive Director of *Tampa International Airport* to complain about the open display to pornographic

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Important Battles Take Time And Faithfulness To WIN

It took us 18 years to influence every major convenience store, drug store and grocery store chain in Florida to stop selling pornographic magazines such as **Playboy**, **Penthouse** and **Hustler**. From 1986 to 2002, we influenced close to 25,000 stores to stop selling *Playboy*, *Penthouse*, *Hustler*, etc.

The **Campaign To Stop Same-sex Marriage** is no different. It will take time, combined with patience and determination, if we are to win this important battle.

One thing is certain. We will lose to the homosexual agenda if we give up or become faint hearted. Winners never quit and quitters never win.

In addition to supporting the **Federal Marriage Amendment**, we plan to devote resources to support **Florida's Defense of Marriage Act** as it is challenged in Florida courts.

We intend to employ sound strategy, patience and determination as we support this important effort.

YOU can help the **Campaign To Stop Same-sex Marriage** by:

Going online to floridafamily.org, clicking on the **Federal Marriage Amendment** button and sending the email postcard to **Senator Bill Nelson**.

Asking family and friends to send the above email postcard.

Sending a gift to help us to be strong in this campaign and all of our other efforts.

THANK YOU.

Sincerely,

David Caton

Executive Director

OUR MISSION SINCE 1987

is to educate Consumers and Corporate America regarding the harmful effects of pornographic media and steps they can take to improve the moral environment.

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FFA INFLUENCES ADVERTISERS TO AVOID FX'S MOVIE **PORKY'S**

Florida Family Association's monitoring efforts detected the movie *Porky's* was scheduled to air March 25th, May 7th and May 8th on the *FX* Channel. The hedonistic movie *Porky's* contains many scenes that are sexually graphic, irresponsible and degrading.

Florida Family Association recorded the movie on the three dates and wrote letters to forty nine companies that advertised during the *Porky's* movie. The letters informed the companies regarding the movie's content and asked if their company wanted to be associated with such content.

Several companies responded favorably to Florida Family Association's letters. Two of these response letters are reprinted in part below.

KRAFT *"Thank you for contacting us about recently seeing commercials for Kraft products on inappropriate programming. We have high standards for what programs we will and will not advertise on, and I can assure you the ads you saw on "Porky's" ran in error, and without our permission. We have reconfirmed our directive that our commercials should not run in connection with this type of programming."* **Dian Poulos,**
Executive Representative.

JOHN DEERE *"Thank you for bringing the placement of this John Deere advertisement to our attention. We would prefer that our commercials did not run during movies such as 'Porky's.' however, we must depend on the individuals within the networks to interpret our instructions. We continue to communicate with the networks about appropriate placement of John Deere messages during high quality programming."* **Suzanne Eagle, Trademark Specialist.**

FX has not aired the movie *Porky's* since May 8th. Hopefully enough companies responded to Florida Family Association letters that *FX* will not air the movie again.

BATTLE AGAINST **INTERNET PORN** JUST GETTING STARTED

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATES OBSCENITY VIOLATIONS ON THE WEB

Florida Family Association (FFA) has urged readers of this newsletter twice over the last year to send postcards to John Ashcroft, U.S. Attorney General. Additionally, FFA continues to ask people who visit floridafamily.org to send an email to Mr. Ashcroft. The postcards and emails urge John Ashcroft to enforce federal obscenity statutes against Web sites that offer pornography.

In April 2004, the *United States Department of Justice* assigned **thirty-two (32) prosecutors, investigators and a half dozen FBI agents** to the *Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS)* of the *Department of Justice*. Their mission is to investigate and prosecute violations of the federal obscenity statute on the Web, cable networks and at local porn shops.

Although the *Department of Justice* is moving forward to prosecute porn on the Web and in other venues, it is important that they continue to hear from citizens.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE FAMILY AND FRIENDS to go online to www.floridafamily.org, click on the **Fight Internet Porn** button to send the email postcard to John Ashcroft.

The *Child Online Protection Act* was enacted to protect minors from accessing sexually explicit material on the Internet. The law forced adult Web sites to require the use of a credit card, some other adult identification number or some similar unspecified technology for access to material that is **"harmful to minors."**

The *American Civil Liberties Union* and others filed a First Amendment suit to stop enforcement of **COPA**. They claimed it was not the least restrictive method of protecting children from harmful material.

A federal appeals court eventually upheld a judge's injunction against the law pending a trial on the merits. The case will go back to the district court for a full trial on the merits. **Justices Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg and Clarence Thomas** joined **Justice Anthony Kennedy**, who wrote the 5-4 opinion, to uphold the injunction.

EFFORT NEEDS TO CONTINUE STRONG TO STOP SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

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Therefore, Florida Family Association will continue to encourage citizens to write, call and email **Senator Bill Nelson**. **Floridafamily.org** contains a full web page on this issue regarding the members of the **Florida Congressional Delegation** who have and have not signed on as a sponsor of the **Federal Marriage Amendment**.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE FAMILY AND FRIENDS to go to **www.floridafamily**, click on the **Marriage Amendment** button and send the email postcard to Senator Bill Nelson. Email can be sent to Representatives by using the email form under the “Contact Us” button on each of their listed web sites.

All Florida Airports Will Be Asked To Follow Display Laws

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magazines such as **Hustler**, **Penthouse** and **Playboy** on the shelf where other magazines are sold at stores throughout the terminal.

Tampa International Airport responded quickly by requiring merchants to move all porn magazines AND less explicit magazines, such **Maxim**, from the general rack to behind the sales counter. The airport authorities are also requiring “*all but the titles*” to be covered.

So the magazines have been moved and covered. The airport authority is committing to make sure this display procedure, which is required by **Florida Statute 847.0125**, is strictly followed by airport merchants.

Florida Family Association received complaints regarding the improper display of porn magazines by merchants at **Tampa International Airport**.

“We intend to inform other airports in Florida what Tampa International Airport has done,” notes David Caton, Florida Family Association, Executive Director. **“We will ask the authorities at other Florida airports to make sure their merchants are following the law that requires porn to be displayed out of the reach and site of minors.”**

The adjacent letter was received from the **Tampa International Airport** executive director in response to Florida Family Association’s complaint.

Tampa International Airport May 27, 2004

“Your letter of complaint dated May 6th was forwarded to me. I have asked my staff to look into the display of magazines throughout the airport to determine whether Florida Statute 847.012 Retail Display of Materials Harmful to Minors is knowingly or unknowingly being violated. Our investigation revealed that magazines such as Playboy, Penthouse and Hustler, which are regulated by the above statute, are kept behind the counter with all but the title covered. Customers asking to purchase any of these magazines are asked for their ID to verify their age. This policy is strictly enforced. Unfortunately, we are beginning to see scantily clad models on the covers of a few other magazines (Maxim, FHM, Stuff) whether the cover has anything to do with the magazine’s cover or not.

We have discussed this trend with our retail concession manager who has asked the distributor to put the “offenders” in opaque shrink wrap so only the title will show. The distributor has agreed to this.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention, and we will continuously monitor the display of magazines to make certain the law is complied with to protect the users of Tampa International Airport from being exposed to items they don’t want to view. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call me.”

Louis E. Miller, Executive Director
Tampa International Airport