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FFA CONSIDERS IDEA TO HELP POLICE PUT ABSCONDED SEX OFFENDERS BACK IN JAIL

Florida Family Association (FFA) is considering a project that would help law enforcement apprehend the most dangerous sex offenders who have absconded from registration. These offenders would be returned to prison. FFA requests your comments on this idea.

The project would utilize a special web site to profile the most dangerous sex offenders who have absconded from registration. The web site would offer rewards for information leading to the arrest of sexual predators and sex offenders who violate the law by refusing to register their physical address with local law enforcement.

The purpose of the registration law is to provide a warning to the public that these specific people pose a

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SUNOCO CLOSE TO PROHIBITING PORN

SUNOCO has informed Florida Family Association (FFA) by letter that they intend to modify their marketer agreements within the next few months to prohibit the sale of pornographic materials by their independent retailers.

FFA has been communicating and following up with Sunoco officials for almost two years since they first committed to amending their contracts to prohibit retailers from selling porn.

Sunoco will be the TENTH major oil company that Florida Family Association has influenced to change their contracts to prohibit the sale of porn during the last six years.

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FFA TARGETS ADVERTISERS OF NEW PLAYBOY REALITY SHOW ON THE E! CHANNEL

The Entertainment Channel (E!) debuted a new reality show on Sunday, August 7, 2005 at 9:00 PM called "Girls Next Door."

TVGuide.com describes the program as, "A reality series that chronicles life inside the Playboy mansion, as seen through the eyes of Hugh Hefner's three girlfriends."

Florida Family Association considers this program nothing more than a Playboy infomercial intended on motivating men to buy Playboy's pornographic products. Disney owns 40% of the E! Channel.

Florida Family Association (FFA) faxed letters on Monday August 8th to the companies that advertised on the first episode. FFA will fax letters to companies that advertise on every episode of this program. Companies that continue to advertise after receiving letters from FFA will be reported in future newsletters.

FLORIDA MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT PETITION APPROACHING NUMBER NEEDED for Florida Supreme Court REVIEW

The FLORIDA MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT PETITION effort will likely reach the required number of certified petitions to qualify for a review by the Florida Supreme Court next month.

Seven (7) primary participating groups have collected approximately seventy-five thousand (75,000) petitions to date. Florida Family Association collected approximately fourteen thousand (14,000) of the first batch of 75,000 petitions.

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SLING SHOTS AND GRASSHOPPERS?

What do sling shots and grasshoppers have in common? And why would I devote this message to such a subject?

The bible describes two historical events in which man viewed grasshoppers and sling shots as images of weakness. However, God demonstrated his awesome power through these two images of weakness to bring victory in the battle at hand.

1 Samuel Chapter 17 reports the story of David and Goliath. Verse 33 quotes "Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been fighting man from his youth.'" Verse 43 quotes Goliath saying to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with a stick?"

But David Did not consider his circumstances when assessing the battle. David's faith was not in his strength or his weapon. David's faith was in the Lord. Verse 45 quotes David telling Goliath, "You come against me with a sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."

If David had listened to his cowardly, jealous peers and the enemy's assessment of his ability to fight Goliath, the Philistines would have continued to torment and oppress God's chosen people. Sound familiar?

Numbers Chapter 13 reports the account of the twelve spies who surveyed the land of Canaan promised to Israel by the Lord. Upon returning from their investigation, ten of the twelve spies reported in verse 33 "We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them." Sound familiar?

Despite the overwhelming opposition to the ten spies, Joshua and Caleb lead the good fight of faith and took the believers of Israel into the promised land of Canaan.

The Lord was not looking for a majority or popular opinion through which to defeat Goliath and the Philistines. No, God was looking for someone faithful through which to demonstrate his sovereignty and awesome power.

Consider where Israel would be today if David, Joshua and Caleb had not been faithful and succumbed to popular opinion and worldly circumstances. Such is the case with the majority of people who attend church today.

NOW consider where America will be tomorrow if believers succumb to popular opinion and worldly circumstances and fail to take a stand against the forces of evil that threaten our nation.

We have stood strong for seventeen years in our mission. We have strongly resisted falling prey to popular opinion and worldly circumstances that have invaded many churches. And because of our consistent stand and the faithfulness of many supporters we have accomplished many victories.

Florida Family Association is involved in numerous battles that can be won if enough people stand with us. Please help all of our efforts to be strong by sending a gift in the enclosed envelope. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Sunoco Close To Prohibiting Their Retailers from Selling Porn

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Sunoco, Inc.'s letter to FFA states:

“Thank you for your recent letter. Mr. Drosdick has requested that I provide a reply. On March 25, 2004, we notified all Sunoco distributors in writing that we expect them as independent operators to observe Sunoco’s ban on the display and sale of adult magazines and materials consistent with certain provisions in existing Sunoco agreements. In addition, a few months ago we commenced the process of amending Sunoco’s agreements with independent operators. This undertaking is no small effort as many provisions will be modified including the addition of an explicit ban on adult magazines and materials. We expect the agreement to be completed within a few months.”

Sunoco has a large network of independent operators. While it may take some time to roll out the amended agreements, please know that we are constantly striving to maintain our image as a family oriented business welcoming to all customers.

Thank you for your concerns.”

**Robert W. Owens, Senior Vice President
Sunoco, Inc**

Sunoco will become the 13th MAJOR OIL COMPANY to prohibit the sale of pornographic materials through contract provisions with their independent retailers that sell their brand of gasoline. Florida Family Association directly influenced nine of the following twelve major oil companies marked with an asterisk to change their contracts to prohibit the sale of pornography by their independent retailers.

Amoco *	Exxon *	Phillips
BP *	Hess	Shell
Chevron *	Marathon *	Spur *
Conoco *	Mobil *	Texaco *

Hess, Phillips and Shell independently adopted the new contract language at the same time.

HOW YOU CAN HELP. If you see a convenience store that sells one of the brands of gasoline listed below that is also selling pornographic magazines or videos, there is a good chance the store may be violating the terms of the marketing agreement with the major oil company. **Sending an email** to report the store to the major oil company may result in the removal of the pornographic magazines or videos.

Amoco Kevin.Russell@bp.com Kevin Russell,
BP-Amoco brand management

BP Kevin.Russell@bp.com Kevin Russell,
BP-Amoco brand management

Chevron randallwalker@chevrontexaco.com
Randall Walker, Manager

Citgo drucks@citgo.com Don Rucks,
CITGO Brand Manager

Conoco mark.r.harper@conocophillips.com
Mark Harper, Brand Marketing

Exxon michael.roman@exxonmobil.com
Michael Roman, Franchise Manager

Hess hismall@hess.com **H.I. Small**,
Vice President, Retail Operations

Marathon Tmkelley@mapllc.com
Thomas Kelley, Manager, Marketing

Mobil michael.roman@exxonmobil.com
Michael Roman, Franchise Manager

Phillips 66 mark.r.harper@conocophillips.com
Mark Harper, Brand Marketing

Shell hugh.cooley@shell.com Hugh Cooley,
Vice President Shell OP US

Spur Ken.Williams@murphyoilcorp.com
Ken Williams, Manager, Marketing

Sunoco Rwovens@sunocoinc.com
Robert W. Owens, Sr. Vice President

Texaco hugh.cooley@shell.com Hugh Cooley,
Vice President Shell OP US

YOUR EMAIL MESSAGE should include the store name, address and type of pornography sold (magazines, videos, DVDs.) If the store continues to sell the materials six weeks after you sent your email please send the information on the store to ffa@floridafamily.org.

PROJECT IDEA TO HELP POLICE FIND ABSCONDED SEX OFFENDERS

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risk of committing more crimes. When sex offenders choose not to register they deprive the public of valuable information regarding the risks these people pose.

Sex offenders who do not register their home address with law enforcement increase their opportunities to victimize many more children and women. Such was the case of John Couey, the sex offender in Citrus County, who confessed to killing Jessica Lunsford. John Couey had absconded from registration and was living unnoticed across the street from young Jessica.

It is very important to the safety of our children and women that high risk and dangerous sexual predators and sex offenders who have absconded from registration must be found and returned to prison. A term of prison awaits sex offenders who are caught after absconding from registration.

It appears that law enforcement does not have enough resources and man power to locate the 2,241 sex offenders and predators who have absconded from registration. Law enforcement needs the watchful eyes of citizens if they are going to be successful in apprehending these absconded sex offenders.

FFA strongly believes that citizens would be much more motivated to visit the web site and submit information if a reward was being offered for the verified address of high risk, dangerous sexual predators and sex offenders who have absconded.

Currently, rewards are not being offered for information leading to the capture of these offenders in any systematic manner. The web site would profile a limited number of sex offenders, concentrating on the most dangerous offenders who have absconded from registration. Funds to pay for the rewards would be solicited from certain major corporations, foundations and citizens who visit the web site.

FFA invites you to comment on this idea via email to ffa@floridafamily.org or U.S. Mail. Please feel free to use the enclosed return envelope and the back side of the "My Support" form to make your comments.

FLORIDA FAMILY ASSOCIATION FILES 14,000 OF 75,000 PETITIONS COLLECTED IN FIRST BATCH

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FFA, several pro-family groups and church organizations are helping to collect signatures on a petition calling for an amendment to the Florida Constitution that will define marriage as only the union between one man and one woman. The Focus On the Family affiliate in Florida is organizing the overall effort.

Once these petitions are validated and certified to the Florida Division of Elections the drive should have more than the 61,000 signatures required to trigger the statutory review by the Florida Supreme Court. The Florida Supreme Court will review the petition language for clarity and compliance with the single-subject rule.

Significant support and a more rapid collection of petitions should occur once the petition language has passed this legal hurdle. Please pray the Florida Supreme Court will promptly set a review date on their calendar and approve the language for the ballot.

Petition forms may be obtained by going online to floridafamily.org and clicking on the link on the homepage for the Florida Marriage Amendment.

**OUR MISSION SINCE 1987 is to educate
citizens regarding actions they can take to
improve our moral environment.**

**Florida Family Association depends
upon the prayers and financial
support of the people who read this
newsletter to pursue our mission.**

**Please help our efforts to be strong by
sending a gift in the enclosed envelope
along with the response form.**

**Contributions may also be made ONLINE by
going to floridafamily.org and clicking on the
"Give A Donation" button.**