

CONGRESS TO VOTE ON FEDERAL MARRIAGE AMENDMENT ON SEPTEMBER 20TH

Congress is scheduled to vote on the *Federal Marriage Amendment* on September 20th. Hopefully, the newsletter arrived in time for readers to send emails or faxes or make phone calls to house members in Florida. Florida Family Association's newsletter production is on a tight schedule. It is routinely dropped on the twelfth of each month.

PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL OR FAX OR MAKE A PHONE CALL to one of the *U. S. House of Representatives* to encourage them to vote for the *Federal Marriage Amendment* if they represent your congressional district.

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FFA CONTINUES TO INFLUENCE ADVERTISERS TO AVOID IRRESPONSIBLE TELEVISION

Florida Family Association (FFA) is monitoring numerous television shows on *A&E*, *E!*, *FX*, *SpikeTV* and *VHI*. FFA writes hundreds of letters each month to inform companies about the sexually explicit content of the programs on which they advertised. Custom designed software allows Florida Family Association to automatically send individualized letters to each advertiser regarding each program.

The response from advertisers continues to be very encouraging. A super majority of companies stop advertising on the monitored programs after receiving letters from Florida Family Association.

See page 4 ... Advertisers Drop Off Bad TV Shows

SOCIAL SECURITY STARTS RECOGNIZING MASSACHUSETTS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE LICENSES IN FLORIDA

The *Social Security Administration* issued a policy change that recognizes the name change that results from same-sex marriage licenses issued by the *Commonwealth of Massachusetts*. This policy change became effective the week of August 23, 2004.

Florida Family Association has been informed that *Social Security Administration* offices in Florida have been instructed to accept these same-sex marriage licenses for name changes in Florida. The new policy is printed in part on page 3.

This should not be happening because Florida Statutes specifically prohibit the recognition of same-sex marriage licenses issued by other states "*for any purpose in this state.*"

Florida's Defense of Marriage Act states in part, "*Marriages between persons of the same sex entered into in any jurisdiction ...are not recognized for any purpose in this state.*" This statute is printed in part on page 3.

Homosexual extremists are likely to take their *Social Security Card* name change and use it to request that their name be changed on their *Florida Driver Licenses* and other official documents.

Same-sex marriages are planting feet on Florida soil if the *Social Security Administration* does not halt this policy. Additionally, the *Florida Department of Motor Vehicles* and other public offices should not change their records to reflect the same-sex marriage license name changes.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP AFTER THE STORM

The storm we are talking about is *Hurricane Charlie*. The final course of *Hurricane Frances* was not known at the time this newsletter was prepared for printing. Hopefully your family made it safely through *Hurricane Frances*.

But we do know and have felt the damage caused by *Hurricane Charlie*. We know there are numerous supporters of this ministry who were affected by *Hurricane Charlie*.

Many supporters of Florida Family Association live in the twenty-three counties that have been declared major disaster areas. Twenty-three counties is more than one third of our state.

We strongly believe that the repairs and healing needed to restore the damage caused by *Hurricane Charlie* is a top priority for our supporters. However, we need to make you aware that donations to Florida Family Association dropped by almost thirty percent for the three weeks after *Hurricane Charlie* hit.

We know that many supporters of this ministry in the twenty three counties who were hit by the storm are rightly focused on restoring their lives. We also know that many supporters of this ministry are rightly helping the people who need food, clothing and shelter in the affected areas of Florida.

But we also know that our efforts will suffer from a loss of resources if we continue lose support in the aftermath of the storm.

If you have not given to Florida Family Association in several months would you please send a gift this month to help make up for those supporters who cannot give at this time. Please help all of our efforts to be strong this month by sending a gift in the enclosed envelope. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Caton

Executive Director

**YOUR GIFTS WILL
HELP US TO BE STRONG**

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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Donations can now be made online with **VISA** or **Mastercard** credit or debit cards.

ONE TIME or **MONTHLY GIFTS** can be made online by going to floridafamily.org and clicking on the "Give A Donation" button. Regular monthly gifts can be set up to automatically debit your account.

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PLEASE ASK OFFICIALS TO STOP NEW POLICY

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The *Social Security Administration's* new policy must be stopped now before it affects other public records and becomes engrained in our political system. **PLEASE MAIL THE ENCLOSED POST CARD** or write a personal letter to Jo Anne Barnhart asking her to stop accepting *Massachusetts* same-sex marriage licenses in Florida for *Social Security Card* name changes.

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**YOU CAN SEND A PREPARED EMAIL
TO JO ANNE BARNHARDT
AND EIGHT OTHER OFFICIALS
BY GOING TO **FLORIDAFAMILY.ORG**
CLICK ON "SIGN UP TO RECEIVE
EMAIL UPDATES ON CURRENT ISSUES"
THEN FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS BELOW**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING EMAILS: 1. Go to floridafamily.org. 2. Click on *Sign Up to Receive Email Updates On Current Issues* button on lower left corner. 3. Click *Register* under *Get Started* in lower left corner. 4. An activation e-mail will be sent with instructions on how to complete your registration procedure. 5. After setting up your password, click on *Active Issues*. Click on *Take Action* underneath the *Social Security issue*. 6. Fill in the *Subject* box and *Password* box. Click *Send It*. And your email will go to NINE officials. It is fast and easy. Once you are set up to send emails it will take only seconds to send future emails.

NEW SOCIAL SECURITY POLICY

On May 17, 2004, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts began issuing marriage licenses and marriage certificates to same-sex couples.

Accept a marriage document issued by jurisdictions (town, city, or state) in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as evidence of identity, including same-sex marriage documents when it meets the criteria of an identity document in RM 00203.200 E.1.(See RM 00203.210B.6. – Example of a Name Change Because of Same-Sex Marriage in Massachusetts). Massachusetts' residency requirement for issuing same-sex marriage documents is an issue that is handled at the State level by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts when it issues marriage documents. For enumeration purposes, do not question the validity of same-sex marriage documents issued by jurisdictions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts based on the applicant's past, present or future residence and/or non-residence in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT FS 741.212 Marriages between persons of the same sex.—

- (1) Marriages between persons of the same sex entered into in any jurisdiction, whether within or outside the State of Florida, the United States, or any other jurisdiction, either domestic or foreign, or any other place or location, or relationships between persons of the same sex which are treated as marriages in any jurisdiction, whether within or outside the State of Florida, the United States, or any other jurisdiction, either domestic or foreign, or any other place or location, are not recognized for any purpose in this state.
- (2) The state, its agencies, and its political subdivisions may not give effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any state, territory, possession, or tribe of the United States or of any other jurisdiction, either domestic or foreign, or any other place or location respecting either a marriage or relationship not recognized under subsection (1) or a claim arising from such a marriage or relationship.

FEDERAL MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

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The following list of *US House of Representatives* contains only the names of those people who voted AGAINST the *Marriage Protection Act* on July 22, 2004. If the congress person who represents your area is not listed below it is because they voted for the *Marriage Protection Act*.

If a house member listed below represents your area, please send an email or fax or make a phone call asking them to support the **Federal Marriage Amendment**. To send an email, use the email form located on the web site for each representative or use the "Instructions for Sending An Email" on page 3 then click on "Take Action" under the "Federal Marriage Amendment" issue.

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ADVERTISERS DROP OFF BAD TELEVISION SHOWS

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

CINGULAR WIRELESS "Thank you for your letter regarding our advertising on the *E! True Hollywood Story Barbi Twins*. In the case of *E! True Hollywood Story Barbi Twins*, Cingular has decided it is not consistent with our brand and therefore we have discontinued advertising there. Please be assured that we will take your views into account as we prepare future advertising and thank you for taking the time to write us." **Daryl Evans, Vice President of Advertising.**

SCHERING-PLOUGH HEALTHCARE

"Your letter concerning advertising for Dr. Scholl's that appeared on VHI's "*When Playboy Ruled the World*", was forwarded to me. We have reviewed "*When Playboy Ruled the World*" and have found that this particular show did not meet our criteria for appropriate programming. As such we have added all of our brands to VHI's content sensitive list to ensure that our commercials do not air in future programs that feature unacceptable personalities or situations. **Christina Meringolo, Director of Media Services and PP.**

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 that the ads you saw on the *Biography of Marilyn Monroe* and *Biography of Brigitte Bardot* 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." **Denise Golka, Executive Representative.**

"We are encouraged by the consistent attitude that many large companies have regarding the types of programs they support." Notes David Caton, Ex-