

FIRST VOTE ON MARRIAGE AMENDMENT FALLS SHORT

The *United States House of Representatives* voted 227 to 186 on September 30, 2004 in favor of writing the same-sex marriage ban into the Constitution. This is 49 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to approve an amendment and send it to the states.

The outcome of the House vote which included mostly Republican supporters of the amendment came as no surprise to the backers of the amendment. *Majority Leader Tom DeLay* predicted measure's defeat earlier this week when he told the Associated Press, "This is only the beginning, I'm telling you."

Florida Family Association will continue to encourage citizens to urge congress to support the *Federal Marriage Amendment* until it is voted on again.

UPDATE REGARDING SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ACCEPTANCE OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE LICENCES

Last month's newsletter reported that the *Social Security Administration* had issued a policy change that recognizes the name change that results from same-sex marriage licenses issued by the *Commonwealth of Massachusetts*.

Social Security Administration offices in Florida have been instructed to accept same-sex marriage licenses issued in Massachusetts for name changes in Florida.

The September 2004 Florida Family Association newsletter asked readers to send postcards or letters to the Social Security Administration.

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NEW NICOLE KIDMAN MOVIE "BIRTH" IS AN ASSAULT ON OUR CHILDREN

Nicole Kidman is starring in a new movie that news reports are alleging contain scenes involving illicit relations with a ten-year-old boy. The *New Line Cinema* movie titled "*Birth*" is scheduled to be released on November 5, 2004.

The following *Reuters* news dated September 8, 2004 reports on why this movie needs to be edited or stopped before it makes it to your local theater.

"Kidman's 'Birth' stirs up controversy in Venice. Her love interest in the film is a 10-year-old boy. Actress Nicole Kidman made waves in Venice Wednesday as a fragile young widow who believes a 10-year-old boy is the reincarnation of her dead husband in the world premiere of 'Birth.'"

"The disturbing film by up-and-coming director Jonathan Glazer has already stirred up controversy with provocative scenes of Kidman and the boy naked in a bathtub together."

In another shot, Kidman's character Anna tenderly kisses the young Sean after being convinced that he is indeed her long lost husband."

Reuters' use of the word "**disturbing**" to describe this movie is a strong indication of just how bad "*Birth*" really is.

FemaleFirst.co.uk reports that Kidman says, "*The relationship between the character, Anna, and the boy is not about attraction but about belief in the manifestation of Anna's dead spouse.*" *If this is truly the case, why are scenes involving nude bathing, intimate kissing and sensual talk necessary to communicate the reincarnation plot to the audience?*

See page 3 ... Kidman Movie

OUR MANY THANKS

We are very thankful to everyone who helped us to make it through the financially slow period caused by the effects that four hurricanes had on our supporters.

We received letters and notes from several supporters who were hit by one of the four hurricanes.

One family wrote, "Our home in Wauchula sustained approximately \$25,000 in damages during Charlie. And Jeanne, as I write this, will be here tomorrow. I am sorry not to be able to support you for a while. Our community has been destroyed & we are all trying to pick up the pieces as well as helping each other."

A lady who has supported Florida Family Association for almost fifteen years wrote, "I cannot help you now. The roof has been blown off my house." She lives in Palm Bay near Melbourne.

Our prayers go out to these supporters and their families.

The generosity and faithfulness of numerous supporters over recent weeks has helped to make up for those supporters who have been hurt by the storm.

The support we receive from people who read this newsletter is what enables Florida Family Association to continue to fight the GOOD FIGHT to improve and protect our moral environment.

PLEASE HELP all of our efforts to be strong this month by sending a gift in the enclosed envelope.

THANK YOU for your support.

Sincerely,

David Caton

Executive Director

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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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KIDMAN MOVIE MUST BE OPPOSED

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This movie would have never gotten this far if it had reversed the roles with a man and a ten-year-old girl. The use of a boy and a popular young female actress are no more appropriate.

The whole premise of an older woman having sensual interests in a young boy is outrageous and irresponsible. It is more than indecent. It is an assault on our children.

PLEASE MAIL THE ENCLOSED POSTCARDS OR WRITE PERSONAL LETTERS to ask the major movie theaters listed below NOT to make our children game for illicit considerations in their family theaters. Please ask these theaters not to accept the movie "*Birth*" for showing on their movie screens.

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NEWS LINKS ABOUT THE MOVIE BIRTH.

The following links provide news reports on the movie Birth. The **MSNBC** news reported may be found at: <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/5946754/> The **MOVIE BOX** information on the movie may be found at: <http://www.themoviebox.net/movies/2004/0-9ABC/Birth/main-page.html>. **FemaleFirst.co.uk** news report found at http://www.femalefirst.co.uk/entertainment/show-art.php?news_unid=505.

Visit <http://www.rallysoft.com/ffa/Landing.asp> and click on **Register** to send prepared emails to theatres and receive email updates on important issues.

SOCIAL SECURITY RECOGNIZES SAME-SEX MARRIAGE NAME CHANGES

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Florida Family Association has not received a response or any correspondence from the Social Security Administration.

However, Charlie Crist, Florida's Attorney General, has responded favorably to the concerns raised regarding the position the Social Security Administration took to accept same-sex marriage licenses from Massachusetts.

Florida Family Association asked supporters to email their concerns to federal and state officials, including Charlie Crist and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, regarding the Social Security Administration's new policy.

Charlie Crist, Florida Attorney General, responded by stating, in part: *"The Social Security Administration has not changed the law allowing name changes predicated by same-sex marriages recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other states that recognize same-sex marriage. I have forwarded a copy of the email to the U. S. House of Representatives, Subcommittee on Social Security, and they will make every effort to clarify existing regulations governing name changes."*

In short, it appears that Mr. Crist is saying that federal law has not changed in a manner that would allow the Social Security Administration to adopt this new policy.

Additionally, the **Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles** was not aware of the Social Security Administration's policy change to accept Massachusetts same-sex marriage licenses. The hundreds of emails they received brought this issue to the forefront of their attention. While the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles already were not accepting same-sex marriage licenses for changing a persons name on a driver license, social security cards with name changes may have gone unnoticed.

"Hopefully, Florida Family Association's efforts will influence this policy to be reversed." Notes David Caton, Florida Family Association Executive Director. *"We will closely monitor this situation and keep you informed."*

**WHAT WOULD OUR
MORAL ENVIRONMENT
BE LIKE TODAY IF
FLORIDA FAMILY ASSOCIATION
HAD NOT:**

Stopped Special Rights for Homosexuals from passing in the 1991 through 1994 Florida Legislative Sessions. No "sexual orientation" amendment to Florida's Civil Rights Act has been proposed since 1994.

Influenced EIGHT MAJOR OIL COMPANIES to prohibit the sale of pornography magazines by independent retailers who sell their brand of gasoline. The restrictions will apply to over 50,000 stores.

Influenced OVER 2500 COMPANIES to STOP advertising on pornographic radio and television programs resulting in several shows being removed from the air including MTV's "Undressed" Comedy Centrals "The Man Show" ABC's "Ellen" and VH1's "Girls Gone Wild Uncovered" and "Howard Stern."

Influenced over 20,000 stores to STOP selling pornographic magazines including 7 Eleven, Albertsons, Amoco Split Second, Circle K Stores, Cumberland Farms, Kash n' Karry, Lil Champ, Sprint, Starvin Marvin.

Influenced OVER FORTY cities and counties to enact laws to restrict sexually oriented businesses or prohibit nude clubs.

**PLEASE HELP
ALL OF OUR EFFORTS
TO CONTINUE TO BE STRONG
BY SENDING A GIFT IN THE
ENCLOSED ENVELOPE**