

CLEAR CHANNEL FIRES BUBBA SUSPENDS HOWARD STERN

No move like it has done so much to cleanup the broadcast airwaves. In one week, *Clear Channel Communications, Inc.* removed from the air the two most pornographic radio talk show hosts in the country. **This is a HUGE VICTORY.**

Clear Channel Communications, Inc. fired *Bubba the Love Sponge* on February 23, 2004. Bubba's pornographic radio show aired on radio stations in Tampa and Jacksonville.

Multiple *FCC* fines against the radio station were cited as the reason for terminating *Bubba the Love Sponge*. Florida Family Association filed the first successful complaint with the *Federal Communications Commission* in 1997. Douglas Vanderlaan filed the second successful complaint. The *American Family Association* generated over a million emails urging the *FCC* to enforce indecency regulations against broadcasters.

Clear Channel Communications, Inc. suspended the *Howard Stern Show* because of indecent content. *Clear Channel Radio* said on February 24, 2004, that it suspended broadcast of Stern's show after assessing the content of his show. "*Clear Channel drew a line in the sand today with regard to protecting our listeners from indecent content and Howard Stern's show blew right through it,*" John Hogan, president and CEO of *Clear Channel Radio*, said in a news release. "*It was vulgar, offensive and insulting, not just to women and African Americans but to anyone with a sense of common decency.*"

This latter statement by John Hogan appears to significantly contradict a lawsuit that *Clear Channel Communications, Inc.* filed against Florida Family

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WILL FLORIDA SUPPORT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BAN SAME-SEX MARRIAGE?

The *Massachusetts Supreme Court* ruled in November 2003 their legislature must amend state statutes to provide for same-sex marriages. However, instead of proposing legislation to approve same-sex some members of the *Massachusetts Legislature* attempted to ban same-sex marriages. The *Massachusetts Legislature* fell two votes short of banning same-sex marriage on February 12, 2004.

Frustrated over the opposition to same-sex marriage in Massachusetts, homosexual activists influenced the mayor of San Francisco to start approving marriage licenses for same-sex couples on February 12, 2004.

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FFA CHALLENGES CIRCLE K STORES ALLEGED PLAN TO SELL PORN

Florida Family Association (FFA) took more action in February to influence *Circle K Stores'* new owner NOT to start selling pornographic magazines again.

Florida Family Association influenced *Phillips Petroleum* to remove pornographic magazines such as *Playboy* and *Penthouse* from 2,300 *Circle K Stores* in March of 2002. However *Phillips Petroleum*, now named *ConocoPhillips*, sold the *Circle K Store* chain to *Alimentation Couche-Tard*, a French Canadian company, in December 2003.

Florida Family Association wrote letters to the officers and board of directors *Alimentation Couche-Tard* in

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Florida Family Association mailed a press release to all national news organizations and conservative television and talk show hosts regarding our research on the companies who are behind the plague of pornography on the internet.

The press package contained the report titled UNITED STATES LEADS THE WORLD ON PORNOGRAPHY AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN. The report found that TWENTY COMPANIES in the UNITED STATES may be responsible for posting or hosting OVER SEVENTY THREE PERCENT of the UNRESTRICTED PORNOGRAPHIC images on the World Wide Web.

PLEASE PRAY for our continued success in all of Florida Family Association's efforts to improve our moral environment.

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

Sincerely,

David Caton

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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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November 2003 to ask if their company planned to start selling pornographic magazines after acquiring *Circle K Stores*. FFA's letters informed the officials that Florida Family Association was prepared to begin a direct mail campaign to inform consumers about the sale of pornography if they decided to start selling the magazines again. *Alimentation Couche-Tard* did not respond to FFA's initial letters.

An email message from a *Circle K Store* manager was forwarded to FFA regarding their corporate owner's intentions to start selling pornographic magazines such as *Playboy*, *Penthouse* and *Hustler*. The email mentioned how much money the company would make from the porn magazines. The message also mentioned they were considering the sale of over twenty different pornographic magazine titles.

Florida Family Association responded immediately by sending a letter to over 1,100 *Circle K Store* managers. The letter informed the *Circle K Store* managers that FFA would mail a brochure to the 1,000 homes that immediately surround each *Circle K Store* if the company starts selling pornographic magazines such as *Playboy*, *Penthouse*, *Hustler* etc. The brochure would inform the 1,000 homes around each store that *Circle K Stores* had started selling pornographic magazines. The brochure would label *Circle K Stores* as the *Largest Convenience Store Chain In America That Sells Pornography* and encourage consumers to shop at the many other convenience store chains that do not sell pornography.

Florida Family Association used this tactic when 7 Eleven started selling *Playboy* pornography in December 2003. 7 Eleven stopped selling the pornographic publication and informed FFA they had no plans to sell it again after Florida Family Association wrote a similar letter to 7 Eleven.

Officials at *Circle K Stores* and their parent company *Alimentation Couche-Tard, Inc.* have not responded to Florida Family Association's letters to their store managers. *Circle K* did not sell pornographic magazines as of the date of this newsletter.

WILL FLORIDA SENATE SUPPORT FEDERAL BAN ON GAY MARRIAGE?

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Responding to these moves by homosexual extremists President George W. Bush called on congress to approve an amendment to the *United States Constitution* to ban same-sex marriage. The proposed amendment would provide that marriage is legal only between one man and one woman.

The prevailing legal opinion concludes the "*full faith and credit provisions*" of the United States Constitution override state statutes and constitutions that currently ban same-sex marriages.. The "*full faith and credit provisions*" of the *United States Constitution* require all states to recognize contracts, including marriages, executed under the laws of other states. The only way to stop same-sex marriages approved in one state from becoming legally binding in another state is to amend the *United States Constitution* with provisions that require marriage to be between one man and one woman.

Congress must first approve the amendment. The amendment goes to the state legislatures after congress passes the initial measure. Three quarters of the state legislatures must approve the amendment before it becomes part of the constitution.

Leadership in Florida's House of Representatives will most likely be very supportive of taking a vote to ratify an amendment to the United States Constitution to protect marriage. HOWEVER, leadership in the Florida Senate may not be as supportive based upon recent voting history.

PLEASE SEND THE ENCLOSED POSTCARD OR WRITE A LETTER urging the Florida Senate President to support an amendment to the United States Constitution banning same-sex marriage.

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Association in February 2001. The lawsuit sought to prohibit Florida Family Association from contacting companies that advertised on their radio shows including the *Howard Stern Show* and *Bubba the Love Sponge*.

Brian Fahling, an attorney for the *American Family Association Center for Law and Policy*, advised Florida Family Association NOT to write to any companies that advertised on *Clear Channel Radio* stations. The judge in

the case had issue a temporary ruling that prohibited Florida Family Association from writing to *Clear Channel* advertisers pending final resolution of the court complaint.

Florida Family Association (FFA) influenced many companies to pull off of *Bubba the Love Sponge* show and the *Howard Stern Show* prior to the filing of the lawsuit by *Clear Channel*. FFA influenced 498 of 513 companies to stop advertising on the *Howard Stern Show* that aired on the *Clear Channel Radio* station

WTKS 104.1 in Orlando. FFA influenced over 200 advertisers to pull off the *Bubba the Love Sponge Show*.

Florida Family Association influenced so many advertisers to pull off of Bubba's show that the radio station changed his contract to give station management editorial control over the content of his show. FFA would call the radio station's general manager when Bubba crossed the line. In most of these cases, the general manager would advise Bubba to change his show.

FFA agreed not to write advertisers as long as the radio station enforced the new content contract provisions against Bubba. This arrangement worked well until

Clear Channel Communications sued Florida Family Association in Orlando regarding FFA's success in influencing advertisers to pull off the *Howard Stern Show*.

However, it appears that *Bubba the Love Sponge* and the radio station took advantage of the Orlando judge's order that temporarily prohibited Florida Family Association from informing advertisers about the content of radio shows on *Clear Channel* stations. Immediately after the

judge issued his preliminary ruling, *Bubba the Love Sponge* sadistically slaughtered a wild boar on his radio show. From that point on, Bubba pushed the limits of sexually explicit content on his show.

BUT *Clear Channel Communication's* unjust attack on Florida Family Association's First Amendment right to communicate with advertisers BACKFIRED. Bubba's show became so explicit that Douglas Vanderlaan of Jacksonville filed a complaint with the FCC. Douglas Vanderlaan's com-

Florida Family Association monitors the following programs and writes advertisers regarding the irresponsible content of the show.

A&E and History: Inside Playboy Mansion

ABC: NYPD Blue

Comedy Central: The Man Show
Porn n' Chicken

Fox: Nip Tuck

Entertainment Channel (E!):

Wild On... Shows - 36 different shows

True Hollywood Stories 11 different shows

Howard Stern Show

Spike TV: Stripperella

VH1: Centerfold Babylon,

Girls Gone Wild Uncovered

WRXX: Howard Stern, Ft. Myers Radio

plaint together with over a million emails generated by the American Family Association resulted in the LARGEST FCC fine ever levied.

Florida Family Association's successful FCC complaint in 1997 (paid in 2000) together with Douglas Vanderlaan's recent FCC complaint were cited as the multiple FCC violations that resulted in *Clear Channel Communication's* removal of *Bubba the Love Sponge* from the air.

FFA will resume monitoring the *Howard Stern Show* on the *Entertainment Channel* and *WRXX* radio station in Ft. Myers.