



MISSOURI EAGLE FORUM

Eagle Watch

SUMMER 2008

Innocence Lost at the Library

By Erika Paul

At one time, the local library was a safe haven – a place where a child could go to further his education and expand his imagination. This is no longer the case. Laura Kostial, a local mother and the creator of a Web site called Community Library Watch, went to the Daniel Boone Branch of the St. Louis County Library system last summer with her young daughter and came upon a new “teen section.” What she found was incredibly disturbing.

The books included in this section, supposedly geared toward 11-16-year-olds, were wildly inappropriate. Many were of a pornographic nature and according to Mrs. Kostial, “contained explicit instructions on how and when to engage in heterosexual, homosexual, and monosexual activities.” They documented “sexually inappropriate, deviant, violent, sometimes illegal acts that are being normalized, if not encouraged.” One book, “Making Sexual Decisions: A Teen Guide” asserts that a teen is ready to engage in sex when he can comfortably dance the hokey pokey in front of his partner without being clothed! It seems ludicrous, but this is the culture that is being fused into the lives of American children today.

Although Mrs. Kostial is concerned about non-fiction books that serve as “guides” to these young people, she also points to the danger of the fiction books that are coming into the libraries in huge numbers. While the inappropriate non-fiction are relatively easy to distinguish, the fiction are horribly deceiving. Many of the covers are unassuming, and if parents do not flip through what their children are reading, they would often miss some of the worst titles. One series about a girl named Alice shows a young, innocent-looking girl on the cover. The books, though, are about one sexual exploit after another. Other books are about everything from drug abuse to

prostitution. And these are supposed to be for children as young as 11 years old!

Mrs. Kostial was appalled at what she and her young daughter found and began an effort to get these books removed from the teen section of the Daniel Boone Branch. She started a Web site (www.orgsites.com/mo/librarywatch) to monitor local libraries. She also spoke with the Library Director, the St. Louis County Prosecutors Office, and attended County Council meetings. And yet the problem today is worse than it was nearly a year ago. Additional inappropriate books have flooded the library and sexually explicit books remain in the teen section and on shelves right next to the children’s section.

This situation is not exclusive to Missouri. All over the nation, filth is streaming into libraries, and the American Library Association is encouraging it. Through its Rainbow Project, the ALA is creating a 45-title “Annual GLBTQ Book List for Youth.” GLBTQ stands for “Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, and Questioning.” According to Nel Ward, the Rainbow Project’s chair, “For young people, [their sexuality, their gender preferences, their gender identities] are not cut in stone when they’re teenagers and younger. So this allows them to explore it.” Furthermore, events like Banned Books Week actually encourage children to read controversial books regardless of parental approval.

The exclusion of parents from the raising of their own children and the sanctity of the family are at stake here. Just this spring, the Vermont Library Association succeeded in getting a new state law enacted to prohibit parents from having access to their children’s library records once they turn 16. Initially the VLA initially pushed the age of 13 as the cutoff!

The inclusion of pornographic materials into the library system has been accompanied by increased criminal activity in libraries as well. Children are being assaulted and raped in libraries across the nation. Philadelphia and Boston have seen a number of cases, and St. Louis has been the scene of these crimes as well. Not only are children exposed to inappropriate materials at

In This Issue

Innocence Lost at the Library.....1-2

Your Eye on Jefferson City.....2

The Battle That Must Be Won.....3

Victory in Jefferson City..4-5

The Democratic Party and Abortion.....5

“It does not take a majority to prevail...but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men.”
Samuel Adams



**Growing Up
Gay In
America**

Informative and
Practical Advice
for Teen Guys
Questioning Their
Sexuality and
Growing Up Gay

This book, written by Jason Rich, is just one example of the pornographic books offered to 11-16-year-old children at the Daniel Boone Branch. It contains horribly graphic explanations of how to engage in homosexual activity.

Continued from page 1

Innocence Lost at the Library

libraries; in some situations, their safety is threatened as well.

Winston Churchill once said, "An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile – hoping it will eat him last." This situation in local libraries has developed while many patrons have been silent, allowing a gradual influx of filth. There is, however, a solution.

On August 18th, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, Mrs. Kostial and local members of Citizens Against Pornography will attend the library board meeting at the Headquarters Branch at 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, 63131. You're invited to join them. If you are unable

to attend, any contact you have with any of the branches or the Library Director could be beneficial. You can contact your county

"An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile – hoping it will eat him last."

Winston Churchill

councilmen by visiting <http://www.co.st-louis.mo.us/council/>. For more information on the issue, you can visit Mrs. Kostial's web site at <http://www.orgsites.com/mo/librarywatch/index.html>.

Your Eye on Jefferson City

By Janet Engelbach, Missouri Eagle Forum Legislative Director

PROPERTY OWNERS & HIGHER TAXES

Last year, homeowners saw big tax increases because of reassessment. Senate Bill 711 (Gibbons 15th) passed the Missouri Legislature protecting homeowners from these back door tax increases while still providing funding for county services. SB711 requires all taxing jurisdictions to roll back their tax rate to counter reassessment increases, closing the loophole, and requiring that taxpayers receive their projected tax liability along with their reassessment notices. In addition, the bill increases tax credits for some seniors. Single homeowners making less than \$30,000 and married couples making less than \$34,000 are eligible to receive up to \$1,100 in tax credits.

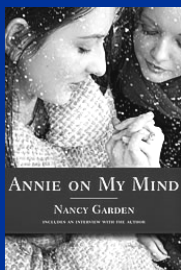
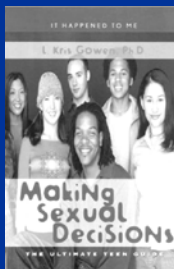
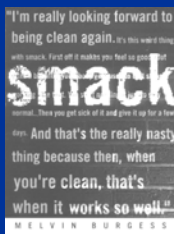
ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Congress talks about the immigration crisis without solutions. The Missouri Legislature passed a comprehensive reform package

that protects citizens' jobs, detains illegal immigrants who commit crimes, and establishes that taxpayer services are for legal residents only. House Bill 1548 (Onder 13th) requires law enforcement to verify the status of any person arrested, and inform federal authorities if a person is found to be here illegally. It also allows for additional federal immigration law training for law enforcement officers and establishes that taxpayer services are for legal residents only.

ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Senate Bill 1066 (Ridgeway 17th) creates an alternative route for career changing professionals to become certified to teach in secondary schools. The program is designed to offer working professionals an opportunity to bring their real-world experience to the classroom and help address a shortage of qualified teachers.



The above books are in the teen section of the Daniel Boone Branch. They are (from top to bottom) *Smack* (about drug abuse and sex), *33 snowfish* (child abuse, prostitution, drug use), *Making Sexual Decisions* (instructions on how and when to have sex), and *Annie on My Mind* (homosexuality).

The BATTLE That Must Be WON

Worldwide pornography revenue in 2006 was \$97.06 billion. Of that, approximately \$12 billion was generated in the U.S. The filth propagated by this industry is now readily available from a number of sources; the most common source is the Internet. Americans, and more specifically young Americans, are becoming increasingly mobile every year. As a result of the advent of cell phones with full Internet access, young people can access pornography anywhere at any time. It is estimated that 9 out of every 10 children aged between 8 and 16 have viewed pornography on the Internet. In most cases the sites are viewed unintentionally, but in every case the exposure is terribly harmful.

The innocence of American youth is diminishing, and our society is facing a major crisis of moral decay. Leading experts in the field of sexual addictions assert that on-line sexual activity by all age groups is a "hidden public health hazard exploding, in part because very few are recognizing it as such or taking it seriously."

One organization that is taking the dangers of pornography seriously is the Cincinnati-based National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families, whose overarching mission is to move Christians to embrace, live out, preserve, and advance the truth of biblical sexuality. The National Coalition pursues victory by serving the Church, providing resources to restore those who have been marred by pornography, and engaging Christians in public policy relative to sexual ethics. More specifically, it seeks to protect marriages, young people, and adults from the plague of Internet pornography and the sexualized messages delivered through wireless devices.

According to the National Coalition, it is vitally important for Christians to become educated about this issue. **Joining the National Coalition's "iCare...about protecting children" movement for prayer and action can be your first step.** Through the twice monthly iCare eNews, the National Coalition educates, trains, and

mobilizes women to rise up and stand against the sexual exploitation of children and young people. This exploitation is rampant. The dangers of sexualized media messages, exposure to pornography, sexual predators, sex trafficking, molestation, and sex slavery are abundant, and



most can be propelled via the Internet.

These problems will not subside; they will likely intensify. The National Coalition, through iCare, is determined to confront this evil in whatever ways our democratic and legal system allows. **If you are ready and willing to be a part of this battle, go to www.icarecoalition.org.** There you will find effective action steps to protect the nation's children and youth.

There are also opportunities to get involved locally with the newly formed St. Louis iCare ministry. **All women are invited to the Kick-Off Meeting on Tuesday, June 24.** Information on location is in the box above. Dr. John Splinter, the St. Louis Executive Director of the National Coalition and Ms. Kerry Gleemaker, the National Director of iCare will be in attendance.

Come to the meeting and you will learn about the dangers of pornography in the lives of your children, as well as how you can take immediate action to inform both friends and family about how to protect them.

The average teenager is exposed to nearly 14,000 sexual messages every year. Pornographers are becoming more and more aggressive and are determined to seduce those not even seeking pornography. It has been labeled the "Drug of the New Millennium," and its far-reaching effects can be seen in almost every family in America. **Join with the National Coalition's iCare ministry to make a difference. It is long past time to stand and fight in this battle.**

SEX
IN THE
CITY?

While popular films and television shows constantly depict casual sexual encounters as commonplace, many Americans are suffering the consequences of such reckless behavior. A recent study by New York City's Health Department found that more than a quarter of its residents are infected with the herpes virus, which doubles a person's risk for HIV. Nationally, 19 percent of the population has the infection. Perhaps the new "Sex and the City" movie should document the real results of their escapades.

Victory in Jefferson City

14 Years of Protecting the \$500 LOSS LIMIT in the Missouri Legislature



The following is the End of Session Missouri Legislative Report written by Evelio Silvera, the Executive Director of Casino Watch, a single-issue, volunteer-driven organization that opposes the expansion of gambling. Since 1995, Casino Watch has

worked each year to ensure that casinos fail in their attempt to remove the \$500 loss limit. This year marks the 14th year of success in keeping that loss limit in place.

We Did It!

Our special thanks to:

Evelio Silvera, Executive Director

The Missouri Teen Eagles

Missouri Eagle Forum

Missouri Legislators who chose the

welfare of the people above the casino agenda

Joseph Day, Director of Research and Analysis

Missouri Family Network

Concerned Women of America

Missouri Legislative Report

Evelio Silvera, Executive Director

May 12 - 16, 2008

End of the 2008 Missouri Legislative Session

No matter how much or how little is accomplished during the weeks leading up to the final days of the legislative session, there always seems to be a frenetic and hectic pace that is unique to the closing days and hours.

As we entered the final week of the legislative session many questions were still unanswered as to the priority that would be placed on legislation to expand gambling and remove the loss limit in the Missouri Senate. With two bills waiting on the calendar it seemed that the Senate would have to act quickly on several other pending issues to even have time to debate gambling legislation and then vote on it. The conventional political wisdom seemed to be that the clock had simply run out on attempts by the casino industry to remove the \$500 loss limit.

On Monday afternoon as the final week started it seemed that time was on our side. Legislative debates in the House and Senate focused on issues such as taxation, immigration, and the village law. It became clear that if the casino industry were to be successful it would have to find a piece of legislation that seemed to be moving ahead in both chambers which could carry a loss limit removal as an amendment. We immediately began researching possible bills that could be amended with a loss limit removal. It became clear that the casino industry would probably use their favorite cover for gambling expansion...education issues!

After productive meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday with several legislators in the House and Senate and lobbyists representing education and pro-family interests it was verified that the gambling special interests were looking for an education bill to make their devious loss limit removal amendment. The most likely place would be in the Senate where Sen. Rob Mayer was carrying a House bill that dealt with a variety of issues pertaining to elementary and secondary education.

Many legislators who were made aware of the possible casino amendment were determined to fight against it and were armed with a variety of talking points thanks to the effectiveness of our "Casino Watch Policy Briefs."

Source: www.casinowatch.org

Continued from page 4

As the Senate discussed Sen. Mayer's education bill, both Republican and Democrats offered a variety of amendments. In the midst of the barrage of amendments, Sen. Jeff Smith attempted to offer the loss limit removal amendment on behalf of the casino industry. Quickly several Senators rose to make a point of order against the loss limit removal amendment. Sen. Tim Green was recognized and the point of order was made and directed to Senate President Pro-Tem Sen. Mike Gibbons for a decision. After some deliberation, Sen. Gibbons met with Sen. Smith in the back of the chamber and it appeared the point of order would be "well taken" meaning the amendment would not be allowed, so instead Sen. Smith withdrew his amendment from consideration. After the Senate quit on Thursday evening it was clear that Missouri families were safe for another year as the loss limit would not be removed.

As the General Assembly closed the 2008 legislative session there was a sense of relief that the gambling special interests had been defeated yet again in their attempts to expand gambling and remove the loss limit. That relief however is short lived as we face a long and expensive campaign against the casino industry funded "Yes for Schools First Initiative" that will be on the ballot this November in order to persuade Missourians into removing the \$500 loss limit and expand gambling. The bottom line is simply this: when the facts are clearly presented and legislators are not persuaded by gifts and campaign contributions the gambling special interests don't stand a chance.

Source: www.casinowatch.org

The Democratic Party & Abortion

By Erika Paul

The Republican National Coalition for Life recently sent out a much-needed reminder on how contemptibly pro-abortion the Democratic Party truly is. This is particularly clear when one examines the sad state of affairs in Kansas. Democratic Governor Kathleen Sebelius, who is often touted as a "moderate" and a possible running-mate for Barack Obama, has wreaked havoc on the pro-life movement since she was elected to office in 2002.



Democratic Governor
Kathleen Sebelius, whose record on
abortion is abysmal

Sebelius has vetoed the most noble of bills, including one that would have required explicit medical reasons for late-term abortions. All the while she was also seeking out a challenger for pro-life District Attorney Phill Kline, who spent eight years in the Kansas Legislature



championing pro-life legislation and after winning election as state attorney general, aggressively pursued prosecution against abortion providers. In the end, she recruited Paul Morrison, who beat Kline as a result of funding from the abortion industry. Kline continues to fight the industry in court, but Sebelius' judicial and executive appointees sabotage his efforts every step of the way.

According to the *Associated Press*, Sebelius has even invited noted partial-birth abortionist George Tiller to her home for a "lavish" party. To add insult to injury, the State of Kansas paid for this affair and was never reimbursed.

Moderate? Not at all. Just another example of a liberal Democrat who supports the despicable practice of abortion? **Absolutely.**



PRSR STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
ST. LOUIS
Permit # 2710

229 Chesterfield Business Parkway
Chesterfield, MO 63005

*"They that wait upon the
Lord shall renew their
strength; they shall mount
up with wings as eagles,
they shall run, and not be
weary; and they shall walk
and not faint."
Isaiah 41:31*

**Please enroll me as a member of Missouri Eagle Forum.
I support the policies set forth in this brochure.**

Please Print

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Email Address _____

State: House Dist. _____ Sen. Dist. _____ U.S. Congressional District

_____ I cannot provide any monetary support at this time, but please keep
me up-to-date on issues through your periodic email updates.

_____ \$30 Annual Membership (includes email, state newsletter, and
monthly *Phyllis Schlafly Report*)

_____ \$45 All of the above *plus* monthly *Education Reporter*

_____ Donation to the Missouri Eagle Forum PAC (Memberships and
donations not tax deductible)

_____ I am interested in joining Eagle Forum Book Club.

_____ I am enclosing a donation of \$50 or more to Missouri Eagle Forum
PAC. Please send me a FREE copy of John Stormer's *Betrayed From the
Bench*.

Email us at eagle.forum@eagleforum.org for more information.

Please mail to 229 Chesterfield Business Parkway, Chesterfield, MO
63105 or email information to eagle.forum@charter.net.

MISSOURI EAGLE FORUM

President Joan Langenberg

First VP Lois Linton

Second VP Noreen McCann

Secretary/Treasurer Ronny Margason

Education Chairman Angela Park

Eagle Watch is published periodically by
the Missouri Eagle Forum.

Co-Editors Lois Linton, Ruth Carlson, and Erika Paul

www.moeagle.org

eagle.forum@charter.net

**LEADING THE PRO-FAMILY MOVEMENT
IN MISSOURI**