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## CityBeat Files Suit Against CCV, Coalition

### Who's suppressing whose First Amendment rights?

On June 6, 2008, a coalition of civic leaders, including five of greater Cincinnati's most respected law enforcement officials, hand-delivered a letter to the editor and general manager of CityBeat, a tabloid distributed throughout the Tri-State area.

That letter compassionately and courteously requested that CityBeat eliminate the adult services category of ads in both its print and online editions, due to the degrading, sexual nature of the ads and because that category of ads had become a vehicle for the promotion of prostitution and other illegal services.

In a non-threatening, respectful tone, the letter appealed to CityBeat's integrity as a fellow corporate citizen.

On June 9, 2008, the coalition made their appeal public in a press conference in Cincinnati's City Hall.

As in their written request, again, there were no threats – expressed or implied. Just a passionate plea that an alternative newspaper distributed in public places throughout the community eliminate a category of ads that are often sexually graphic, degrading and exploitative, a category that for years has been used by prostitutes and businesses that front for prostitution to promote services that are in violation of Ohio criminal law.

Sadly, the coalition's request fell on deaf ears.



Phil Burress



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Cincinnati City Councilman  
Chris Monzel



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*Among those named  
in CityBeat's frivolous  
lawsuit.*

In an editorial in the online edition, Fox boldly declared, "(S)omeone needs to stand up for local people who engage in these types of busi-

nesses. They need to have outlets for promoting their admittedly **alternative goods and services**, and CityBeat **is proud** to be one of those outlets."

Then came the ultimate ignominy.

Disgracing themselves and our legal system, CityBeat, represented by attorney Louis Sirkin — infamous defender of Larry Flynt and virtual child pornographers — filed suit in federal court against CCV, Phil Burress, Hamilton County Sheriff Si Leis, Cincinnati Police Department Chief Tom Streicher, Cincinnati City Councilman

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There could be no denial. In light of evidence provided by both the Hamilton County Sheriff's office and the Cincinnati Police Department, plus the very recent federal raid of local massage parlors fronting for prostitution — all of which were regular advertisers in the tabloid — CityBeat's management could not challenge the coalition's assessment of the ads in question.

No denial of the facts as stated. Instead, CityBeat's editor and co-publisher John Fox simply lashed out, "We will not be bullied or intimidated by any outside force..."

June 6, 2008

Mr. John Fox, Editor and Co-Publisher  
Mr. Dan Bockrath, General Manager and Co-Publisher  
Cincinnati CityBeat  
811 Race Street, 5th Floor  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Messrs. Fox and Bockrath:

We, the undersigned, represent a diverse coalition of non-profit organizations, law enforcement agencies and concerned individuals united by a common concern: the exploitation of women, the devastation of families, and the endangerment of greater Cincinnati's communities brought about by prostitution and other aspects of the sex-for-sale industry.

Many of the undersigned know first-hand the tragic outcomes of the sex-for-sale industry in that we regularly assist the women, men, children and families who become its victims in greater Cincinnati. Such victims include but are not limited to the women trapped in this degrading, abusive industry; families that have been dismantled as a result of addictions to such services; and entire communities depressed by the criminal element often associated with this industry.

We approach the management of CityBeat because it has been brought to our attention that the adult classified ad sections of both your weekly print edition and your online edition, CityBeat.com, have become primary avenues through which the sex-for-sale industry in greater Cincinnati markets their destructive services.

The majority of ads in CityBeat's adult classified section clearly appear to be outright or thinly veiled advertisements for prostitution or other sexual services, many of which are in violation of state criminal laws. The Organized Crime Division of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department and the Vice Control Section of the Cincinnati Police Department report that many of the arrests made relating to prostitution, solicitation and promoting prostitution offenses result from phone calls placed to numbers listed under the adult services category of CityBeat and CityBeat.com.

Earlier this month police in Ohio, Indiana and Northern Kentucky raided several "massage parlors" and "spas" in the Tri-State area, making multiple arrests on charges ranging from prostitution and human trafficking to tax evasion and money laundering. The raids were the culmination of a two-year investigation by a task force consisting of local law enforcement agencies plus several federal agencies including the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Customs and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis. Several of the "spas" targeted in the raid were regular CityBeat advertisers.

Together, we, the undersigned, therefore appeal to your integrity as a corporate citizen and ask that you eliminate the adult services category, and refuse to accept ads elsewhere for sexual services, in both your print and online editions. By taking this responsible action you will be assisting us in reaching out in compassion to the many women, men and families negatively impacted by the sex-for-sale industry and will be contributing to the physical and emotional health and safety of the communities that you serve

Thanks for your consideration of our request and your reply.

Sincerely,

**Rev. Jermaine Armour**  
Representative, Interdenominational  
Ministerial Alliance

**Bishop E. Lynn Brown**  
Presiding Bishop, 2nd Episcopal District,  
CME Church

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President Citizens for Community Values

**Paula Bussard**  
President, Transformation Cincinnati @  
Northern Kentucky

**Jackie Carney**  
Pregnancy Center West, Inc.

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World Outreach Christian Church

**Rev. Wayne Davis**  
Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church

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**Bishop Maurice Jackson**  
President, Metro Area Religious Coalition of  
Cincinnati

**Rev. Joel James**  
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**Kathleen Kiely**  
Executive Director, Care Net Pregnancy  
Services of Northern Kentucky

**Dr. Jerry Kirk**  
President, Religious Alliance Against Pornography

**Sheriff Simon Leis**  
Hamilton County

**Rev. Michael Mack**  
Pastor, Jerriell Missionary Baptist Church

**Rev. Alex McEntire**  
Pastor, Word Alive Church

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Cincinnati City Council

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Founder of Transformation Cincinnati @  
Northern Kentucky

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**Lori Viars**  
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**Pastor Clarence Wallace**  
Carmel Presbyterian Church

**Paula Westwood**  
Executive Director, Right to Life of Greater  
Cincinnati

**Bishop Dwight Wilkins**  
President, Interdenominational Ministers  
Alliance

**Pastor Charlie Winburn**  
The Church in College Hill

The coalition's  
request, hand-  
delivered to  
CityBeat's  
office June 6,  
2008.

# Attention public school teachers

## CEAI Offers a Christian Alternative to the NEA

By Finn Laursen

Is there any hope for our public schools?

As the battle for the minds of our children continues in our post-modern, “godless” culture, our schools have become a major battleground. Some in the Christian community, understandably, are even calling for a mass exodus from our “government schools.”

Is there any hope for reform or restoration of the nation’s public schools? Is abandoning

our public schools the only hope for our youth?

Yes, and no.

Whereas home schooling and private Christian schools are excellent alternatives to public school education for many, for many others these alternatives are not practical or possible. So no, abandoning public schools cannot be the only hope.

And yes, there is hope for reform and restoration within our public schools. *“With God, all things are possible.”*

That hope is not based on any state or national reform movement. It is not based on *No Child Left Behind*.

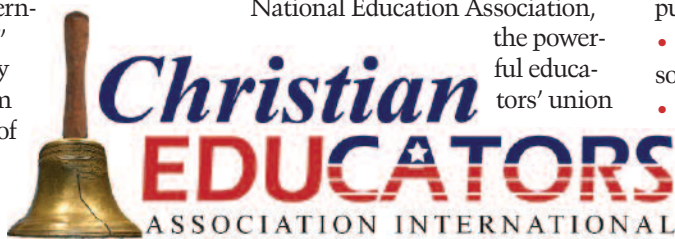
The hope of our public schools is in Jesus Christ, and in professional educators who follow Him, model Him, and live out their faith in the workplace of their classrooms.

Christian Educators Association International (CEAI) exists to help Christian educators understand and carry out their mission. Founded in 1953, CEAI is a membership professional association for Christian educators in both public and private schools, with most of its members serving in

public schools. CEAI is the only national association specifically serving Christian educators in public schools. Its focus is to encourage, equip, and empower Christian educators to make a positive impact in the schools where they serve.

Many Christian educators rely on CEAI as their alternative to the National Education Association,

the powerful educators’ union



that is notorious for its anti-family values. CEAI provides resources such as magazines, newsletters, daily devotionals, and many other printed and digital resources from a Christian worldview. The association also provides professional liability insurance and legal support — the two services for which many Christian educators feel that they must join the NEA, even though they are opposed to that organization’s philosophy and political agenda.

Precisely because there are so many negative influences bombarding public school students today, CEAI considers our public schools a mission field ripe for harvest. Through public schools we have access to many who will never enter our churches. According to Barna Research, only four to six percent of school-age children self-identify as Christian.

Christian educators interacting with young people daily can have a life-changing effect on those not having a personal relationship with our Lord and at the same time

can be a powerful role model for Christian students on campus.

CEAI’s vision is straightforward: To demonstrate God’s love and truth to the educational community.

Its Mission is clear: To serve the educational community by encouraging, equipping and empowering Christian educators in public and private education, by –

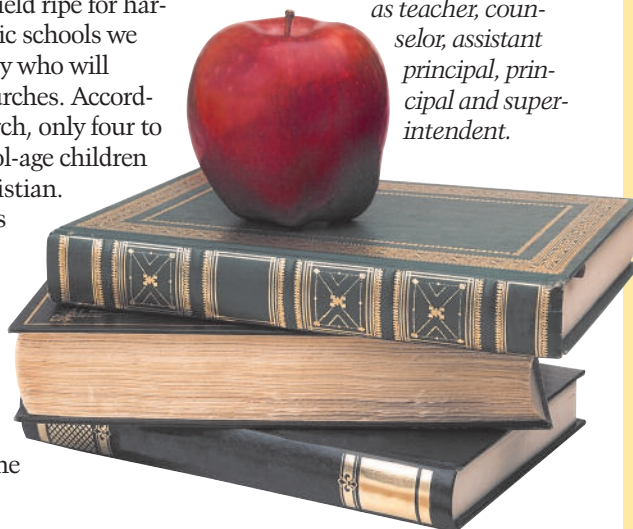
- Proclaiming God’s word as the source of wisdom and knowledge;
- Portraying teaching as a God given calling and ministry;
- Promoting educational excellence as an expression of Christian commitment;
- Preserving our Judeo-Christian heritage and values through education;
- Providing a forum on educational issues with a Christian worldview; and
- Partnering with churches, parachurch organizations, educational institutions and parents.

For in-depth information about Christian Educators Association International, visit [CEAI.org](http://CEAI.org).

*About the author: For the past five years, Finn Laursen has served as Executive Director of CEAI. He came to the position after a 32-year career in Ohio public school education, during which time he served as teacher, counselor, assistant principal, principal and superintendent.*



Finn Laursen  
Executive Director,  
CEAI



# Released Time Bible Education: Hope for Public School Youth

Teaching the Bible and Biblical worldview to public school students — during the school day.

Sounds impossible, doesn't it? "No way," you say — not in this day when the ACLU has school boards and administrators afraid to allow Bibles on teachers' desks or Christmas carols in their "Winter" musicals.

In fact, it's not only possible. It's constitutionally sound and it's happening in over 1,000 public school districts across the nation.

It's happening in programs referred to as "released time education."

True, religious education programs held on public school grounds have no legal protection. But in 1952, in the case *Zorach v. Clauson*, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the concept of released time education. With parental permission, public school students may be taken off the school campus during the school day to attend Bible classes.

The concept was initiated over 80 years ago by a school superintendent. Today the 1,000-plus programs operating in 32 states are educating more than 250,000 public school students.

All public school students —

elementary, middle and high school — may participate in released time education classes. Most programs take students off the school campus for one hour each week, an hour deemed by many students and teachers the most important hour of the school week.

Most release-time programs are operated by church and/or community groups that organize as non-profit corporations. Classrooms traditionally are located at local churches or other non-school public buildings.

A national organization, Student Ministries & Christian Learning Centers (SMCLC), exists to help community leaders develop and administer released time programs. Resources available through SMCLC include handbooks for individuals and churches to assist them through the start-up and management of release-time programs, training conferences, administrative support, and fundraising counsel.

## An Ohio Model

*Courier* readers interested in investigating a released time education program need to go no farther than Upper Sandusky, Ohio, where a successful released time program has been in operation since 2003.

Bible-based education in their public schools was a part of this small northeastern Ohio farming

community's rich heritage. Prior to 2003, such classes were taught on a voluntary basis to students **on school property**.

Then in 2002, one parent complained that holding classes on school property was illegal; the school board panicked over a potential lawsuit; the program was shut down; and the district's Bible teacher fired.

A report in the local newspaper was the first notice most residents received that the program had been dropped. Many Christian parents were shocked and devas-

tated at the news.

One such Christian parent was Jenni Bacon Miller, a life-long resident of Upper Sandusky who had benefited from those voluntary Bible classes as a student years ago, and who was planning on enrolling her own 5th-grade daughter in the classes in the coming school year.

Shortly after the announcement, Miller and a group of other concerned Christians met to discuss their options. A former lawyer, Miller volunteered to research legal options and discovered the court-approved released time concept.

Praying for God's guidance and seeking to honor Him in their battle, the expanding group of determined parents soon organized as the Coalition for Access to Religious Education (WeCare for Stu-

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**"When the state encourages religious instruction or cooperates with religious authorities by adjusting the schedule of public events to sectarian needs, it follows the best of our traditions. For it then respects the religious nature of our people and accommodates the public service to their spiritual needs."**

— Justice William O. Douglas, U.S. Supreme Court  
(*Zorach v. Clauson*, 1952)

## CITYBEAT SUIT...

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Chris Monzel, and all 34 of the other civic leaders who had appealed to CityBeat to eliminate their destructive, degrading ads.

On what possible grounds could CityBeat sue those respected community leaders?

The suit states that the coalition signing the request "engaged in a conspiracy to violate... CityBeat's protected First Amendment rights and to chill CityBeat's free expression and freedom of the press... **demanding** in writing that the newspaper refrain from accepting and publishing advertisements for adult oriented businesses."

The letter of appeal to CityBeat (a complete copy appears on page 2) made no demands! No threats. The coalition simply asked CityBeat to serve the community by eliminating a category of ads, the negative consequences of which were undeniable.

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And so the question: Who is attempting to suppress the First Amendment free speech right of whom?

Clearly, in this ludicrous lawsuit CityBeat and Sirkin are attempting to use the court system to suppress the free speech rights of all those church, civic and law enforcement leaders who pleaded with them to eliminate their adult services category of ads.

Many in the community served by CityBeat, including their

own advertisers, evidently were not aware of the explicit, degrading nature of the adult service category in CityBeat's print and especially their online edition. CityBeat's complaint further stated that as a result of the coalition's exposing the nature of their ads, the paper has lost advertising revenue.

## The Real Tragedy

The real tragedy of CityBeat's reaction to the coalition's request is that their inflammatory response and the publicity surrounding their frivolous lawsuit have detracted from the coalition's true motive.

As their written appeal clearly stated, all those who joined CCV in approaching CityBeat "know first-hand the tragic outcomes of the sex-for-sale industry."

The coalition's motive was to reach out to the real victims of such advertising — "the women trapped in this degrading abusive (sex-for-

sale) industry; families that have been dismantled as a result of addictions to such services; and entire communities depressed by the criminal element often associated with this industry."

Most of the ads in the adult services category of CityBeat's print edition are not even "thinly veiled," as the coalition's letter politely refers to them. They clearly are promoting sex-for-sale. To view such ads in their online edition, a visitor is asked to agree that he/she is 18 years or older and understands that the ads that they are about to view contain "pictorial nudity and adult language."

Citizens for Community Values and all those who joined in this appeal remain firm in their request that CityBeat eliminate these ads, which are so degrading and exploitative, and which are so contrary to the values of their community.

## YOU CAN HELP

Many greater Cincinnati area residents are not aware of the graphic sexual and exploitative nature of CityBeat's adult services category of ads. Likewise, many of the owners or managers of restaurants, convenience stores and other public places that serve as distribution points for CityBeat are not aware of the nature of these ads. Accordingly, CCV has assembled information packets that document the nature of the ads and the use of that category of ads to promote prostitution. Call CCV's office and ask for the CityBeat information packets.

Frivolous though CityBeat's lawsuit is, there will be significant legal expenses attached to CCV's legal representation in this suit. The economic uncertainty, which we all face, already has negatively impacted CCV's operating budget. Please prayerfully consider helping CCV financially.

## RELEASED TIME...

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dents, Inc.) and appointed Miller their leader.

The steps and challenges that Miller and the WeCare team encountered were many: petitions, detailed proposals, scheduling, transportation, insurance hurdles, board approval — to name a few.

But prayer and persistence prevailed.

"So much of what looked insurmountable turned out to be

smoke and mirrors," Miller recalls.

Six months after the announcement that their in-school program had been cancelled, Upper Sandusky had a released time Bible education program in which an even greater number of students were participating. Today ninety percent of elementary students attend the off-site classes.

In addition to administrating the Upper Sandusky program, Miller spends much of her time today educating other communi-

ties about released time programs. And her daughter, now a senior, looks forward to that hour of Bible class as much as Jenni did during her school days.

Jenni Bacon Miller can be reached by phone, (567) 232-0340, or by e-mail, miller8950@att.net.

To learn more about the national released time Bible education project, School Ministries & Christian Learning Centers, visit their Web site, [www.schoolministries.org](http://www.schoolministries.org).

# Update from the Statehouse

## Your Support at Work in Columbus

June was wrap-up month in the Ohio General Assembly, as legislators prepared for a summer recess, which will find many of them on the campaign trail.

Among key pro-family bills finalized and signed into law during the June push:



► **Senate Bill 175 (Grieving Parents Act)** – Sponsored by Sen. Kevin Coughlin (R-Stow), this legislation creates a fetal death certificate that would differentiate between still births and abortions. It becomes effective September 12.

► **Senate Bill 183 (Importuning Bill)** – Sponsored by pro-family Sen. Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster), this legislation creates tougher penalties for individuals convicted of propositioning children through electronic means for sexual activity. It was adopted unanimously in both the House and Senate, and signed into law by Gov. Ted Strickland. The effective date is September 11.

Two bills that failed to move during June:

► **Senate Bill 174 (Cloning Ban)** – This bill, sponsored by Sen. Steve Buehrer (R-Delta), would ban the process of somatic cell nucleus transfer, commonly known as “cloning.” It has faced intense opposition, primarily from the state’s large research universi-

ties and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, both of which would profit from research utilizing “clone and kill” technique. When it became apparent that the bill would not move independently,

pro-family senators attached it as an amendment to an economic stimulus package. Gov. Ted Strickland line-item vetoed the amendment.

► **Senate Bill 305 (Ohio ENDA)** – This would have been one of the most radical and dangerous homosexual rights bills in effect or under consideration in any state. During a long day of proponent/opponent testimony before the Senate Civil Justice Committee, CCV’s vice president David Miller and Barry Sheets, governmental affairs director, delivered compelling testimony against the bill. Committee members received numerous e-mails, phone calls and letters from *Courier* readers and constituents of other state pro-family organizations. As of this date, the bill has not been scheduled for additional hearings.

Unless there is legislation that leadership deems must be addressed in September, the Ohio General Assembly will not reconvene until after the November election.

## New Study Shows Homosexuals = 2.9%

A recently published study by researchers at Hunter College, New York, reveals that Americans identifying themselves as homosexual comprise only 2.9 percent of the 18 and over population.

“That’s a far cry from the 10 percent often quoted by the liberal media and homosexual special rights groups,” notes Jerry Lyon, CCV’s vice president of operations.

“Unfortunately,” says Lyon, “many of our elected officials as well as a majority of the general population have bought into the 10 percent myth.”

The Hunter study reveals one reason for this gap between fact and perception: homosexual activists’ lopsided influence on government and corporate policies.

The study states that though in the minority, homosexuals have a “disproportionate impact on the political process” because in almost every political category they outwork the average citizen. To advance their agenda, homosexuals are more likely to volunteer, to write letters to the editor, to contact government officials, and to appear at protests.

“We should learn from the example of their effectiveness,” laments Lyon.

“We have the truth on our side – the truth not just about their numbers, but more importantly, about the devastating physical, emotional and spiritual consequences of the homosexual lifestyle. But we have allowed ourselves to be intimidated into silence. Imagine the difference that we could make in our society if we were as fervent about proclaiming that truth and protecting our freedoms as they are about spreading the lies.”

# Hope and Healing for Ohio's Trafficked Teens

Although most U.S. citizens still are in denial, the truth is — human slavery is more widespread today that at the end of the Civil War.

Today, it goes by the name of human trafficking.

There are many forms of human trafficking, including labor trafficking, child soldiering war brides and organ removal.

By far the most common form of modern-day slavery, though, is sexual trafficking — the sale of women and children into prostitution.

Upon hearing the term, "sex-

adolescents are involved in commercial exploitation at any given time. The vast majority of those children come out of abusive homes and are forced to survive on the streets by selling sex under the control of a trafficker or pimp.

Dr. Jeffrey Barrows understands the extreme physical, emotional and spiritual tragedy of child sexual trafficking. In 1999, Barrows left a 15-year private practice in Obstetrics and Gynecology to join the staff of the Christian Medical Association (CMA) to direct their medical education mission outreach. It was in that capacity that he became awakened of the awful reality of human trafficking.

Today his work with CMA focuses on the health ramifications of human trafficking and teaching health care professionals how to recognize potential trafficking victims.



*Dr. Jeffrey Barrows*

girls brought out of commercial sexual exploitation change their worldview, opening the door of their hearts to hope and healing through Christ.

While at Gracehaven, each resident will be encouraged to work toward her GED or equivalent, and will be assisted in find-

ing financial support to continue her education or to secure occupational training if desired.

The end goal, for each resident, will be to establish the emotional and spiritual stability necessary to live independently by the age of 18.

A beautiful, peaceful campus site in rural Northwestern Ohio already has been donated. Presently the organization is raising funds for construction of a classroom and dormitory facility that will accommodate 10 young women.

To learn more about Gracehaven or about human trafficking in Ohio, visit Gracehaven's Web site, [www.Gracehaven.info](http://www.Gracehaven.info), or call Dr. Barrows, (937) 210-1503.



ual trafficking," most Americans think in terms of foreign women brought to the U.S. under pretense of a better life and then forced into prostitution. Indeed, the U.S. Department of State estimates that of the 800,000 persons trafficked across international borders annually, 14,500 to 17,500 are trafficked into the United States.

That statistic pales in significance, however, to the numbers surrounding the most common form of sexual trafficking — teenage prostitution. Various studies estimate that approximately 325,000 to 400,000 U.S.

A resident of Zanesfield, Ohio, Barrows is the founder and president of Gracehaven, a non-profit organization that seeks to provide shelter and rehabilitation to girls under the age of 18 who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation in Ohio.

Established on a foundation of Christian love, compassion and extensive specialized counseling, Gracehaven's goal is to remove trafficked girls from an environment where decisions must be made based on survival and fear.

More importantly, Gracehaven's counselors will help the

# Burress and Burress Address Abstinence Leadership Conference

CCV's president Phil Burress and his wife Vickie were among the speakers featured in Abstinence Clearinghouse's 12th Annual International Leadership Conference, July 22-25, the largest and only international conference catering specifically to abstinence educators.

The three-day event, held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida, featured over forty authors, clinicians and national abstinence leaders.

"It was an honor to be asked to be on a program that included so

many distinguished, well-known authorities," said Vickie Burress.

An overflow crowd attended the Burress' three break-out sessions, which focused on the wide-spread availability of pornography to our youth, especially through the Internet.

"The good folks to whom we were speaking work hard to promote abstinence until marriage to our youth," said Vickie Burress. "Pornography and this highly sexualized culture in general send the false and destructive message that having sexual relations with anyone, at any time, is healthy and normal. Pornography thus

becomes one of the greatest obstacles to delivery of the abstinence message."

Abstinence Clearinghouse is a non-profit educational organization that promotes the appreciation for and practice of sexual abstinence through distribution of age-appropriate, factual and medically-accurate materials. Headquartered in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the organization serves as a central location where character, relationship and abstinence programs, curricula, speakers and materials can be accessed. The Clearinghouse works with individuals or agencies at the local, state, national and even international levels.

**Abstinence**



**Clearinghouse**



1st Place – The Team from JTM



2nd Place – Kings Electric

**Our thanks to all who made the 2008 Classic a day of great golf, fellowship, food and fun – in spite of the rain!**



Seth and Van – They beat the pros



Cue sticks! For the last-place team

*A weed eater – ball in the woods competition*





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# GRASSROOTS ACTIVIST SCHOOL

Columbus, Ohio Saturday, August 23

Do you want to make a difference in **YOUR** state,  
**YOUR** county, and **YOUR** community?

Do you want to elect candidates for public office  
who share your conservative values?

Have you ever thought of running for office?  
At the precinct, local, or state level?

*If the answer to any of these questions is YES,  
plan now to take advantage of this unusual opportunity.*

**It's not too late!**

**You can make a difference in the November election,  
and in the future of your community.**

A registration fee of only \$20 includes breakfast and lunch.

Register online today at [www.leadershipinstitute.org](http://www.leadershipinstitute.org)

Or call 1-800-827-5323 for more information.



**Saturday, August 23**  
**9:00AM – 5:00PM**

*Westerville Church of the Nazarene*  
355 Cherrington Road • Westerville, Ohio



CCV encourages support...

# AFA Asks for Boycott of McDonald's

The American Family Association (AFA) has asked for a national boycott of McDonald's due to the corporation's promotion of the homosexual/bisexual/transgendered agenda through partnership with the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC).

Having made a \$20,000 donation to the NGLCC, McDonald's now is listed as a Corporate Partner of the activist organization. In addition, Richard Ellis, vice president of communications for McDonald's USA, has accepted a seat on the NGLCC's Board of Directors.

AFA's founder and chairman, Don Wildmon, emphasizes what the McDonald's boycott is **not** about. The national pro-family group's special Web site, [www.boycottmcdonalds.com](http://www.boycottmcdonalds.com), explains that the boycott is **not** about hiring homosexual persons, **not** about homosexual persons eating at McDonald's, and **not** about how homosexual employees are treated.

What the boycott is about, the site explains, is "McDonald's, as a corporation, refusing to remain neutral in the culture wars. McDonald's has chosen not to remain neutral but to give the full weight of their corporation to promoting the homosexual agenda, including homosexual marriage."

The NGLCC's primary mission is to generate business for companies that are owned by homosexuals, bisexuals and transgendered persons.

CCV's vice president of public policy, David Miller remarks, "We certainly do not object to McDonald's or any corporation doing business with any supplier who can provide competitively priced, quality goods or services. On the

other hand, we do question a corporate policy that seeks out suppliers based on their sexual behavior."

"Additionally," says Miller, "the NGLCC's activities go way beyond

**"McDonald's has chosen not to remain neutral but to give the full weight of their corporation to promoting the homosexual agenda, including homosexual marriage."**

promoting the economic interests of their members. They also actively lobby for legislation in support of same-sex marriage, in support of adding sexual orientation and transgendered status to the categories protected under our civil rights laws, and in support of hate laws that would criminalize expression of any objection to homosexual behavior."

Responding to the threat of a boycott by the millions of families opposed to the homosexual agenda on moral grounds, McDonald's spokesperson Bill Whitman told a Washington Post reporter bluntly, "Hatred has no place in our culture."

Notes Miller, "HIV is increasing among young males today at alarming rate of 12 percent per year. To imply that objecting to an agenda so injurious to the physical, emotional and spiritual health of our nation is equivalent to hatred, is particularly troublesome."

"As a compassionate people concerned about the family and the wellbeing of our children, we must make a statement to our culture. Passing up McDonald's — in favor of another fast-food eatery, or perhaps a healthier alternative — is one easy way to make such a statement."



*Current promotions: Happy Meals and Unhealthy Lifestyles (and we're NOT loving it!)*

# Electronic Keno a Bad Bet for Ohio



## Gov. Strickland's temporary budget fix a long-term problem

On July 1, approximately 1,100 restaurants and bars across Ohio began placing their equipment orders and gearing up for the state's newest form of legalized gambling.

On August 4, patrons in those establishments began putting down their money.

The new electronic game — called Keno — represents the Ohio Lottery Commission's first incursion into businesses such as restaurants and bars.

By approving the game, Gov. Ted Strickland maintains that he has provided Ohioans a potential \$73 million in revenues to partially offset cuts in education that he says would have been an inevitable result of the state's total \$730 million budget deficit.

CCV's vice president of public policy, David Miller, sees it differently. According to Miller, by approving the game, Gov. Strickland has broken faith with the families of Ohio.

## The feel of a slot machine

Keno is a game in which bets are placed on 10 randomly selected numbers on an 80-number "card" or electronic board.

Proponents of the game refer to it simply as an electronic version of Ohio's Pick 3 or Pick 4.

Miller, taking his direction from many counselors specializing in addictive behaviors, sees a major — and dangerous — difference.

"With this electronic version," Miller explains, "players can play a new game every four minutes, instead of once or twice a day as with the paper games. When you have a drawing every four minutes, it starts to feel a lot like a slot machine, and the propensity for addictive behavior increases dramatically."

Miller also refers to Gov. Strickland's approval of Keno indicative of a "blatant double standard."

As recently as October 2007, Gov. Strickland signed a bill to outlaw very similar types of gambling and in doing so stated, "The people of Ohio have spoken with a clear voice on this issue time and time again. They do not want an expansion of gambling in their state."

"How can he possibly reconcile that action and statement at that time with his approval of Keno today?" questions Miller.

"He is supposedly against the idea of 'games of skill' proliferating in Ohio through private companies, but feels it's just fine as long as it is controlled, and the money taken from Ohio citizens, by a state agency."

## Listening to Michigan

Ohio will be the 13th state to offer Keno through their lottery commissions.

Barry Sheets, CCV's governmental affairs director, believes that Gov. Strickland would have been prudent to have studied Michigan, which added keno to their lottery offerings in 2003.

He points to an article by Gus Chan in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, which revealed the dark side of Keno in Michigan. A waitress in one restaurant interviewed in the article estimated that a large percentage of the tips she used to receive are now being spent on Keno. A restaurant patron was very forthright, admitting, "It sucks you in."

One attorney interviewed for the article admitted to going from playing lottery games occasionally to spending every lunch hour during the week at a local establishment where video Keno can be played every four minutes. The

same attorney also noted that gambling has been an issue in a number of the divorce cases she has handled.

Recognizing that such harms are greater than any benefits, Ohioans have voted down gambling expansion three times during the last 20 years by significant margins.

"State controlled, state monitored, and state regulated gambling has no less of a chance to create gambling addicts," says Miller. "The harm will still come. I agree with the adage, 'The government should generate its revenue from the strengths of its citizens, not their weaknesses.' Gov. Strickland shouldn't be doing an end-run like this in a time of crisis. When video Keno stops being profitable, are we not going to be in the same deficit problem?"

Sheets concluded: "Let's cut to the chase: any expansion of gambling in Ohio, whether by the state or through private means, is no way to fix problems and make Ohio a better place to live and raise a family. Governor Strickland has not been an honest broker with Ohio's taxpayers. This is a blatant play to expand gambling and thwart the will of the people."

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## AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM PHIL BURRESS

# State Marriage Votes Will Impact the Nation!

On January 18, 1996, CCV plunged into the center of the marriage debate, defending the truth of marriage as the union of one man and one woman. That was the date that CCV hosted a meeting in the basement of a Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee with various national leaders.

That 1996 meeting gave birth to the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) that Congress passed and President Clinton signed into law. DOMA's now have been passed in 38 states. Twenty-nine states have passed state constitutional amendments to protect marriage.

The high courts of Massachu-

setts and California — both by a 4-3 vote — have forced same-sex marriage on all Americans. Our pro-family friends in Massachusetts are still working to repeal same-sex marriage there, and this November the people of California will vote to stop same-sex marriage in that state by embedding the true definition of marriage in their state constitution, as Ohioans did in 2004.

Also in November, Florida and Arizona will vote to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman. While all three state votes are important, the California vote, should it fail, will have a major

impact on each and every one of us.

At risk is the institution of marriage — an institution that has been the foundation of every thriving society since the beginning of civilization, an institution ordained by God, and an institution that reflects His very image!

The legal chaos that would result from same-sex couples continuing to marry in California could result in as many as eleven states immediately being forced to accept same-sex marriages. Same-sex couples will travel from other states to marry in California and then return to their states of residence to demand recognition of their marriages there. Although approximately 70 percent of Americans oppose same-sex marriage, this distortion of marriage could be forced on us all.

It doesn't stop there. Religious liberty and freedom of expression as we have known them since the founding of this country will be changed forever.

### Think about this:

- All public schools would be forced to teach that same-sex marriages and same-sex relations are normal and healthy.
- Churches would be forced to perform same-sex marriages or risk losing their tax-exempt status — at the least.
- Expression of moral objections to homosexuality and same-sex marriage would be considered, and penalized, as a hate crime.

Due to the centrality of marriage and the importance of these three state ballot issues I have spent much of my time during the past weeks in strategy meetings with state and national leaders organizing get-the-vote-out campaigns.

It's fundamental to who we are as a people and as a nation. As Americans, as Christians, we cannot stand idly by and allow the Truth of marriage to be denied.



Phil Burress  
CCV President

To learn more about these issues and how you might help, including financially, visit these special Web sites:

#### California:

[www.protectmarriage.org](http://www.protectmarriage.org)

#### Florida:

[www.yes2marriage.org](http://www.yes2marriage.org)

#### Arizona:

[www.azformarriage.com](http://www.azformarriage.com)

## David Barton Comes to Ohio

### Fall tour to include Bob McEwan

Popular American historian, author and founder of WallBuilders — David Barton — will speak in six Ohio cities in three days this fall, September 29 through October 1.

Joining Barton on the Ohio tour will be former U.S. congressman and motivational speaker Bob McEwan.

Barton's subject will be the Christian's role in the civic arena, and will include a clarification, from an historical perspective, of the controversial separation of church and state issue. Barton frequently teams with McEwan when addressing these issues.

"David's emphasis on the moral, constitutional and uniquely Christian foundation upon which America was built, plus Bob's insider perspective on the current Washington scene make a fascinating, inspirational and complete presentation," says Phil Burress, president of CCV, which is sponsoring the fall tour.

Following is the schedule of

Barton's appearances:

#### Monday, September 29

1:00 P.M. - Lindner Auditorium, Cincinnati

7:00 P.M. - Fairhaven Church, Centerville

#### Tuesday, September 30

1:00 P.M. - Fellowship Christian Church, Springfield

7:00 P.M. - Genoa Baptist Church, Columbus

#### Wednesday, October 1

1:00 P.M. - WPOS, Toledo

7:00 P.M. - Calvary Chapel, Cleveland

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