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WRAP Week is nearly here!

MCAP is gearing up, and plans are underway for a series of radio ads to run on WAVA 105.1 FM during WRAP week, and also an interview on the Don Kroah program, with Matt Aujero, 1 of our speakers. Matt has a compelling personal story of how he and his wife have worked through his problems with porn, and how their marriage has been restored. We hope you will tune in. Our ads will have the following message:

Did you know that PORN FUELS: ADDICTION / RAPE / INFIDELITY / DEPRESSION / DIVORCE / ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION / ABUSE / and HUMAN TRAFFICKING? Please help us place a billboard in Maryland with facts and resources for help. Join the White Ribbon Against Pornography campaign by flying or wearing a white ribbon showing your stand for decency, Oct. 25th-31st. There's a LOT one person can do – go to mcap1.com for action items. Please donate! Go to Mcap1.com for the Maryland Coalition Against Pornography, or call (301) 439-8475. If you or someone you love has a porn addiction, there is help!

This image shows approximately how we hope the billboard would look. It is part of a City Blitz campaign being coordinated by the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE). The plan is for billboards like this to appear across the country in major cities, educating the public and drawing attention to Internet web sites that offer resources that can help in a variety of ways.



We could really use *your* help with the expenses of running this campaign effectively. Please consider a *generous* donation to MCAP. MCAP is running on a very small budget, so we won't be able to do this without a *lot* of help! Checks can be sent to MCAP, P.O. Box 2868, Silver Spring, MD 20915-2868 or you can donate safely and easily online by using the **Paypal** button on our web page, www.mcap1.com. MCAP will be celebrating our 30th anniversary this coming year and would like to do it with a bang like this!

NCOSE is spearheading other initiatives that they call their "Dirty Dozen" campaign which features details on how you can get involved. See <http://endsexualexploitation.org/dirty-dozen/> which includes *Cosmopolitan* magazine, Verizon, Comcast, Google, Facebook, American Apparel, the U.S. Dept. of Justice, YouTube, CKE Restaurants, Sex Week on college campuses, Backpage, Fifty Shades of Grey and the American Library Association.

Please post the enclosed flyer at your place of worship or other appropriate bulletin boards, and contact us at mcapinc@juno.com or call Eva Murphy at (301) 345-7825 to order more ribbons, \$5 per 100 plus postage.

We also need new board members. Please consider volunteering. Email or call 301-439-8475 to learn more about meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, occasional hearings, and if you like public speaking, you would be very welcome in our speakers' bureau. Let's reach out to speak to youth and college age audiences! We can't do it without you.

Why Cosmo is on the Dirty Dozen List as a WRAP Action Item

Cosmopolitan Magazine glamorizes things like public, anal, group, or violent sex in nearly all of their issues. Every issue of Cosmo encourages its readers to engage in dangerous and risky sexual behaviors. It is a verbally pornographic “how-to” sex guide, desensitizing young women and girls to the pornified culture around them. Cosmo now blatantly targets young girls to expand their audience and increase profits. Many of their covers feature teen idols, meant to entice young girls into buying the magazine. Results from a 2015 nationwide survey indicate that many Americans agree.

Even Victoria Hearst, grand-daughter of William Randolph Hearst agrees, and is calling this product of her family’s corporation ‘pornographic.’ She has joined the campaign to get it brown-bagged.

See <http://endsexualexploitation.org/cosmo/#actions> for actions any individual can take - thanking retailers who are placing Cosmo behind blinders, (Walmart, Rite Aid, and Delhaize America), emailing other retailers or the Cosmo editors, and approaching stores who are not using the blinders to ask that they do. This web site even provides a flyer that can be printed out and placed in front of the Cosmo magazines in your local retail check-out lines or handed to a store manager.

Federal obscenity laws, which the U.S. Department of Justice refuses to currently enforce, prohibit distribution of hardcore, obscene pornography on the Internet, on cable/satellite or hotel/motel TV and in sexually oriented businesses and other retail shops.

- 18 U.S.C. 1461 Mailing obscene matter
- 18 U.S.C. 1462 Importation or use of a common carrier to transport obscene matter
- 18 U.S.C. 1465 Interstate transportation of obscene matter
- 18 U.S.C. 1466 Wholesale and retail sale of obscene matter which has been transported in interstate commerce

Pornography needs to be made a public health issue

Aiming to make the dangers of pornography a public health issue, eight experts from the fields of medicine, law and social research addressed the connection between sex trafficking, prostitution and pornography in an event held at the U.S. Capitol in July, hosted by the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE). It drew more than 150 Congressional staff members, advocates for ending sexual exploitation and members of the public. A particular focus was on how it shapes the minds of children. MCAP also co-hosted one of the speakers, neurosurgeon Dr. Donald Hilton, for extended remarks lasting 45 minutes at the Family Research Council media center. The videorecording of his talk, entitled “Pornography and the Brain: Public Health Considerations” can be viewed on the FRC web site at this link:

<http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?c=UNIVERSITY&playItem=PL15H01>. He spoke convincingly and authoritatively, leaving little doubt about what a threat the porn epidemic has become. If you take the time to view it, you will be well informed and glad you did.

Free Apps that can help

“Victory” provides a strategic battle plan for victory in the struggle against pornography. It tracks your progress daily, and includes an accountability button (lovingly called the “bat signal”) at the top right-hand side of the screen. In the app “settings,” up to three accountability partners can be added. In a moment of temptation, the user can press this “Accountability button” and those accountability partners will be notified on their phones. There are also over 50 entries for daily spiritual inspiration and it provides privacy via a password to access it. For more details, see <http://lifeteen.com/blog/5-reasons-you-need-the-victory-app/>.

The “Brainbuddy” app purports to help you rewire your brain. Its methodology includes daily evening checkups tracking a participant’s progress, mood and habits. Based on over 3000 hours of patient study, Brainbuddy monitors factors that lead to dopamine cravings and protects you from porn relapse.

News Shorts – on the good side:

Enough is Enough's *Internet Safety 101* tv program is now available to Comcast customers in not only English but also in Spanish, on the web. To access it, go to the online site for Xfinity On Demand menu and choose Get Local/Internet Safety.

Looking for good tv and movie recommendations and reviews? Consult the web sites for Parents Television Council, <http://w2.parentstv.org/main/News/Default.aspx> and <http://www.movieguide.org/>

The Washington State Supreme Court ruled in favor of three young women who sued Backpage.com after they were sex trafficked as minors on the website, allowing the lawsuit to proceed to trial. This marks an important step forward in holding Backpage accountable for its willful facilitation of human trafficking and prostitution. MasterCard is to be commended for no longer allowing their credit cards to be used for placing ads on Backpage.com. Visa is being urged to follow the example of valuing human dignity above financial gain that has been set by MasterCard, and to cease doing business with Backpage.com.

A summer crackdown on johns in DC netted 157 men since the middle of July. "What we've seen is a resurgence of the showgirl prostitution, where the girls are out on the streets cruising, getting picked up and going into alleys," says D.C. Council member Jack Evans, Ward 2, who represents an area targeted by the crackdown. He believes the rise in showgirl prostitution reflects uneasiness about going online. "Too many times somebody sets up an appointment, goes to the hotel and gets caught because they're running these under-cover entrapments, which are good."

Google moves against revenge porn

This summer Google began implementing a new policy to combat "revenge porn" images on the web which are "intensely personal and emotionally damaging, and serve only to degrade the victims--predominantly women," Google said. "So going forward, we'll honor requests from people to remove nude or sexually explicit images shared without their consent from Google Search results."

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit upheld key provisions of the Child Protection and Obscenity Enforcement Act of 1988 requiring pornographers to keep records of all actresses and actors in their films and photography. The recordkeeping provisions were intended to stem the use of child actresses in the mainstream porn industry (18 U.S. Code § 2257). "It is an indictment on the porn industry that it has fought for more than 25 years to kill a provision designed to prevent it from sexually exploiting children in pornography," said Patrick A. Trueman, President of NCOSE.

On the bad side:

Sept. 2, a *Washington Post* article demonstrates that federal agencies continue to have difficulties preventing employees from accessing porn on government computers. The headline reads: "Commerce official let her kids watch porn on federal computers, then told investigators she saw nothing wrong with it."

Lawrence Wesley Joynes, 56, of Dundalk, was first arrested on child pornography charges in February 2013, pleading guilty a year later in Baltimore County Circuit Court. He was ordered to register as a sex offender and sentenced to his time served. In May this year, Joynes pled guilty to filming 15 Montgomery County students in kindergarten through second grade in sexual poses. He taught in 11 Montgomery County Public Schools for more than 25 years. After Baltimore authorities found "thousands of images of child pornography" on his computer, Montgomery County detectives identified 14 elementary school students as victims of sex abuse while Joynes was a music teacher at New Hampshire Estates Elementary School in Silver Spring.

MCAP's newsletter is now published only in electronic form distributed via email from our mcapinc@juno.com address except for an annual WRAP newsletter each Fall. If you are not on our email list, or are not sure, please send your email address. If you do not use email, please call 301-439-8475, and a printed copy could be sent to you. To be good stewards of our limited funds, we are trying to save on printing and mailing costs.

ACTION BOX

- [] Please consider donating generously toward our goal of installing the billboard featured on the front page.
- [] Please see the enclosed flyer about the 2015 WRAP Campaign and take action to protect minors from Cosmopolitan magazine.
- [] Please wear and/or fly a ribbon on your car or mailbox between Oct. 25-31 to show you are taking a stand for decency! Religious leaders, suggested sermons or messages can be found using Sermoncentral.com, where using the word "pornography" as a search term yields results such as these: <http://tinyurl.com/8dyl77c>. To order ribbons, call Eva Murphy, 301-345-7825.
- [] Do you use Facebook? "Like" MCAP's page and follow our posts!
- [] We are in great need of new Board members. *Please* consider volunteering! Contact **Bob Kammer** at **301-942-0882** or email us at mcapinc@juno.com.

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