# Send rape tab to porn peddler?

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"American women are in greater peril now from attack than they have ever been in the history of our nation." (from a report issued by the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 21, 1991.)

The rape rate in the United States is four times that in Germany, eight times France's, 15 times England's and 20 times Japan's.

Last year's increase in rape was three times that of the year before. In my home state of Kentucky, reported rapes increased 43 percent. Experts believe that number vastly understates the true magnitude of the problem as thousands of rapes go unreported, out of fear of reprisal and stigmatization.

Further, rapes have become increasingly vicious, involving torture, dismemberment and murder.

The sex crimes do not occur in a cultural vacuum. There is increasing evidence, and belief among Americans, that violence in the media promotes violence against women and children. Hard-core pornography is the most dangerous aspect of this assault on women and children. In response to this growing threat, I introduced the Pornography Victims' Compensation Act (S-1521).

This bill would give victims of sex crimes, or their survivors, the right to sue the purveyors of hard-core pornography if a link could be shown between the crime and specific pornographic material. This bill is designed to hit pornographers where it hurts them most—their wallets. The bill does not ban such material from being produced, it simply holds the purveyors liable for the harm their businesses cause.

Nevertheless, I have considered concerns raised by members of the entertainment industry and incorporated many of them into a modified version of the bill. The Pornography Victims' Compensation Act will cover only obscene material and child pornography. The Supreme Court has ruled that such material is not protected by the First Amendment.

Support for this bill has been extraordinary. An array of organizations, including the Family Research Council, Feminists Fighting Pornography, the American Family Association, victim's rights groups and more than 100 National Organization for Women chapters nationwide have joined together in calling for action on this legislation.

These organizations coalesced around the bill because they share a goal—to hold hard-core pornographers liable for the harm they cause. They also share a belief—that crime is fostered by a culture in which the sexual abuse, degradation, mutilation and murder of women and children is a form of entertainment.

This belief is backed by scientific study. A 1988 FBI study found that 81 percent of violent sexual offenders regularly used pornography depicting violence. A study by the Michigan State Police found that of 48,000 sexual crimes committed over a 20-year period, pornography was used just prior to or during 41 percent of them.

This belief also is shared by many Americans. A National Victims Center study found that 93 percent of Americans believe violence in the media impacts violence in society.

All women are victims in this culture of violence. Millions of American women are afraid to walk from their offices to their cars. They are afraid to go outside after dark. They are afraid within their own homes. According to the National Victims Center, 73 percent of American women limit the places they will go by themselves out of fear of crime.

Another dimension of the problem is the extent to which it affects children. Each year, one million children from six months to 16 years old are sexually molested and then filmed or photographed. There is a large audience for this filth, many of whom are themselves child molesters. Child molesters are prolific, each averaging 117 child victims.

The pornography industry trades in the abuse, exploitation and degradation of women and children. Pornography is not an expression of free speech, it is a lucrative business.

The financial interest in fighting this bill is considerable. Pornography is a multibillion-dollar industry. A witness from the Video Software Dealers Association testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee that 30 percent to 50 percent of VSDA members sold hard-core pornography.

Pornography is fueling violence in this country, and it is time the industry was held accountable for the harm it causes. This bill is one thing we can do to protect women and children from sexual predators, and give them some recourse against those who profit from their victimization.

### *Call U. S. Senator*

*AFA urges readers to call their U. S. Senators and encourage them to support the Pornography Victims' Compensation Act (S-1521). Write Senators at U. S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. Their telephone number is 202-224-3121.*

## *Man blames troubles on pornography*

A Midland, Texas, man has blamed pornography for much of his troubles. For Bryan Allen Hale, the sexual addiction that consumed him became "a poison" and a drug that "could not be pushed aside." At his sentencing before U.S. District Court Chief Judge Lucius D. Bunton, Hale received a 30-month federal prison sentence, a $7,500 fine, and a warning to stay away from children while he is under the judge's scrutiny for three years after he is to be released from prison in late 1993.

The judge also ordered Hale not to have "access to children" in any job after prison and while he is undergoing treatment for his sexual addictions.

Hale, 47-year-old former administrator of Glenwood Psychiatric Hospital, has been in federal custody since his arrest on pornography charges last April, following investigative work by an undercover agent.

In pleading for mercy from Judge Bunton, Hale said he found himself trapped in his own prison of sexual fantasies and pornography. Fantasizing was his way of handling stress, fear and loneliness, he said.

"The more problems I faced, the more attention I gave to sexual fantasy," Hale said haltingly and amid occasional sobs. His addiction escalated, he said, as he sought more and more stimulation from "socially unacceptable subject matter related to sex."

Hale's arrest last spring and the loss of his $65,000-a-year job helped awaken the one-time minister from his addiction."I stand before you in public disgrace—humiliated and destroyed," Hale told the judge.

"I welcomed inspiration for new (sexual) fantasies," he said, recounting his excitement in talking with the undercover agent. "I saw an opportunity for more stimulation by exchanging information."

And the "addictive nature of my behavior made his offer look like a bottle of liquor to an alcoholic who isn't aware that he is addicted," Hale concluded .

*Midland, Texas Reporter-Telegram, 8/2/91*



### Roseanne joins programs promoting homosexual lifestyle

Last season Roseanne introduced two homosexual characters: Roseanne's boss, Leon Carp (Martin Mull), and his lover Jerry (Michael Des Barres). And one storyline under consideration for this season would have Leon and Jerry attempting to adopt a baby. Also being discussed for the fall is an episode guest-starring—and written by—gay actor/playwright Harvey Fierstein ("Torch Song Trilogy"). Although nothing's been ironed out yet, one scenario would have Fierstein playing a homophobe. Another idea is to cast him as the gay brother of Dan (John Goodman).

"I've always gotten great response from the gay community," notes the show's star and producer, Roseanne Arnold (formerly Barr), who has two siblings who are allegedly homosexuals.

*TV Guide, 7/27/91*

### Schools to offer free condoms

Massachusetts state education officials recommended high schools make condoms easily available to combat the spread of AIDS. Officials said some local schools already distribute condoms but it's the nation's first statewide policy. A federal study of 2,000 Massachusetts secondary-school students found 46% said they were sexually active; less than half of them used condoms.

It was not immediately known if the education officials would also pass out clean needles to those students who are using drugs.

*USA Today, 8/28/91*

### New Yorkers protest Pee-wee's arrest for indecent exposure

About 400 supporters of Paul Reubens and his Pee-wee Herman character rallied to denounce his arrest on an indecent exposure charge and praise his TV series for bringing children "life and comic relief."

The boisterous crowd, including some parents and a few children clutching Pee-wee Herman dolls, grew so large that, at one point, police had to route traffic around the site on Greenwich Village's Christopher Street.

"If those police in Sarasota spent more time on the streets of Sarasota and not in porn movie theaters maybe there would be less street crime in Sarasota," William Kunstler, attorney for the leftwing Center for Constitutional Rights, told the throng. "Everybody knows this is an arrest which is unwarranted, a crime that should not be a crime."

Reubens was arrested in Sarasota, Florida, on an indecent exposure charge while masturbating in a porn theater.

*Daily Variety, 8/9/91*

## *NEA...*

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appears that the NEA follows the law only when they desire.

"Because of the NEA's refusal to supply us with the requested information, the AFA Law Center was forced to file suit against the NEA. This suit is a totally unnecessary expense to taxpayers, caused only by the NEA's refusal to follow the law." Wildmon said.

The suit asks that the NEA make the information available immediately, and that they comply with the law in a timely fashion in the future.

AFA requested information on several tax-funded grants made by the NEA. "Evidently the NEA did not want the public to have access to information on some of the grants they have made. Apparently they have something to hide," Wildmon said.

The NEA has funded many anti-Christian, pornographic, sexually explicit homosexual "works of art" during the past few years.

Taxpayers concerned with the fact that the NEA refuses to comply with the law and release information on how they are spending tax dollars should write their Congressman and Senators demanding that the NEA comply with the law and make the information available.

Addresses for concerned taxpayers: Congressman: U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515. Senators: U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. The phone number for your Congressman and Senators is 202-224-3121.

## *Public school teacher...*

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school. She said Charity would have to do another book report on someone else—a real person.'"

Mrs. Lichwiarz contacted the Rutherford Institute and attorney Larry Crain wrote a letter on her behalf to the school's principal Michael Liebman.

"Later the mother received a telephone call from the principal who offered a compromise. The mother was told that Charity could turn in the book report on Jesus Christ for extra credit, but she would have to do a book report on someone else."

The clear anti-Christian bigotry expressed at this Miami elementary school is not uncommon. In fact, if you read the *AFA Journal* with any frequency you know this type of thing is going on all over our country. It is important for Christians to stand up in situations such as this. Christians must stand up in the public arena and in the legal arena for their basic constitutional rights or else face the likelihood of losing those rights. That's why your support of the AFA Law Center—both financially and prayerfully–is so vitally important.

## *Boycotts...*

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goods becoming increasingly fragmented, and market share levels dropping in many product categories, boycotts may have a significant effect on the boycotted product or company.With 25 million people involved, losing sales from even a small proportion of this group could have a devastating impact on a company. This is a clear example of how a company's bottom line may be based on more than just business and financial decisions, but also on speaking to the collective conscience of the American people."

"We need our people supporting our boycotts now more than ever," said Donald E. Wildmon, president of American Family Association. "We are making a difference. The reason the networks and leftwing groups such as People for the American Way and the ACLU are crying so loud is that we are making a difference, we are having an impact."

## *Kmart...*

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video in their Waldenbooks stores. The movie depicts Jesus as a crazy liar who has sex with Mary Madaglene. Kmart describes the movie as "vivid and moving" and "powerful filmmaking from Martin Scorsese."

Many church groups are promoting the boycott of Kmart companies. Recently, the secretary of Shiloh Road Baptist Church in Dallas bought a membership to PACE Warehouse, owned by Kmart. When told by her pastor that Kmart owned PACE, she called and cancelled the membership. And the United Methodist Women of First UMC in South Lyon, Michigan, have begun circulating a petition in support of the boycott.

Individuals are urged to call their local Kmart store and their subsidiaries and tell the manager they will be boycotting Kmart and asking others to do the same.

"Always be polite when calling," urges Wildmon. "You may be told that Kmart does not sell pornography in their stores. That is correct. The pornography is sold in Waldenbooks, owned by Kmart. Kmart has the authority to order Waldenbooks to get out of the pornography business at any time."

Also write Chrm. Joseph Antonini, Kmart Corporation, 3100 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084, phone 1-800-635-6278. Kmart owns Waldenbooks, American Fare Stores, Pay Less Drug Stores, Office Square, Bargain Harold's, Builders Square home supply stores, Sports Authority and PACE Membership Warehouse stores.