

Anti-Porn Campaign Highlights Addiction Dangers

✘ A disturbing number of Americans are addicted to pornography. So says Morality in Media as it kicks off its [Be Aware: Porn Harms](#) National Awareness campaign on Monday.

Morality in Media hopes the campaign will reach hundreds of thousands of Americans with demonstrations of how pornography harms people. This week, the campaign focuses on addiction.

Former First Lady Betty Ford Dies at 93

✘ Betty Ford, the former First Lady who overcame drug and alcohol addiction and has helped many others find victory, passed away on Friday. The widow of the late President Gerald Ford was 93.

After completing her own treatment for chemical dependency at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Long Beach, Calif., Ford talked to her friends about the need for a treatment center that emphasized the special needs of women, the Betty Ford Center website explains.

Palau Leads Historic Gospel Campaign in France

☒ God's Word is breaking through in a country that Luis Palau says has resisted gospel preaching for hundreds of years—southern France.

Palau led an evangelistic campaign in southern France last week. The campaign, which targeted the cities of Istres, Aix-en-Provence and Marignane, ended with a three-day gospel festival on Marseille's crowded Plage du Prado beach. The festival reached 16,000 with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was the first time a gospel event was allowed in an open venue.

Report: Obama's Parents May Have Considered Adoption

☒ President Obama's father may have been willing to put the child that bears his name up for adoption, according to documents a *Boston Globe* reporter obtained.

While a sophomore at the University of Hawaii in 1961, the president's father, Barack Obama Sr., was under scrutiny by federal immigration officials who were concerned that he had more than one wife, according to the *Globe*. Having more than one wife was grounds for deportation back to Kenya.

"When he was questioned by the school's foreign student adviser, the 24-year-old Obama insisted that he had divorced his wife in his native Kenya. Although his new wife, Ann

Dunham, was five months pregnant with their child—who would be called Barack Obama II—Obama declared that they intended to put their child up for adoption,” the *Globe* reports.

Porn Dangers Subject of Month-Long Awareness Campaign

✘ Be Aware: Porn Harms. That’s the message Morality in Media wants you to get loud and clear during its four-week educational effort that kicks off on Monday.

“Pornography is silently and secretly destroying men, women and children. It is a pandemic ruining lives, marriages and families,” says Patrick Trueman, president of Morality in Media, the leading member of the War On Illegal Pornography Coalition. “Our now pornified society has eroded the cultural norms in America”

As Trueman sees it, the pandemic of harm from pornography demonstrates a critical need for enforcement of current federal laws against illegal hardcore pornography. This harm must end, he says, and that is motive behind the “Be Aware: Porn Harms” campaign.

Casey Anthony Sentenced to

Four Years



AP Images/Red Huber, Pool File

Chief Judge Belvin Perry sentenced Casey Anthony to four years in prison on Thursday morning. Anthony must also pay \$4,000 in fines for lying to law enforcement officials, according to ABC News.

Anthony was found not guilty of first degree murder and manslaughter in the case of her 2-year-old daughter Caylee's death on Tuesday.

Caylee was last seen on June 16, 2008. Anthony never called the police.

And Caylee's grandmother, Cindy Anthony, waited a month to notify law enforcement.

Will God's Wrath Fall on Casey Anthony?



AP Images/Red Huber, Pool, File

Casey Anthony was found not guilty of murdering her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee. But the debate continues in the court of public opinion.

One Florida man was so enraged by the verdict, he launched a Facebook page called "[Boycott Casey Anthony](#)" to get his message out. Less than a day later, there are nearly 6,000 fans, demonstrating the passion that people across the U.S.

have about this headline-making case.

Noteworthy are the views of God's judgment, hell and grace. Some on the page are pronouncing shame on the jury for the decision. And most are suggesting that Anthony go to the place [Rob Bell doesn't believe exists—hell](#). God (and Anthony) knows if she was involved in her daughter's death. Even if she was, Jesus can forgive her if she repents. But that's not the sentiment many online are taking.

Following are a handful of responses from the Boycott Casey Anthony page that highlight people's religious views in the wake of what they see as a travesty of justice. The responses are shocking, but not from a worldly point of view that leaves little room for grace:

Casey Anthony Verdict Sparks Missing Child Law Petition



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Although Casey Anthony was found not guilty of first degree murder and manslaughter in the case of her 2-year-old daughter Caylee's death, controversy continues to swirl around the fact that she never notified law enforcement the toddler was missing.

But Caylee's death may not be in vain. The Anthony case has inspired a [viral petition campaign](#) to support "Caylee's Law," legislation that would make a parent's failure to notify law enforcement of a child's disappearance a felony.

As the facts of the case detail, Caylee was last seen on June

16, 2008. Anthony never called the police. And Caylee's grandmother, Cindy Anthony, waited a month to notify law enforcement.

Jersey Man Double-Crossed for Displaying Faith



AP Images/Mel Evans

Double-crossed. That's how you might describe a Christ follower in Livingston, N.J. who's getting flack for displaying his faith in his own front yard.

The Township of Livingston is using a local ordinance against Patrick Racaniello to try to keep him from displaying crosses on his private property.

In April, Racaniello displayed a 31-by-19-inch wooden cross on a tree in his front yard to celebrate Lent. When an irate neighbor screamed objections about the cross at him and his family, Racaniello called the police.

Although the law should have been on his side, the call backfired on him. The police later ordered him to remove the cross because it was located on a tree within eight feet from the curb. Racaniello complied and instead built a 6-by-4-foot wooden cross and put it in his yard—nine feet from the curb.

Perry's Prayer Event Leaders Respond to Critics



AP Images/LM Otero

Texas Gov. Rick Perry isn't the only one getting slammed for his Day of Prayer and Fasting. Some Christian leaders participating in The Response are also getting hammered—or at least questioned—about their participation.

Now, they are answering back.

The Houston Clergy Council, an interfaith coalition of religious leaders, is among the detractors. The group opposes The Response because it believes the prayer meeting violates separation of church and state. The group is also calling the event “non-inclusive” and protests the AFA's involvement.

The Houston Clergy Council wrote on its website: “We ask that Rick Perry leave the ministry to us and refocus his energy on the work of governing our state.”