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# Local group claims role in porn ban

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 Reporter

The College Station chairman of Citizens for Decency says his group played a role in 7-Eleven's decision to stop selling adult magazines, but a local 7-Eleven manager says the decision was prompted more by customer studies than public pressure.

Southland Corp., which owns 4,500 7-Eleven stores nationwide, announced Thursday that Playboy, Penthouse and Forum magazines will no longer be available at their convenience stores.

Southland officials cited a recent

connection between pornography and violent behavior as its reason for withdrawing the magazine.

Larry Winkler, chairman of Citizens for Decency, said he is pleased with Southland's decision.

"I think we've played a small part in this," Winkler said. "We've been picking and boycotting the stores for years now, and I think our efforts are making people aware of the dangers of pornography and obscenity."

Dana Crick, regional manager for 7-Eleven stores, said Citizens for Decency didn't influence Southland's

decision to ban sales of the magazines.

"I would say it's a company decision more than anything else," Crick said. "I think they relied on the customer surveys and based their decision on those, more than pressure from citizens' groups."

Crick downplayed Southland's decision and said it wouldn't spark an adverse reaction from customers that might hurt business.

"Sales of those magazines have never been substantial enough for us to lose revenues over," he said. "It's not a big deal."

Winkler said the evidence of pornography to crime is overwhelming.

"Any reasonable person at the data, the evidence, the facts and see the link," he said. "Pornography has been linked to child abuse, rape and all other crime. In fact, a study recently out at Texas A&M showed that."

Winkler said he believes adult magazines.

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## Trash it 'Don't Mess with Texas' ads draw fire from tourists

AUSTIN (AP) — The state highway department's new anti-litter campaign — "Don't Mess With Texas" — is drawing complaints from Texans and tourists who say it's trashy.

"The only thing it does is make Texans sound like a bunch of jerks," Karyl Simmons of Austin said in a letter to a local newspaper.

Dave Blackburn, a visitor from Los Alamos, N.M., said in his letter to the editor, "Boy, you people really need a lesson on manners. What ever happened to the Texas hospitality I have always heard of?"

The highway department kicked off the campaign several months ago as a get-tough effort to curb littering. The state spends \$24 million a year picking up roadside trash, according to Don Clark, director of information for the highway department.

Clark said he anticipated the handful of negative responses he's fielded. "It is a message with a bit of a sharp edge on it," he said.

The sharp edge is needed, Clark said, because the ads are targeted at macho litterers. Research showed that adult males, 18-34, are the most common offenders.

"We were trying to design a campaign that would not go after people who would never litter or litter only very occasionally. We are going after

the ones who don't give any thought about it, just toss the stuff out the window for the fun of it," he said.

"It's regrettable that slogans like 'Please Don't Litter' and 'Pitch It' and 'Nice People Don't Litter' don't have any effect."

Hence, "Don't Mess With Texas."

The campaign includes placing the slogan on trash bags and barrels. The department also is spending \$2 million on a media campaign that includes television ads featuring Stevie Ray Vaughan and Dallas Cowboys Randy White and Ed "Too Tall" Jones.

The slogan recently got national attention when the highway department supplied "Don't Mess With Texas" placards for University of Texas Lady Longhorn fans who went to Kentucky to watch their team win the NCAA women's basketball title.

"Ninety-nine percent of the people love it," Clark said of the slogan.

Vance Ferguson of Austin does not. He was upset enough to write the local newspaper editor.

"I think it would be hard to have a much more unfriendly welcome for someone just entering our fine state," he said.

"I was appalled when I spoke with the governor's press office to find

## FBI releases sketches of men suspected in poison cases

HOUSTON (AP) — Two composite sketches of "Gary," the man suspected in the recent poison contamination of Contac, Teldrin and Dietac capsules, were released Tuesday by the FBI.

W. Douglas Gow, special agent in charge of the Houston FBI office, said, "This individual's actions are considered to represent a grave danger to society and the FBI continues a very intensive investigation to identify and apprehend him."

"Right now we have just a very vague description. Hopefully there will be some features that will key someone that has some information and will come forward and tell us."

The sketches are based on information from several witnesses who believe they watched a man place contaminated capsules in an Orlando, Fla., store on March 19. Tainted capsules subsequently were found at the store.

The sketches, made by the Orlando Police Department, show a white male of undetermined age,

that our governor has wholeheartedly sanctioned this tripe."

Simmons' letter said, "As a proud and (I hope) friendly Texan, I resent those in authority misusing their power in such a way as to create

In one photo, he is wearing glasses.

Gow, whose bureau is conducting the nationwide hunt, said no one is known to have tampered with the capsules, tainted in each with a chemical used in rat poison. The amount of poison in the capsules, however, would likely cause death, he said.

Six of the capsules were found in Orlando. Four others were covered in Houston.

The tamperings prompted SmithKline Beckman, a Philadelphia pharmaceutical company, to pull Contac, Teldrin and Dietac capsules from stores around the country. The Proprietary Association, a trade organization representing 83 manufacturers of over-the-counter medicines, is offering a \$300,000 reward in a tampering case.

The man, in a recording, "We want SmithKline to find another way to package their products, totally take them off shelves and repackaging them."

Gow said Gary's reference "we" could mean more than one person is involved.

such a negative and damaging image for all the rest of us take Texas years now to correct the damage that this very thought out campaign is doing. Can't someone please stop it before it goes any further?"

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