

IMPACT YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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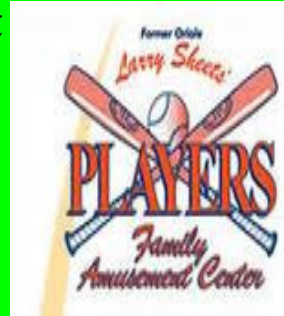
Friday night...June 24, 2011

We will be at players from 6-9 pm

Meet at the church at 5 pm and be back at 10:30pm

We will be going to Players in Westminster! They have over 30,000 square feet of indoor fun, including Mini Glow-Golf, Laser Tag, Bounceland Inflatables, Bumper Cars, Batting Cages, Arcades & Prizes, and the Jungle Gym. We will meet at the Church 5 pm...we will be back at 10:30pm.

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When: Sunday Nights after Youth Service... **June 26!**

Time: After service....be back to the gym at 11pm.

Where: You have to come and find out!!!

Cost: Free

**“Whether
you think
you can or
can’t, you’re
right.”**

Henry Ford

**“It's not only
children who
grow. Parents
do too. As
much as we
watch to see
what our
children do
with their lives,
they are
watching us to
see what we do
with ours. I
can't tell my
children to
reach for the
sun. All I can
do is reach for
it, myself.”**

Joyce Maynard

Youth Culture News



"People are too P.C. We need to be focusing on other things. We're seeking out such grossness in human behavior and want such mindless entertainment. *The Real Housewives of Atlanta* and some of these other shows are more racist. Or *16 and Pregnant*. Getting rewarded for being pregnant when you're a teenager? Are you serious? I mean, that makes me want to kill somebody."

—E! talk show host and comedienne **Chelsea Handler**. Elsewhere in the interview with *New York Times* reporter Cathy Horyn, Handler added, "I had an abortion when I was 16. Because that's what I should have done. Otherwise I would now have a 20-year-old kid. Anyway, those are things that people shouldn't be dishonest about."



A new Barna study titled *The Family & Technology Report* found that parents watch just as much television and as many movies, use the Internet for as many minutes per day, play as many video games and spend more time emailing and talking on their phone than their children do. The study also found that very few adults or youth take substantial breaks from technology. (Only 10% of parents and 6% of teenagers say they limit digital usage one day a week.) Still, almost half of parents (49%) worry about technology and media wasting their children's time. *The survey, which included nationwide interviews with parents and 11- to 17-year-olds from the same households, also suggests that significant percentages (42% of parents and 33% of teens) would welcome coaching or assistance from the church on the subject of integrating technology and their family life.* [barna.org 5/23/11 stats]

"Perhaps technology should be added to discussions about [Christian] stewardship. Technology is as old as craftsmans' tools. But today's digital and emerging technologies are in a different class than hundreds of other hobbies or interests because they have come to significantly define the use of time, the development of talent, and the allocation of money. Technology is shaping family interactions in unprecedented ways, but we seem to lack a strategic commitment to the stewardship of technology. The Christian community needs a better, more holistic understanding of how to manage existing and coming technological advances. Parents, tweens and teens need more coaching and input in order to face the countless choices they make regarding how technology affects their attention, interests, talents and resources."

—**David Kinnaman**, president of the Christian research and polling firm the Barna Group

Music Review From Plugged In



Beyoncé

"Run the World (Girls)"

<http://www.pluggedin.com/music/tracks/2011/beyonce-runtheworldgirls.aspx>



Christina Perri

Love strong

<http://www.pluggedin.com/music/albums/2011/christinaperri-lovestrong.aspx>

Video Games Review From Plugged In

www.pluggedin.com/games.aspx

Is your teenager missing in action? Have they been missing Youth Service? Do you want God to move in their lives? Do you desire to see their Destiny and Purpose fulfilled? **GET THEM IN CHURCH!!!!**

“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” Deuteronomy 6:6-9



**MISSING
IN
ACTION**

Youth Culture News Part 2



MTV has ordered a pilot for a new reality series called *Married Young*. Just as the cable channel has done with teen pregnancy, the new show will reportedly deal with the pressure placed on young newlyweds to grow up quickly.

[thefrisky.com, 5/29/11; abcnews.com, 6/3/11]



"I just don't think we were normal; there was nothing normal about our existence. We spent way too much time being the biggest thing for teenyboppers."

—**Justin Timberlake**, reflecting on his relationship with former girlfriend Britney Spears early in their respective careers. He adds, "It was exciting that we were having so much success and we could do whatever we wanted. And I mean that about everybody: Backstreet Boys, 'N Sync, Britney, Christina. At that time, we could literally go, 'Oh, man, let's go to Bali,' and we'd be on a plane to Bali. We were little kids with big toys. You do the math—

that's not going to last."

[*Vanity Fair*, 6/11]



"Family Guy is, season in and season out, the most obnoxious show on broadcast television."

(Paul Asay from *Plugged In*...www.pluggedin.com/tv/def/familyguy.aspx)



MTV cancels controversial 'Skins' after one season; PTC responds

By Lisa de Moraes

Posted at 09:35 AM ET, 06/10/2011

"Skins," the hot, controversial British scripted series, was apparently too raunchy for MTV's audience — the network has canceled the show after 10 episodes.

Or, not raunchy enough.

Or, just plain old boring.

"'Skins' is a global television phenomenon that, unfortunately, didn't connect with a U.S. audience as much as we had hoped," MTV said in a statement issued to the press.

Remember "Skins"? It was the populated with non-professional teen actors, with the script largely written by young people — and if it used the British show as its model, it was going to include some pretty graphic sex scenes and adult language. And, it was going to be set in Baltimore.

Instead, it wound up being shot in Canada, and, as MTV said in its statement, didn't connect with an American audience.

Watchdog group Parents Television Council worked up a good head to steam over the project, calling it kiddie porn, and advertisers started dropping out.

On Friday, the PTC did a victory lap, claiming full credit for the cancellation. Here's the PTC's press release, in its delicious entirety:

MTV's 'Skins' Canceled: PTC Marks End of 'Most Dangerous' TV Show for Kids

LOS ANGELES (June 10, 2011) – The Parents Television Council® marked the end of MTV's "Skins" following the network announcement that it was canceling the program after just one season.

"MTV's decision to put 'Skins' on the air was a programming failure of cataclysmic proportions. The network marketed the show to kids and then lied. The producers admitted to delivering kids to advertisers and then lied about their intentions. Advertisers openly supported the show until they were called out for underwriting some of the most graphic portrayals of teen sex and glamorized drug and alcohol abuse that we have ever seen on television," said PTC President Tim Winter.

Based on MTV's direct marketing of "Skins" to young viewers even before the premiere, PTC called the program "the most dangerous television show for children that we have ever seen." As the season began, PTC urged the U.S. Senate and House Judiciary Committees, the Department of Justice and state attorneys general to open an investigation regarding child pornography and exploitation. PTC also orchestrated a research and advocacy campaign to call out each advertiser that appeared on the show, and applauded the numerous companies that agreed the content did not resonate with their corporate image.

"Season one of 'Skins' was so full of explicit content, viewers were treated to some form of sex, violence, drugs, alcohol, or profanity once every 22 seconds of air time. Graphic sexual content was the most pervasive, followed by drug-related references and depictions. It took 53 episodes of broadcast programming to find the equivalent amount of drug content that aired in only eight 'Skins' episodes," said Winter.

"The shocking content was trumped only by the fact that the program featured teenage actors and was marketed to teenage children. We are grateful to every member of the public who helped us drive an economic stake through the graphic content on the program, the likes of which never deserves to see the light of day again," Winter concluded. And here's some tame video from the now-defunct show.

5 Ways Parents Can Prevent Teenage Drinking

By [NANCY SHUTE](#)

Posted: April 15, 2010

Teenage drinking is such a health risk that pediatricians are now being told to screen all teenagers—and even sixth graders—for alcohol use. That new policy from the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) can be a powerful tool for parents to help their children avoid trouble with alcohol. But first, parents need to learn to give teenagers some privacy in the [doctor's office](#).

"Tenacious parents who will not leave the examination room" are cited as a major barrier to routine screening for alcohol and drug use by pediatricians in the new [teen alcohol screening policy](#). And what 13-year-old would *want* to tell Mom she pounded five Vodka Cruisers at a party? "We want to keep [families](#) involved," Patricia Kokotailo, director of adolescent medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health told me, "but some things are very difficult for teenagers to express if it's not confidential." She is also lead author of the new guidelines. When Kokotailo sees teenagers in the office, she usually talks with them privately before speaking to the family as a whole, but doesn't reveal anything that children want kept private.

Mounting research showing that the [teenage brain](#) is in the midst an amazing developmental phase was a chief driver behind the call for universal screening for alcohol use. That brain growth spurt gives teens remarkable cognitive powers, but also leaves their brains more vulnerable to the damaging [effects of alcohol](#), drugs, and tobacco. Recent research has also shown that the [earlier teenagers start drinking, the more likely they are to have problems as adults with school, jobs, and relationships](#).

There's abundant evidence that no matter how much teenagers diss grown-ups, they still view their parents as their biggest role models. And while the pediatricians are calling for some privacy in the exam room, they *emphasize that strong parental involvement is key to controlling teens' drinking*. That's great motivation to tell your children what you might have hesitated to say before:

- Talk with your children about your family's history of alcohol or drug use. There's a genetic component to alcoholism, and kids should know if they're at greater risk of problems.
- Give your children one-on-one time with the pediatrician. Think of it as their lesson in how to navigate the healthcare system.
- Set a firm policy: No alcohol, drugs, or tobacco until age 21. Use the new research on the teenage brain to explain that this is about keeping those brains safe.
- Never host a teenage party with drugs or alcohol. "The liability is enormous if one of those kids goes out and drives and kills himself, or others," says Kokotailo.
- Show your kids how to use alcohol responsibly; have a beer, sure, but don't get drunk. Current federal dietary guidelines call for no more than one drink a day for women, two for men. **(*** I don't agree with this...why even start something that leads to pain and hurt!***)**

"Prevention is a big thing," Kokotailo told me. "We now know better how alcohol affects the brain and neurodevelopment of young people." Her hope is that with more pediatricians asking about teenage drinking, and with more parents telling children what they need to know about alcohol and [keeping a close eye on their behavior](#), teenagers will be better equipped to make their way to a healthy adulthood.

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