

Teen girls' magazines use heavy dose sex to sell

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*Warning: In the interest of accuracy this article contains direct quotes from **Sassy** and **Seventeen** magazines. These quotes contain sexually explicit language.*

It's pure economics, according to the New York Times (1/18/93). The oldest baby boomers are nearing 50, the 18-34 year old market is declining, but the teenage population is increasing for the first time in 18 years (now at 27 million and projected to grow another 14% this decade). And they have money to spend—\$95 billion annually according to Teenage Research Unlimited, a market research firm.

Advertisers and magazine publishers want their share—at any cost. And they know how to get it. Sex.

Sex sells. No doubt about it.

Sassy and *Seventeen* magazines, among others, are proof. With circulations of 682,000 and 1.9 million respectively, these slick monthly journals serve up a steady diet of politically correct, value-free, sexually-explicit editorial content combined with the latest and greatest teen products from blue jeans to birth control devices.

"Suddenly, marketers have seen that teens are more influential," said Janice Grossman, publisher of *Seventeen*. "Teens are doing food shopping, preparing meals and getting more responsibility because their moms are working."

Jay N. Cole, publisher of *Teen* magazine agrees. "They have significantly more money to spend than they had 10 years ago. The ad community is particularly interested because they want to establish brand awareness and brand loyalty in these young women so they can carry it on into adulthood."

Four magazines dominate the teenage girl market—*Seventeen*, *Sassy*, *YM* and *Teen*. This report focuses on *Seventeen*, the leader, and *Sassy*, easily the most provocative.

SEVENTEEN

Seventeen began in 1944 and has changed hands several times. It is now published by KIII magazine corporation in New York. Although less offensive than *Sassy*, *Seventeen*, once a harmless teen-talk magazine, has become obviously more sex-oriented in

recent years.

Some of *Seventeen's* most sexually-frank content appears in a question and answer column called "sex & body." In the September, 1993, issue, a reader writes: "**My boyfriend and I were starting to have sex when we decided not to.** The girl goes on to describe how they had already begun intercourse, then asks, "**I was a virgin before this. Am I still?**"

The answer included these comments: "**The real issue isn't whether your experience fits exactly with some technical definition. What really matters is how you feel about your sexuality and whether you think you're ready to have sex. Choosing whether or not to have sex is a private decision between you and your boyfriend and is based on both of your values, feelings, and beliefs.**"

This amoral advice advocating premarital sex pervades all discussions (and there are plenty) of sex in *Seventeen*.

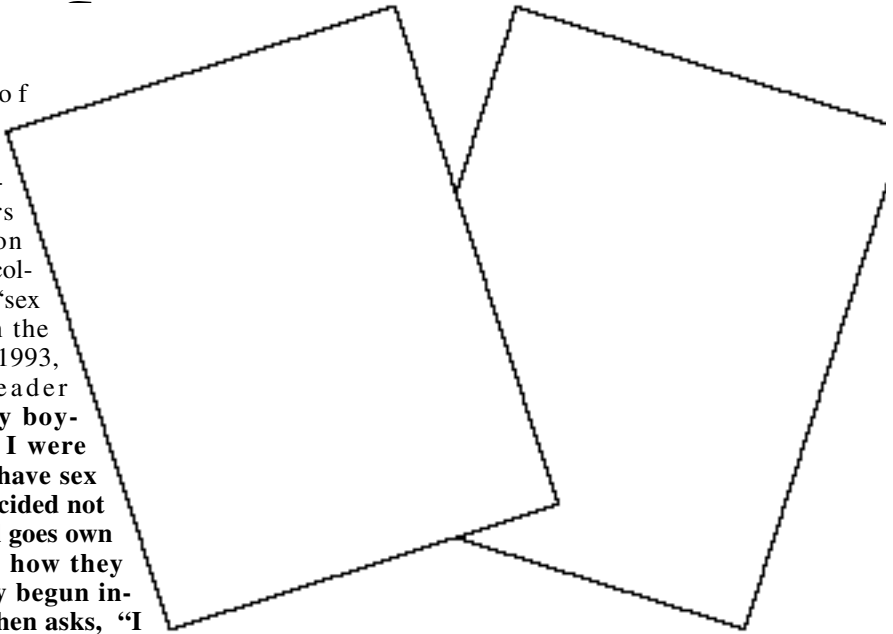
Another reader writes about her mother being homosexual (August, 1993). Part of *Seventeen's* counsel is to read the book *Different Mothers: Sons and Daughters of Lesbians Talk About Their Lives* by Louise Rafkin and to subscribe to "Just for Us," the kids' newsletter of The Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International.

Parents need to face these issues with children

The issues are real — premarital sex, homosexuality, relationships, peer pressure, self-doubts, parental authority, dating, alcohol and drugs, school, and all the rest. Parents who want to build strong family values in their children must address these issues with conviction and honesty to offset the blaring voice of a godless society.

"I often tell parents that their teenagers will not adopt their values by osmosis," says Bob DeMoss, youth culture specialist at Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, Colorado. "The best gift a parent can give young people is clear, open and honest communication—while avoiding judgmental tones.

"Based upon the thousands of letters I receive from teenagers, it's clear that many parents fail to discuss these issues with their teens. Understandably, young people are turning to magazines such as *Sassy* and *Seventeen* for insight and answers."



politics. (b) try to convince her of the error of her ways - every time you're together. (c) give her your candidate's campaign literature and hope she'll read it.

A news blurb in the December, 1991, issue informs readers that People for the American Way (a far-left political action group) reports that censorship in schools reached an all time high in 1990.

An outline of birth control methods is offered in the April, 1993, edition. Also included is an interview with Naomi Wolf, author of *Power Feminism: How to learn to love the women's movement again.*

Seventeen applauds Marvel Comics in the May, 1992, issue for creating the first homosexual superhero.

SASSY

Since its introduction in 1988, *Sassy* has come under fire for leading the field in brash, irreverent, sex-heavy, trash talk. The publication, a knock-off of a highly successful Australian teen magazine, speaks with "the voice of a friend," according to one magazine consultant.

In 1988 pressure from conservative groups including the American Family Association, Focus on the Family, Concerned Women For America and others caused advertisers to back away from *Sassy*. Among those who discontinued their advertising were H.I.S., Neutrogena Skincare, Ogilvie Products, Reebok, Bonnie Bell and Revlon.

Sassy felt the pinch and modified their content, at least long enough to woo advertisers back into the fold. However recent issues reveal that the change was short-lived.

A SAMPLING OF SASSY

In the November, 1992, issue the "Body Talk" column offered a "safer sex" mail order kit, which included four condoms, lubricant, dental dams (for oral sex), finger cots, latex gloves, spermicidal films and sanitary wipes—all for only \$19.95.

Sassy offered the address of Planned Parenthood in the April, 1993, issue for readers wanting to know more about the Norplant birth control implant.

The same month *Sassy* published an article entitled, "Anatomy of a Creep," warning of "over promiscuous, love-em and leave-em boys." The advice concluded, **"This is the real test. If he's worth sleeping with, you will not only know him very well by the time you both decide you're ready, but you can also be pretty sure that if he were just out for easy sex he wouldn't invest months and months and months in a relationship."** Again, the "when-you-both-decide" advice pervades.

"Daddy, Can't You Hear Me?" is a fictional piece from April, 1993. The story is subtitled "Rachel, Demian, and Their Dysfunctional Families: A Love Story." One descriptive passage relates details of Demien's sexual exploration of Rachel's body.

When Rachel and Demian meet one night, another passage details their French kissing and his trying to remove her clothing.

"Glossary" (May, 1993) keeps readers current on hip jargon additions: **"Gadar - The innate ability to tell at a glance if someone is gay. This is useful for both homosexuals and heterosexuals. It enables you to pinpoint whether an attractive morsel rides in your ranch or not."**

"What's a girl to do?" *Sassy* asks (May, 1993), when she is fantasizing about making out with girls? The answer is simple: call the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth Hotline at 1-800....

Hey, let's be fair, one reader pleads (May, 1993). Show some support for teenage lesbians by running more gay romance stories.

The June, 1993, issue offers a feature

story, **"First (menstrual) periods around the world."**

Four pro-choice teens who demonstrated at the New York state capital were celebrated in a September, 1992, article.

"Dear Boy" is an advice column with a twist. Each month a different celebrity (read: rocker/rapper/teen idol) fields questions from unsuspecting readers. For example, J. Mascis, identified as "the guy from Dinosaur Jr" (?), answers the question, "Do boys like big bu--s?" Mascis is "baffled by this question," and comments, **"Any guy who's not a weirdo will take as much bu- as he can get."**

The September, 1993, issue touts a new product which enables females to "stand up and [urinate]." It is described as a **"funnel-like devise invented by a man whose wife had to take a wicked p_ _ and was unable to use the unsanitary public toilets."**

This is just a sampling of what teen magazines are selling teenage girls.



PARENT POWER

How can concerned parents fight the big boys (and girls) of New York publishing companies? Hit 'em in the pocket book!

The life's blood of *Sassy* and *Seventeen* is advertising. In an industry where production costs are high and profits are marginal, every dollar of revenue is precious.

The 1988 campaign against *Sassy*, led by two mothers in Wabash, Indiana, proves that it doesn't take many upset advertisers to persuade publishers to reconsider their editorial attitudes.

The same companies lead the ranks of advertisers in both magazines. Listed below are the names and addresses. Write to express your opinion on the content of *Seventeen* and *Sassy* magazines. AFA suggests courteous letters informing the advertiser of the kind of content they are sponsoring. In your letter quote from this article or include a photocopy. Inform the advertiser of your intent not to buy or recommend his product if he continues to advertise in *Seventeen* or *Sassy*.

- Chrm. Albert De Chellis • **Benckiser Consumer Products USA** • 55 Federal Rd., Danbury, CT 06810 203-731-5000 • Products: Coty products, Gambler fragrance, L'Effleur perfume, Sand & Sable perfume, Yardley cosmetics
- Chrm. Tim Crull • **Nestle USA, Inc.** • 800 N. Brand Blvd. • Glendale, CA 91203 • 1-800-637-8537. Products: L'Oreal hair care products, Nestle foods products, Studio Line hair products.
- Chrm. Edwin L. Artzt • **Procter & Gamble** • P. O. Box 599 • Cincinnati, OH 45201 • FAX 513-562-4500 1-800-543-7276 • Products: Cover Girl cosmetics, Max Factor cosmetics, Noxzema skin cream, Vidal Sassoon hair products
- Chrm. Robert P. Luciano • **Schering-Plough Corporation** • One Giralda Farms • Madison, NJ 07940 201-822-7000 • FAX 201-822-7048 • Products: Afrin nasal spray, Dr. Scholl's foot products, Maybelline cosmetics, QT sun tan lotion
- Chrm. Masaaki Morita • **Sony Corporation of America** • 9 West 57th Street • New York, NY 10019 201-930-1000 • FAX 201-358-4060 • Products: Columbia House distributors (50% with Time/Warner) Tri-Star film production
- CEO Gerald Levin • **Time-Warner, Incorporated** • 75 Rockefeller Plaza • New York, NY 10019 212-522-1212 • FAX 212-522-0907 • Products: Columbia House distributors (50% with Sony), Time Life books

New AFA ministry

AFA offers help for porn addicts

American Family Association is expanding its efforts in the fight against pornography by establishing a counseling resource center for porn addicts, their families and counselors.

"We want to be there for those hurting individuals whose lives are being ruined by pornography addiction," said Neal Clement, director of Outreach Services for AFA. Clement said a major component in the new AFA ministry is a telephone referral line to connect those in need to a national directory of over 300 Christian counseling organizations and pastoral counseling centers. "We want to bring sound, Biblically based counseling to hurting people instead of asking them to travel a great distance for help."

In addition to helping addicts and their families, Clement said the AFA project will serve as an educational and informational resource for those counseling porn addicts. He said many pastors feel unequipped in dealing with the pornography addictions. "We hope to establish regional pornography training sessions for Christian counselors, psychologists and psychiatrists who want to be educated about the effects of pornography and the fundamentals of treating the addict," Clement said.

"AFA has been on the front lines of the pornography battle since 1976. We have witnessed the devastating effects of pornography first hand through the numerous letters and phone calls from people

who need help." Clement, who formerly worked with a drug and alcohol abuse prevention agency, said that temptation to be exposed to pornography is everywhere—from television programs, advertisements, movies, home videos, and computer bulletin boards to the more common soft and hard core porn magazines.

"I don't think the porn addict wakes up one morning and says to himself, 'I think I'll become an addict today.' It's

a cunning and progressive condition that has several recognizable stages." He describes pornography addiction as at least equal in power to alcohol and other drugs. "God gave us, especially men, a natural desire for sex. This natural desire unchecked can turn into an unnatural and overwhelming compulsion that reaps devastating consequences on the addict, their families and communities. AFA wants to help."

The counseling referral line is open to anyone affected by sexual trauma in his or her life.

Four-factor syndrome of sexual illness

An essay by Dr. Victor B. Cline confirms the devastating effects of pornography on adults and children and the major role of pornography in violent sex crimes. The essay is distributed by Morality in Media.*

Cline, a clinical psychologist who has treated over 300 sex addicts, sex offenders and other individuals (96% male), identifies a four-factor syndrome common to those with sexual illnesses:

1. Addiction - The porn-consumer gets hooked. The material provides a very powerful sexual stimulant and aphrodisiac effect. Cline says the addict cannot throw off the powerful compulsion despite the fact that it often leads to divorce, loss of family and problems with the law.

He writes, "One of my patients was so deeply addicted that he could not stay away from pornography for 90 days, even for \$1,000." Cline literally made this proposal to a patient. Despite the patient's resolve, he could only stay away for 87 days. On a second try the patient could only abstain 14 days.

2. Escalation - With the passage of time, porn addicts require more explicit, more deviant and kinkier kinds of sexual material. Being married or being in a relationship with a willing sexual partner does not solve the problem. They often preferred the pornographic sexual imagery to sexual intercourse itself.

Cline says this behavior nearly always diminishes their capacity to love, and express affection to their marital partner.

3. Desensitization - Material originally perceived as shocking and repulsive becomes acceptable and commonplace no matter how deviant.

4. Acting Out Sexually - Repeated exposure to an escalating level of pornography leads to the acting out phase. This acting out may include compulsive promiscuity, incest, exhibitionism, group sex, voyeurism, frequenting massage parlors, having sex with minor children, rape and inflicting pain on themselves or a partner during sex.

He says that addicts find themselves locked into behaviors they are unable to change or reverse—no matter what the negative consequences in their lives.

The essay makes a strong connection between pornography and violent crimes. Cline quotes directly from criminals whose porn habit led to rape and murder.

Cline says although some get hooked immediately and others take 5-10 years, the addiction "almost never disappears on its own or reverses its course unless there is some therapeutic intervention."

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Source material for pornography sermon

Porn and the Pulpit

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A TRAVEL AGENCY SUED the Yellow Pages that printed a big advertisement in the local phone book that the agency specialized in "erotic tours." Oops!!! This ad was supposed to say "exotic tours!" Just a difference of one small letter in the alphabet caused an avalanche of telephone calls from people who were either interested or angry. And yes, there was an eventual lawsuit.

Mark Twain was right when he said that "the difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between the lightning and the lightning bug."

Choosing the right words is one of the most important yet difficult tasks of preachers. Mere words make good or bad sermons. Death and life are in the power of our tongue. Whether it be in daily conversation or Sunday sermons, the wise preacher will always struggle with choosing certain words over other words. The choices are almost endless but always crucial.

Especially when it comes to choosing certain words about sex! You can lose your church and upset your members in the twinkling of an eye! The pulpit has a trap door whenever you approach sexual topics.

AFA Journal encourages preachers to preach about pornography and not just read about it in this magazine. Preachers may use examples and materials gleaned from AFA and incorporate them into their Sunday sermon. But how? Which words should I choose and say? When it comes to sermon preparation, they quickly realize that reading this magazine and preaching about porn are not the exact same thing.

Most people who attend church agree that pornographic movies and magazines are not things which God approves of and wants for us. There's not a lot of heated debate in a Sunday School class on whether pornography is good or bad for the Christian. Most people are not going to disagree with the preacher at the door about his sermon denouncing porn magazines in the local drugstore. In fact, the louder and angrier sermon from the pulpit will usually elicit a better and kinder response from the pews! As with the issues of abortion and homosexuality, pornography has also become a calling card and battle cry among most

evangelical Christians. Preachers won't raise too many eyebrows or ruffle too many feathers when they make mention of porn from the pulpit.

But preaching AGAINST porn is not the same as preaching ABOUT porn. There is a huge difference that we need to understand.

Many preachers turn away people who struggle with this sin. Whenever they make mention of porn from the pulpit, they leave the strong impression that God has no mercy for this kind of sinner and offers no deliverance from this kind of sin. Yet how sad—and untrue! Many speakers leave those two truths out of their messages.

Remember Galatians 6:1? When one is caught in a sin, your goal is to restore, not just rebuke.

While some boys and men will deny their addiction, there are many others who realize they need help to break this habit. And there are many women who feel humiliated, inadequate, and dirty because of their husbands' consumption of porn. There are millions who silently suffer from porn and the preacher can draw these people out from the pews and into the office for healing—if he chooses and says the right words about porn from the pulpit.

One of the great challenges in preaching about any sexual topic (like pornography) is to turn the hearer towards you, not away.

In sermons about sex, we get consumed with the issue and forget the individual. When you hear or give a sermon with comments about sexual sin, ask this question: "Would the person in the pew now be more or less inclined to ask the person in the pulpit for counseling, help and hope?"

Below are examples of carefully constructed words and ideas that could be used in biblical messages or counseling sessions which will help you minister more effectively in restoring people who are deeply affected by pornographic materials.

SAMSON AND DELILAH: Judges 14-16

Samson had roving eyes. He loved to look. And finally his eyes rested upon a woman who eventually became his undoing. Delilah—today, we associate the mere mention of the name not only with beauty, but also with treachery. Do you have roving eyes? And did you know that you can end up like Samson?

Pornography Awareness Week

October 31 - November 7 is Pornography Awareness Week. This annual event refocuses public awareness on the devastating effects of pornography.

During this week many groups participate in the White Ribbon Campaign Against Pornography (WRAP). Tying a white ribbon to your car antenna, mailbox, tree or front door is an effective way to make a statement against pornography in your area.

Other suggestions include:

- Write your governor and mayor asking them to proclaim October 31-November 7 "Pornography Awareness Week." Tell them in your own words about the destructive impact on pornography.

- Write your district attorney encouraging enforcement of obscenity laws.

- Write the U.S. Attorney General and the President. Urge them to enforce the federal obscenity laws covering the mailing, interstate transportation, importing, broadcasting, cablecasting and telephone transmission of obscenity.

- Register your opposition, courteously but firmly, with local family stores that carry pornographic magazines and videos.

- Write a letter to the editor of your local paper announcing the WRAP campaign.

- Announce Pornography Awareness Week and the WRAP campaign in your church.

For more help call AFA and ask for *A Guide To What One Person Can Do About Pornography* (see Resources on page 21).

Delilah was out to trap Samson. First she used her body, then her brains. Samson was captivated by her beauty and lust. Day by day (v.16), he lost control until finally, he lost all his strength. He realized too late that he could not set himself free. (v.20-21)

Many men are like that when it comes to pornography. Roving eyes aren't satisfied and they must have more and more. They love to look. Like Samson, they have slowly lost their strength to fight temptation. They're at the point where magazines are not enough. They must have more. Like Samson, they are in bondage and cannot set themselves free from the lifestyle of lust that has consumed and now laughs at them, just as the Philistines laughed at Samson.

But God didn't give up on Samson. God rescued him and did a mighty work through him. And Jesus Christ can do that for you, a modern-day man just like Samson, who got himself into trouble due to his roving eyes. God can deliver you from any sin, no matter how long you've been trapped in it. Pornography does not have to have the final

say in your life.

KEEPING THE MARRIAGE BED PURE:

HEBREWS 13:4.

First, God tells us to honor marriage. Second, He tells us to keep the marriage bed pure and undefiled. Most people think they need to be experienced; God wants you to be pure.

The first item that comes to mind about this text is God's prohibition of premarital sex and fornication. When you have sex before marriage, you defile the marriage bed, whether it was with the person you married or someone else.

But this text doesn't refer only to fornication; it can apply to pornography. It's not right to enter the marriage bed with pictures of imaginary partners in your mind. And men who enter marriage with previous PICTURES defile the marriage bed almost as much as those who enter marriage with previous partners.

Adult magazines or movies leave their mark on the memory and the man enters the marriage bed with impurity. He'll compare his precious, new wife to the hundreds or thousands of other women. He'll remember the things he saw in videos or movies and compare. He is impure and defiled by what he has done or viewed before his marriage.

Any man or woman who thinks sexual expertise and performance is what matters on the wedding night is wrong and has defiled the marriage bed. Unfortunately, that's what TV, movies, school textbooks, and people tell us. But porn teaches us this lie.

ACHAN'S SECRET SIN: Joshua 6:17-19; Joshua 7—especially verses 21-25. Supplemental material 2 Samuel 11:2-4.

Achan was a member of the congregation of Israelites. He blended in with the rest of the church. But God singled him out. God knew what he had done and what he had hidden. It was something Achan wasn't supposed to have, so he hid it.

But Achan got caught.

Some men today are similar to Achan. Many men see and want so badly that they take, rape, or molest in order to have what they saw in the movie or magazine.

There's still hope. You don't have to wait until your whole world comes crashing in, like Achan did.

KING HEROD AND SALOME: Mark 6:21-29; Matthew 14:6-12.

Herod had a weakness and it was women. We know he had a woman—Salome—who was his brother's wife.

Salome dances in, bringing great plea-

sure to Herod. The Greek word for "dancing" here implies a suggestive and sensual dance. What Herod sees, he wants. And he'll give away anything to get it—or her. Herod is hooked. He was willing to give away half his kingdom, just to be able to look at her dancing. This is the picture of a man enslaved to his passions, enslaved to pornography.

There are many men today just like King Herod: enslaved to a lifestyle of looking and lusting. They are addicted and feed their habit of pornography.

And a lot of innocent people end up getting hurt. You still have time. It's not too late for you to give up this lifestyle and ask Jesus to make you clean.

REPENTENCE AT EPHEBUS: Acts 19:17-20.

What a wonderful day that must have been in Ephesus! What a relief it must have been to be rid of these books that caused such heartache and other evil practices. These people really were converted. They became new creatures in Christ. They began to obey His commands and change their lifestyles. They didn't keep their books stashed away at home in the cellar; they knew they had to come clean and destroy these scrolls. If they kept them, they would have been tempted to return to them.

The same needs to happen today. People who claim the name of Christ need to get rid of the pornographic books, magazines, movies, and videos in their own homes. Are you willing to destroy the things that are trying to destroy you?

The text says the value of these scrolls and books was 50,000 drachmas. A drachma was worth about a day's wages—137 YEARS of wages that were burned, as a love offering for the Lord. I don't know how much money you might have spent on those materials, but it doesn't matter. You, too, have got to get rid of them!

The fire of the Holy Spirit came down when the fire from these evil books came up. Isn't that what you want in your life? Isn't that what you need to do in your life?

CONTENTMENT, COMPARING, ENVYING:

Exodus 20:17; 1 Timothy 6:6; Genesis 3:1-13; other verses on being content with what you have. Add 1 Cor. 7:2-4 to supplement.

Each of us has inherited the nature of Adam and Eve, believing that what he doesn't have is a whole lot better than what he does have. We have the innate tendency to want what doesn't belong to us. We want things and we want people that don't belong to us. Yes, even people.

A man will see a woman—sometimes in person and sometimes on a page in a men's magazine—and he likes her. He wants her now, more than he likes or wants his wife. He loses his contentment for his wife. He begins to compare, and whenever you have a comparison, somebody always comes up short. Unfortunately, it is usually his wife. Because of pornography, the husband has broken not only the seventh but also the tenth commandment.

THE MOABITE WOMEN SEDUCE THE MEN OF ISRAEL: Numbers 25

Men within the church at Israel were engaging in sexual immorality with pagan Moabite women. The women invited the men and the men went wholeheartedly. In fact, one man brought a woman to his family and into his own home. His name was Zimri; her name was Cozbi.

I see this story happening all over again with many men in our nation and churches. A man brings women into his home and hides them somewhere in the house—wherever a magazine will fit.

Or men bring women into their homes through the TV or VCR. And like the Israelite family who saw the adultery and perversity of their father, many children also happen to stumble upon these pornographic magazines or movies.

You need to be a Phinehas. He wasn't seduced or deceived by these Moabite women. Instead he was angry enough to do something about it. How can you act like Phinehas in our land?

Maybe you can start at home first. Clean out your own house. Get rid of the movies, the magazines. Cancel the cable channel with the adult shows late at night. Go to your local store that advertises the Moabite women to young boys and men. Stop the plague. Avert the wrath of God before it's too late. Come for help, now.

CONCLUSION

One of the greatest joys in all of life is seeing how God can minister in the depths of someone's soul to bring about change and comfort. It happens every day, but my prayer is that it would especially happen on Sunday as we hear God's Word and power flow from the pulpit.

May today's and tomorrow's preachers be the doctors and nurses who will heal and restore the wounded ones of the sexual revolution.

This article is a portion of Dr. Serio's completed doctoral work at Westminster Seminary in Escondido, California on "Preaching to the Sexually Wounded."

New Testament and abortion revisited

AFA has received numerous telephone calls and letters in response to Michael J. Gorman's article "Why is the New Testament silent on abortion?" in the July AFA Journal. Most readers have responded to the title question with an emphatic, "The New Testament isn't silent on abortion!"

Journal, editors felt that the article tconfirmed the truth that New Testament principles do not allow for abortion.

*In fairness to Mr. Gorman, he does state, in the first paragraph of his concluding section, ("The New Testament's message"): "In a very real sense, then, the New Testament canon did indeed speak, and still does speak, against abortion." His premise that the New Testament is "silent" on abortion is based on the fact that the Scriptures do not address—in specific words—the issue of life for the **unborn** baby.*

Among the responses AFA received was one from George R. and Sandra A. Knecht of Germantown, Ohio. The Knechts' extensive reply to Mr. Gorman is too lengthy to print in its entirety, but the excerpts (at right) express the balance which many felt should be offered.

To say that the New Testament is silent about abortion is false and undermines the authority of the Scriptures. Once you undermine the authority of God's Word, the foundation for your argument is broken and all the well-researched historical evidence, and all the most eloquent explanations cannot put it back together again.


Ultimately, when defending any Godly moral standard, the argument will be lost when the authority of the Bible is denied. This is so because it will always come down to "your word against mine;" or one human opinion vs. another human opinion...unless we have external objective Truth that stands in and of itself—and that is exactly what the Bible is.

Let's consider the Biblical facts: **1.** The New Testament condemns the killing of innocent human beings. **2.** The New Testament makes no distinction between pre-born and post-born babies. **3.** Babies are innocent human beings. **4.** The only logical conclusion: The New Testament condemns baby killing (i.e., in essence, the Bible condemns abortion).

I understand that you are saying that the New Testament does not specifically mention destroying a baby in his mother's womb. But, I am sure that you will agree that it is absurd to argue that the Bible is silent about baby killing just because the specific details of the killing, and the place where the killing occurs, are not mentioned. Would we say the Bible is silent about serial killing? Or ax murder? ...we don't hear any arguments about "scriptural silence" in these cases.

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The Scripture makes no distinction between babies in the womb and babies outside the womb. The word "brephos" is used in Luke 1:41 and 44 to refer to a baby living in the womb. And in Luke 18:15-17 the same word is used to refer to a baby living *outside* the womb. It means, "an unborn child, embryo, fetus; a newborn child, an infant, a babe." (Thayers Greek English Lexicon, p. 105.)

According to God's Word, we are all human beings from conception. What Jesus did for you and me, He did for babies, too. Conversely, if we say Jesus did nothing for these babies, we have to say that He did nothing for us either. Furthermore, Jesus...still saves babies today, working by His Spirit through men and women who belong to Him. 

Battle over values heating up in D.C.

THERE SEEMS TO BE NO LET UP in the assault on values and innocent life in our nation's capitol. Here is a preview of the fall agenda:

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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Congress is set to refund the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) at a time when the federal agency has again created a national controversy.

One recent grant: the NEA gave a \$20,000 Visual Artists Fellowship Grant last year to a photographer, Joel-Peter Witkin. One photo is of a severed human head called "The Kiss." Mr. Witkin had a pathologist saw this head vertically in half. The two halves of the same head were then turned together so that the man could kiss himself. Another photo is of a woman castrating a man. The severed genitalia of a man sitting on two small skulls is shown in another. These photos were taken prior to Witkin's receiving his grant. (See related story on page 13.)

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE—ABORTION

Perhaps the most ominous item of concern in Washington is the proposed national health care program. As part of the Clinton package, every employer will provide abortion and every employee will pay for it. Planned Parenthood President Pamela Maraldo insisted recently that inclusion of abortion in the Clinton plan would be the "defining moment" for abortion rights and would "put the abortion debate to rest."

Two other important abortion related matters will be taken up soon in Congress, the Hyde Amendment and abortion clinic access legislation. On January 22 of this year, the 20th anniversary of **Roe v. Wade** (the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion), President Clinton said he wanted to make abortion "safe, legal and rare." Soon afterward, he launched an assault on the Hyde Amendment which would prohibit federal funding of abortions. An estimated 400,000 abortions would be paid for if the President wins this battle. This past summer, the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to keep this important life preserving measure, but the battle in the Senate may prove to be much more difficult. Pro-abortion forces are doing all they can to assure the amendment's defeat.

Due to the shooting of Kansas abortionist Dr. George Tiller a few weeks back, the so-called "clinic access" bill is moving in both Houses in Congress. The bill is designed to intimidate pro-life protesters who witness for life at the abortion clinics. Massive penalties and fines are provided to deter those who engage in the same kind of civil disobedience that Dr. Martin Luther King engaged in during the civil rights struggle.

FAIRNESS DOCTRINE

To liberals, it is not enough that they control the secular media almost entirely. Now their target is the Christian media, and those few conservative programs, like **The Rush Limbaugh Show**, on secular stations. Thus, the push in Congress for the Fairness Doctrine, killed by President Reagan in 1987. The doctrine required holders of broadcast licenses to ensure that a variety of views are presented on controversial issues. Stations with a Christian format would be required to air pro-abortion views if they aired a pro-life program. They would have to give the homosexual movement time to promote its agenda if they carried programming critical to homosexuality. Dr. James Dobson would be "balanced" by, say, Molly Yard of NOW.

This year telephone calls and letters to Congress far out-pace anything received in previous years. Two factors account for this phenomenon. First, is the Congressional agenda; homosexuals in the military, publicly funded abortions, the greatest tax increase in history, etc. Second, is the fact that Limbaugh, in concert with hundreds of Christian radio talk show hosts, daily alert listeners to that outrageous agenda. Citizen apathy has decreased dramatically as a result of these shows. Liberals can't stand the heat and see the prospect of election defeat if it continues. Watch for a big push for this bill.



Send AFA Responses

Please send AFA copies of replies you receive from advertisers and other companies. Also, send news clippings on family issues. Your assistance is deeply appreciated.

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ues to climb, despite higher taxes.

Find out how your congressman voted on the Crane Amendment to H.R. 2520 and let him know your feelings. Write him at:

U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515.

How they voted

Congressmen listed below recently voted **to abolish the NEA**. Congressmen *not* listed voted **to continue funding NEA's "art"** with your tax dollars.

AK - Don Young	MO - James Talent
AL - H.L. Sonny Callahan	MO - Melton D. "Mel" Hancock
AL - Spencer Bachus	MS - Gene Taylor
AL - Terry Everett	NC - Charles H. Taylor
AR - Jay Dickey	NC - Howard Coble
AR - Tim Hutchinson	NV - Barbara Vucanovich
AZ - Bob Stump	NY - David Levy
AZ - Jon Kyl	NY - Gerald B. Solomon
CA - Al McCandless	NY - Jack Quinn
CA - Bill Baker	NY - John McHugh
CA - Carlos J. Moorhead	NY - L. William Paxon
CA - Christopher Cox	NY - Peter T. King
CA - Dana Rohrabacher	OH - John A. Boehner
CA - David Dreier	OK - Ernest Jim Istook
CA - Duncan L. Hunter	OK - James M. Inhofe
CA - Edward Royce	OR - Robert F. Smith
CA - Elton Gallegly	PA - Bob Shuster
CA - Gary Condit	PA - George W. Gekas
CA - Howard McKeon	PA - Jim Greenwood
CA - John T. Doolittle	PA - Robert S. Walker
CA - Ken Calvert	PA - Tim Holden
CA - Randy Cunningham	PA - William F. Goodling
CA - Richard W. Pombo	SC - Bob Inglis
CA - Robert K. Dornan	TN - Don Sundquist
CA - Wally Herger	TN - James H. Quillen
CO - Joel Hefley	TN - John J. Duncan
CO - Wayne Allard	TN - John Tanner
FL - Charles Canady	TX - Bill Archer
FL - Cliff Stearns	TX - Bill Sarpalius
FL - Earl Hutto	TX - Charles Stenholm
FL - Tom Lewis	TX - Greg H. Laughlin
GA - Jack Kingston	TX - Henry Bonilla
GA - John Linder	TX - Jack Fields
GA - Mac Collins	TX - Joe Barton
GA - Newt Gingrich	TX - Lamar Smith
IL - Donald Manzullo	TX - Larry Combest
IL - Harris Fawell	TX - Pete Geren
IL - Henry Hyde	TX - Ralph M. Hall
IL - J. Dennis Hastert	TX - Richard K. Armey
IL - Philip Crane	TX - Sam Johnson
IL - Robert Michel	TX - Thomas DeLay
IL - Thomas Ewing	UT - Bill Orton
IN - Dan Burton	VA - Robert Goodlatte
IN - John T. Myers	VA - Thomas Bliley
IN - Steve Buyer	WI - James Sensenbrenner
KS - Pat Roberts	WI - Toby Roth
KY - Jim Bunning	WI - Tom Petri
LA - Bob Livingston	
LA - Jimmy Hayes	
LA - Richard Baker	Did not vote: IL, Robert Michel; IA, Jim Leach, Jim Lightfoot and Neal Smith; MA, Barney Frank and Gary Studds; MI, Paul Henry, John Conyers and John Dingell.
LA - W.J. Billy Tauzin	
MD - Roscoe Bartlett	
MI - James Barcia	
MI - Joseph Knollenberg	
MI - Nick Smith	
MN - Rod Grams	
MO - Bill Emerson	
MO - Ike Skelton	



Shaken marriages can be saved

A recent *Atlantic* magazine cover story begins with these words on the cover itself: **Dan Quayle Was Right**. After decades of public dispute about so-called family diversity, the evidence from social-science research is coming in: The dissolution of two-parent families, though it may benefit the adults involved, is harmful to children and dramatically undermines our society," writes Barbara Dafoe Whitehead.

The evidence she cites is overwhelming:

"Children in single-parent families are six times as likely to be poor...(and) two to three times as likely as children in two-parent families to have emotional and behavioral problems. They are also more likely to drop out of school, to get pregnant as teenagers, to abuse drugs, and to be in trouble with the law..."

"Contrary to popular belief, many children do not 'bounce back' after divorce or remarriage.... Children who grow up in single-parent or stepparent families are less successful as adults, particularly in the two domains of life—love and work—that are most essential to happiness."

Whitehead's analysis is pungent and long-overdue: "Family disruption is best understood not as a single event but as a string of disruptive events: separation, divorce, life in a single-parent family, life with a parent and live-in lover, the remarriage of one or both parents, life in one stepparent family combined with visits to another stepparent family; the breakup of one or both stepparent

**5th in a series by
Mike McManus**

families."

But she errs by saying that divorce "may benefit the adults involved." According to the landmark book, *Second*

Chances, By Judith Wallerstein, one partner feels "unhappy much of the time, often suffers from loneliness, anxiety, or depression and may be preoccupied with financial concerns." The other person may feel better initially, and find a new mate.

However, six out of ten second marriages fail. What is totally unexplored in The *Atlantic's* 35-page article is the fact that even deeply troubled marriages can be restored to health.

My new book, *Marriage Savers*, published by Zondervan, reports that in Fort Worth, half of 600 couples who attended a weekend retreat called "Retrouvaille" (French for Rediscovery) were already separated or divorced, yet four-fifths save their marriages! In Buffalo, 93% were successful. What is Retrouvaille?

"If your marriage has become unloving or uncaring or...cold and distant, if there is...no meaningful communication, or if you feel despair—then we believe Retrouvaille can help," says the volunteer group's pamphlet. "If you are thinking of separation or divorce or you are already separated but want to try again, then we believe Retrouvaille can help."

Attendees must agree in advance that they want to make their marriage work. And if a third party is involved, that relationship must be ended. Several lead couples tell attendees how they nearly destroyed their marriage. Bob Pate tells of his unfaithfulness to Marie. And she admits "My part in Bob's unfaithfulness was that I quit paying attention to him when we had kids. My total focus was the kids. So he went out looking for other relationships." Such searing honesty usually sparks tears.

Leaders explain that "love is a decision, not a feeling. Deciding to love frees us from basing our relationship on our feelings only. Feelings come and go. Love as a decision gives us control over ourselves."

Then attendees go to their own motel room with an assignment to write on such issues as: "How do I feel when you seem indifferent to me, or when you avoid a conflict between us, or when I see you sacrificing for our marriage?" Afterward, they exchange notebooks, read, and dialogue. They return to hear more talks, and go back for private writing/talk. It is very intensive, and a weekend only begins the process. They meet for at least six Tomorrows every other week with other "graduates."

"You share your feelings and basically rediscover—retrouvaille—each other," Mike told me. "I found out things I had long forgotten—that we were still friends who still loved each other." Retrouvaille gave them a vision of a healed marriage through couples who had made it, the communication tools to work for it, and the heart to do so.

Their son Jason, 13, wrote them a letter on their anniversary: "Thank you for being mine and Jacob's parents, and all that you do for me—helping me when needed...encouraging me to do whatever you think is good and disciplining me when I have done wrong. These are some of the things you parents do for us kids. You did it together, which really counts.

"You stayed together mostly because you did not want to lose us or hurt us, and we respect you for making that decision. You don't know that if we listed all the things you do for me we would be talking or writing the rest of our lives." (To find a Retrouvaille, call 713/455-2027.



AFA Resources

- **Public School Sex Education: A Report.** A documented study on sex education and school-based health clinics.
- **A Guide to What One Person Can Do About Pornography.** Step-by-step guide to fight porn in your community.
- **Christianity and Humanism: A Study in Contrasts.** Six-sessions, Biblically based, good for Sunday school, bible study.
- **Pornography: A Report.** An in-depth look at the effects of porn.
- **Anti-Christian Bias in America.** Reveals bias in government, media and education.
- **The Fight Back Book.** Gives addresses of TV advertisers and government officials.
- **Bumper Sticker.** "Porn banned" sticker (3.75" x 4.5") The word "PORN" on black background with familiar red circle and cross bar. Order in quantity only: 100/\$12; 250/\$27; 500/\$50; 1000/\$90.
- **Anti-Porn Billboard.** Ready to apply to standard-size billboard. Red and black; "Pornography victimizes women and children" slogan with photo of child. Has AFA name. \$25 each, includes shipping. **Junior Billboard**, \$15.
- **AIDS Billboard.** Standard-sized billboard reads "Abstinence or AIDS: It's your choice." Red and blue on white background. AFA i.d. line can be replaced with local sponsor, \$25. **Junior Billboard**, \$15.
- **The Gay Agenda.** Video containing vital information about the homosexual movement and lifestyle which the major media is not reporting. Some scenes are offensive. \$9.95.
- **Dedication Service for the Unborn.** Bulletin insert for use in church service. \$5/100.

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odorant, Foamy shaving cream, Gillette shavers & toiletries, Good News razor, Liquid Paper, Oral B toothpaste and toothbrush, Paper Mate pens, Right Guard antiperspirant, Soft & Dri antiperspirant.

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• **Toyota Motor Sales**, Pres. Shinji Sakai, 19001 S. Western Ave., Torrance, CA 90509, Phone 310-618-4000, **TOLL**

FREE: 1-800-331-4331. PRODUCTS: Lexus automobiles, Toyota motor vehicles.

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• **E.I. du Pont De Nemours & Co.**, Chrm. Edgar S. Woolard, Jr., 1007 Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19898, Phone 302-774-1000, FAX 302-774-8244, **TOLL FREE: 1-800-441-7515**. PRODUCTS: Conoco gasoline, du Pont carpets, du Pont products.

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gave me some fruit from the tree and I ate it." A 1990s American male might answer the Lord this way: "Yeah, I ate it, but this woman you put here with me (finger pointing) made me do it. If you want to blame somebody, blame her and leave me out of it."

I didn't have to teach Wesley how to blame someone else. It came naturally.

Often, instead of just 'fessing up when we goof up, mess up, blow it or—dare I say it—sin, we just find someone or something to blame. You do, I do, we all do.

This mindset has had devastating effects on the American family. The August 30, 1993 edition of *Newsweek* magazine has a picture of a seven-year-old black boy with the words, "A world without fathers: The struggle to save the black family." These young men—and sometimes not so young—who are responsible for these children are shirking their responsibility or blaming someone for why they aren't fathering and providing for their children as they should. This and other problems caused by irresponsibility happens all too often among white men as well.

I am certainly not saying circumstances, environment and other outside forces aren't factors—sometimes major factors—in the problems our society faces and reasons why individuals do things that are wrong and irresponsible. But what I'm saying is that we need to be more willing to say so when we're wrong and accept responsibility—or blame—when we should. One day we will all stand before God and there will

be no shirking, no blaming and no running away from our own lives.

Well, I guess Wesley will learn more clearly how to accept responsibility in a couple of years when he swings and misses three times in a real game, and the umpire yells, "Strike three, you're out!" and sends him back to the dugout. In the meantime dear old dad will work on him as the Lord God works on me.

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ates refusing to air a network program because of content is unprecedented in the history of television. Wildmon said that tremendous response and involvement by AFA supporters was the reason for the victory. Nearly every ABC affiliate reported the largest protest of any program they ever aired.

"This defeat has to be humiliating and embarrassing for ABC, and especially for Bochco," he stated. Bochco had said he wanted to push the limits of television farther than they had ever been, including nude sex, extreme violence and language never used on broadcast TV.

As of September 7, the following ABC affiliates had stated they would not carry **NYPD Blue's** softcore pornography on their stations: Sitka, AK; Fayetteville, AR; Ft. Smith, AR; Jacksonville, FL; Tallahassee, FL; Panama City, FL; Augusta, GA; Savannah, GA; Columbus, GA; Topeka, KS; Wichita, KS; Louisville, KY; Monroe, LA; Bowling Green, KY; Salisbury, MD; Grand Rapids, MI; Biloxi, MS; Meridian, MS; Jackson, MS; Tupelo/West Point, MS; Omaha, NE; Albuquerque, NM; Youngstown, OH; Toledo, OH; Lawton, OK; Myrtle Beach/Florence, SC; Greenville, SC/Asheville, NC; Abilene, TX; Amarillo, TX; El Paso, TX; Laredo, TX; Tyler, TX.

Wildmon said that in many cities where ABC affiliates are located individuals were calling businesses which advertise on the affiliate and asking them to pull their advertising. "The local affiliates which are carrying **NYPD Blue** are intent on bringing softcore pornography into the homes in their community. Since they will not be making money on **NYPD Blue** because of a lack of sponsors, it is the money they make from the sponsors of the other programs that make it possible for them to air **NYPD Blue**," Wildmon said.

AFA suggests that individuals watch the local affiliate, secure sponsors, make a list of the names, addresses and phone

numbers of those businesses advertising on the local affiliate, then distribute the list among friends, church members, family, etc. Encourage these individuals to call the businesses and ask that they pull their advertising from the local ABC affiliate.

After the sponsors are identified, AFA encourages individuals to boycott the local ABC affiliate.

Stuart Kellogg, general manager of WAPT in Jackson, Mississippi, expressed an opinion shared by man: "The show is very well-produced, but it's a shame that the producers insist on trashing it up with unnecessary filth. The sex scene is still too explicit and the language is not fit for free over-the-air TV."

ABC informed their affiliates that the kind of material aired in the first episode of **NYPD Blue** would be contained in further episodes.

AFA supporters understood that if ABC was intent on airing the program, they could not prevent the network from doing so. But they could make ABC pay a huge loss in money and prestige. "Those who got involved did their job extremely well. It could be that history will record this as the turning point in cleaning up TV," Wildmon said. (See *Don's column on page two.*)

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\$3688.60 during the past year with other stores which would normally have been spent at Kmart. The First Baptist Church in Albion, Michigan, recently sold \$4,300 of stock in Kmart. The church has a savings account to build a new building debt free, and the Kmart stock was part of their savings plan.

AFA urges concerned individuals to call Kmart customer service. The number is **1-800-63-Kmart**. Please be polite when you call.

Individuals should also call their local Kmart store and tell the manager you are boycotting Kmart and asking others to do the same. The pornography is sold in Waldenbooks and Borders bookstores, owned by Kmart. Kmart has the authority to order Waldenbooks to get out of the pornography business at any time. All profits from the sale of pornography go to Kmart.

Nearly 18,000,000 "Boycott Kmart" postcards have been distributed by AFA. The cards contain information about Kmart's involvement in pornography and a postcard to mail to Kmart. They are available from AFA for \$1 per hundred and can be distributed to friends, family and church members. Order

from **Kmart Boycott Cards, P.O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803.**

Also write Chrm. Joseph Antonini, Kmart Corporation, 3100 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084, phone 1-800-63Kmart. Kmart owns Waldenbooks, Borders Book Stores, American Fare Stores, Pay Less and Pay N Save Drug Stores (in the Northwest U.S.), OfficeMax, Bargain Harold's, Builders Square home supply stores, Sports Authority and Pace Warehouse stores.



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cepted fact is presented throughout the video, with only a small segment referring to abstinence. (Those who practice abstinence, says the video, should be respected and not scorned.) Arsenio tells of the experience of having a woman over for sex who became angry and left when he told her he was using a condom.

McDonald's will include the *Time Out* promo in all or most of its **Wayne's World** videos.

Donald E. Wildmon, president of AFA, wrote McDonald's president Edward Rensi about their endorsement and promotion of the movie on July 2, urging the company not to endorse and promote this video. Rensi did not respond. On July 20, Wildmon wrote Rensi again. On July 29, R.G. Starmann, senior vice-president of McDonald's, sent a three-sentence response which showed their indifference toward parents who try to teach their children positive moral values: "Thank you for your letters of July 2 and July 20 to Ed Rensi. Even though our position on this matter differs, we do appreciate your taking the time to write and share your perspective with us. My personal apologies for not responding to your correspondence sooner."

In past dealings with McDonald's, AFA has been left with the opinion that McDonald's feels AFA's supporters pose no threat and our concerns should be ignored.

"It is tragic that at a time when our youth need all the good role models and entertainment they can get, McDonald's has decided to endorse this film, promote it heavily, and offer it in their restaurants across the country," Wildmon said. "McDonald's is constantly promoting itself as a family restaurant, yet it will aggressively promote a movie which is totally anti-family."

Wayne's World, featuring as heroes Wayne and Garth (of **Saturday Night Live** fame), has an abundance of profanity and

crude expressions, including numerous uses of "sh--" and a few uses of God's name in vain.

The majority of the "humor" and joke lines depend upon sexual situations or references including the following: "I requested the hand job;" "...you want to lay me;" Alice Cooper's song including a line declaring, "I'll eat you;" Garth looking at condoms and reading "ribbed for her pleasure;" Wayne ordering Chinese food, "the cream of some young guy;" Wayne using "poking" and "screwing" as synonyms for intercourse in talking with his girlfriend; use of the phrase "I'm being sh-- on" and signs declaring, "This man has no penis," and "He blows goats."

Other scenes include: (1) Garth asking Wayne if he's going to marry Cassandra. Aghast, Wayne declares, "Marriage is punishment for shoplifting in some countries!"

(2) Garth damaging a car as he plays with an electric power tool in a garage, then walking away without telling the owner about the damage he did.

(3) Wayne strutting around in his briefs (in Cassandra's bedroom) and simulating sex with a mummy while Cassandra looks on laughing.

Also included in the movie are illicit sex scenes, and the exploitation of a drunk as a "comic" character to be laughed at.

AFA urges members to call their local McDonald's and speak with the manager. Voice your concern in a firm but polite way. Suggest to the manager that if McDonald's does not care about the values or want the business of concerned parents and individuals, there are other places to eat. Ask the local McDonald's not to participate in the campaign promoting **Wayne's World** and *Time Out*.

Also, you can call and write the corporate headquarters: **Pres. Edward Rensi, McDonald's Corporation, 1 Kroc Drive, Oak Brook, IL 60521, phone 708-575-3000, FAX 513-575-6941.**

"It is time to hold McDonald's accountable, and for them to hear from caring people," Wildmon said.



"My brother was in the room. He looked at me and said, 'We are Christians. We've got to go help him out,' and I said, 'Right.' Then he went and got his keys."

Lei Yuille, testifying at the Reginal Denny beating trial in Los Angeles, on why she and other African-Americans helped rescue the fallen truck driver during the April, 1992 riots.

FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY

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From the Manager's Desk

AWESOME!!! That is a good word to describe how I feel about being a part of American Family Radio. Not a day goes by that I don't hear someone, somewhere who is being blessed by this ministry.

Recently we presented Steve and Annie Chapman and their wonderful family ministry to the communities of Jonesboro, Arkansas and Jackson, Tennessee. Hundreds of people were touched by the Chapmans' honest, transparent, loving look at God's heart for His family. We're planning more concerts with Steve and Annie in the coming months.

Back to school excitement

Summer haze gives way to school daze. Students from kindergarten through college have been scrambling to get acclimated to a new routine.

It is funny, but even though I am no longer a student (at least, formally), I still feel a rush of emotions at this time every year. I am always a little saddened at the thought of saying goodbye to summer (my favorite season). But here are some reasons to be excited about the new "back to school" season on the American Family Radio Network:

- *The Urban Alternative* – Dr. Anthony Evans brings a prophetic voice to the nation's cities in turmoil. See the description below.
- *Back to the Bible* – airs at 5:30 a.m. (central time). For over 50 years, *Back to the Bible* has given America sound Bible teaching and great music. Join Woodrow Kroll, Don Hawkins, and the Back to the Bible Quartet for some great traditional Christian radio.
- *AFA Report* – An exciting new current events program. AFA President Don Wildmon and Pat Trueman, AFA counsel in Washington, D.C., interview guests in the nation's capitol. New technology makes it sound as if they are all in the same studio. Get the thoughts of senators, congressmen, government officials, and others at 12:30 p.m. (central time).
- Plans are in the making for special Thanksgiving and Christmas programming – a solid anchor on which to ride out the storm of secular observances of these days.
- Share-a-thon is just around the corner, too. For new listeners, share-a-thon is the time when we all get to "share the load" of keeping the radio ministry going and growing.

– Marvin Sanders

More You Are There

WAFR is pleased to bring you another of the excellent *You Are There* radio dramas during October and to begin featuring the *You Are There* series more often.

The *You Are There* radio drama programs are designed to be both educational and entertaining. Join us for October's series *Jesus and His Miracles* on Saturday, October 23 at 3 p.m. and Sunday, October 24 at 4 p.m. What a great opportunity to learn more about the life and works of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Urban Alternative

The Urban Alternative sets a biblical agenda for transforming lives. According to Dr. Anthony Evans, host of the program, divorce, abuse, addiction, greed, loneliness, prejudice, crime, poverty, lawlessness and immorality are all symptoms that America is crying out for spiritual direction—for strong, moral, upright people who will use God's Word to show the way. Nowhere is this more true than in our battered cities. Dr. Evans believes that whatever the problem, God has already provided the answer in His Word. Hear Dr. Evans week nights at 7:30 p.m. (central time).

Dinosaurs and the Bible

Many Christians, unfortunately, think that the existence of dinosaurs proves evolution! Learn the truth about dinosaurs when you join American Family Radio on Tuesday, October 19 at 5 p.m., Thursday, October 21 at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 23 at 2 p.m. for this special broadcast. It's a production from the experts at the Institute for Creation Research.

Remember your financial pledge

You should have received a letter recently about how to send in your WAFR financial pledge. We will not send a separate letter and return envelope as we have done in the past. Instead, you will receive an "action" letter from American Family Association with a postage paid return envelope for your donation to WAFR.

American Family Radio can be heard on these FM frequencies in the following communities:

Alabama	
Enterprise	90.5
Florence	89.9
Muscle Shoals	89.9
Sheffield	89.9
Tuscumbia	89.9
NW Alabama	88.3
Arkansas	
El Dorado	91.9
Forrest City	91.5
Jonesboro	90.5
Mississippi	
Central MS	92.5
Columbus	91.9
Jackson	92.5
Laurel	92.5
Meridian	92.5
Natchez	91.1
Tupelo	88.3
West Point	96.9
Tennessee	
Jackson	88.1
Lawrenceburg	89.9
Shelbyville	91.3
SW Tennessee	88.3

