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AFA asks General Motors to pull ads from ABC

American Family Association has asked General Motors to pull their advertising from ABC after the network began their new program **NYPD Blue** featuring soft-core pornography.

Based on the last two monitoring periods, AFA discovered that General Motors is the largest advertiser on ABC. "The millions of dollars which General Motors provides ABC helps the network

continue their assault on the family with programs such as **NYPD Blue**," said AFA president Donald E. Wildmon.

On October 20, Wildmon wrote GM chairman John Smale, "I'm asking that General Motors take a stand for the family, assume corporate responsibility, and withdraw your advertising from ABC. Failure to do this will indicate that General Motors is in agreement

with ABC's attack on the family." When the *Journal* went to press on October 28, GM had not responded to the request.

Wildmon said it is time to hold companies responsible for their spending of advertising dollars. "Since ABC is losing advertising income on **NYPD Blue** (because the time has to be sold dirt cheap), they must rely on money from ad-
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Hundreds of McDonald's refuse sleazy movie

Hundreds of McDonald's restaurants, reacting to complaints from their customers, are refusing to participate in a corporate promotion pushing the sleazy movie, **Wayne's World**.

McDonald's, the largest restaurant chain in the world, decided to promote the movie despite the fact that it endorses a lifestyle of promiscuity, irresponsibility and casual sex for teenagers.

As the *Journal* went to press

AFA had received reports that hundreds of McDonald's restaurants in Texas, North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, and other states had decided not to participate in the promotion. The response came after concerned individuals made complaints about the video to their local restaurants.

Wayne's World contains a promotional spot for another video, "Time Out," which is billed as an anti-AIDS video hosted by Arsenio Hall and Magic Johnson. John-

son has the HIV virus as the result of a promiscuous lifestyle. Hall and Johnson urge teenagers to use condoms in their sexual activity to help prevent AIDS, despite the fact that condoms have a failure rate as high as 33%. It presents sex among teenagers as normal and approved, with a small segment referring to abstinence.

When Donald E. Wildmon, president of AFA, wrote McDonald's president Edward Rensi about the promotion of **Wayne's World**, Rensi did not bother to respond. Three weeks later, after a second letter, R.G. Starmann, senior vice-president of McDonalds, sent a three sentence response indicating their indifference toward parents who try to teach their children positive moral values, and toward members of the AFA: "Thank you for your letters of July 2 and July 20 to Ed Rensi. Even though our position on this matter differs, we do ap-
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Boycott showing in Kmart's bottom line

Kmart Corporation, one of the leading retailers of pornography in America, has begun efforts to spin off several of their specialty stores. Kmart may try to turn OfficeMax, Borders, Builders Square and The Sports Authority stores into separate companies in the next four to five months, according to USA Today. The company is also considering selling their Pace Warehouse stores.

The Wall Street Journal reported October 7 that the company's sales have been sluggish for the past three years. "At Kmart, which is in the midst of a \$3 billion store-renovation plan, sales per square foot—a critical measure of retail performance—have fallen for three years in a row," the WSJ reported.

AFA has been promoting a boycott of Kmart for three years. Kmart sells the porn in their Waldenbooks and Borders book stores. Earlier this year, pension groups from both the United Methodist Church and the Southern Baptist Convention withdrew millions of dollars in investments because the company refused to get out of the pornography business.

AFA urges concerned individuals to call Kmart customer service at 1-800-63-Kmart and inform them you are supporting the boycott and encouraging others to do the same. Please be polite when you call.

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When we earn the privilege of being persecuted

By DR. DONALD E. WILDMON
AFA President

Sometimes life is the opposite of what it seems. Sometimes when we are being persecuted, we are actually being blessed. With our finite minds we find that hard to understand, but that doesn't affect the truth of the matter.

During the past several months, as we have fought the battle against the vulgarity and violence in **NYPD Blue**, this truth hit home with me. Many of the secular TV critics, angry with our protest and our success, have rolled out the area **all the negative** terms they can find in describing me. Censor leads the list. But

Jonathan Storm, TV critic for the *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, stretched his mind to write: "The Rev. Donald Wildmon and his menagerie of reactionary bozos..." He goes on to criticize the "cowardly" station managers "at more than 30 of ABC's affiliates" who refused to air the program. (Actually, the number was 61, but Mr. Storm didn't want to give us that much credit so he cut the number in half. At least he didn't lie. You could say he simply told a half-truth.)

Down in Macon, Georgia, the local paper had big headlines which read: "Macon station will 'censor' **NYPD Blue**." Of course, there was no censorship involved, but the folks at the Macon Telegraph wanted to leave the impression that those who protested the filth on **NYPD Blue** were censors. (They said nothing about the dozens of other programs offered to, but turned down by, WGXA, the ABC affiliate. And they said nothing about scores of articles submitted to the Telegraph which they "censored" by refusing to run them.)

In the course of telling their readers about us good censors, Robin Stacy referred to me in this manner: "Christian fundamentalist fund raiser, a Tupelo, Mississippi, minister..." It looks good, you know, to make it appear that money was the motive in our efforts against **NYPD Blue**. To the best of my knowledge, that is the first time I have been referred to as a "fund raiser" as my primary job.

Tony Kiss, Entertainment Editor for the *Asheville, North Carolina, Citizen-Times*, was not to be outdone. Speaking about AFA, he said: "The association is headed by the Rev. Donald Wildmon, an ultra-conservative minister famous for leading protests against firms he says are morally permissive." Mr. Kiss felt that ultra-conservative was much more negative than simply conservative. But I doubt very seriously that you will ever see him referring to anyone from the networks or Hollywood as being "ultra-liberal." In the eyes of the secular media, there is no such creature.

Of course, the TV critics and newspaper writers have been doing their best to discredit AFA and myself for about 16 years. What do I think about it? I praise God for it! I consider their condemnation a high honor. It means that I'm doing my job right.

Standing on a mountainside by the Sea of Galilee, the Galilean Carpenter spoke: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you."

I'm serious when I say this—I thank God for the high privilege of being persecuted for righteousness' sake. I am indeed a blessed person. I have made the right enemies—and the right friends—in life. For that I am thankful.

White line in the storm

by TIM WILDMON • Vice-President
(Reprinted from earlier issue)

Have you ever been through an experience that God used to teach you a spiritual lesson? The Lord Jesus used experiences of day to day living to explain many of the things of God. Today, we call those stories Jesus told parables. Well, I guess you might say a personal parable happened to me recently, and I'd like to share it with you.

Before I came on board here at AFA I worked as a sports reporter at a newspaper in Columbus, Mississippi, about 60 miles southeast of Tupelo. The job didn't pay much, but I enjoyed my work. I have always enjoyed sports and I have always enjoyed writing, so sports journalism comes naturally to me. Even now, I still moonlight covering sports events when I can.

One recent Saturday night I was leaving the coliseum after a basketball game; a strong wind was blowing and I could hear
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Gay journalists' job fair attracts major news media

More than 151 of the nation's most prestigious news organizations – from National Public Radio to The Washington Post – sent recruiters to a job fair sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Journalist Association in early September. Major media corporations also reportedly contributed about \$40,000 to NLGJA's annual convention in New York.

Among the financial backers of the homosexual journalists' convention were: New York Times, USA Today, NBC News, the Post, Knight-Ridder, the Hearst Corporation, Time, Inc., and ABC News.

Participating in the convention's open

panel discussion were TV anchors Dan Rather (CBS), Tom Brokaw (NBC), Robert MacNeil of PBS's MacNeil-Lehrer News-Hour and CNN's Judy Woodruff.

The New York Times, *Newsweek* magazine, and NBC were honored at the NLGJA awards banquet.

Covering the convention, the New York Times said homosexuals "have become more visible in major news organizations in the last several years and they are helping to change news reports and reporting." The story carried the heading, "Gay Journalists Leading a Revolution."

World, 9/18/93; New York Times, 9/10/93

Planned Parenthood wants birth control on MTV, Fox

Planned Parenthood wants to pressure MTV and Fox networks into running condom and other contraceptive ads.

In a letter to Planned Parenthood's constituents, President Pamela Maraldo blames the "anti-choice, anti-contraception right-wing zealots" for the increase in teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases by keeping teens "as ignorant as possible" about contraception.

The "massive citizens campaign" includes petitions to MTV and Fox; producing a video tape that "frankly and specifically answers teenagers' questions about sex, contraception and abortion; producing a music video; enlisting the help of celebrities; and further distribution of their "reality-based" sex education programs.

Knoxville Herald

Porn out, sales up

When Petroleum World decided to test market *Penthouse* and *Playboy* in a company-owned convenience store in Greenville, South Carolina, local American Family Association members tracked the sales of the porn magazines daily and reported their findings to the company. In a letter to the company, they compared the small sales (six copies a month) to the large number of people who would stop patronizing the store if the magazines were not removed. The company immediately quit selling the magazines.

During June, Ms. Lynn Kimbrell, store manager, was named 1992 Store Manager of the Year and won an all expense paid cruise.

ABC station airs *NYPD Blue*, but rejects humane society advertisement

WHBQ-TV, ABC affiliate in Memphis, Tennessee, is airing *NYPD Blue*, the new TV series full of sex, violence and profanity, but has nixed a public service announcement from the Memphis Humane Society because "the visuals were unsuitable."

The 30-second spot flashes on the screen the words "Beating. Starvations. Mutilations." Then the viewer sees a whimpering, bleeding dog lying on a surgical table as doctors prepare to operate. A voice says, "What some people do to animals is a crime."

Memphis magazine

BRIEFLY...

New era for Girl Scouts

The official Girl Scout Promise will no longer include a reference to the God of the Bible. Instead members will pledge their service to Allah, Buddah, God or any other spiritual power – or skip a religious reference altogether. The change came in October at the Girl Scout national convention in Minneapolis.

At another conference in San Diego, California, the emphasis of meetings was on dealing with depression, molestation, AIDS, date rape, incest, gangs and suicide.

Dispatches, 9/10/93; USA Today, 10/25/93

Many students say they've cheated

An overwhelming majority of the nation's brightest teens admit to cheating in school, says a survey of 2,000 high-achieving 16- and 17-year-olds. Eighty percent say cheating is common at their school; 78% admit they cheat, too.

USA Today

Religious heritage postage stamps okay in Russia, not U.S.

Postage stamps and hand stamp cancellations reading "to help rediscover our Christian heritage after 70 years of suppression," have received enthusiastic support in Russia. But in the United States, Postal Service censors in Washington, D.C., ordered the impounding of a religiously oriented pictorial stamp collection because the word "Religion" and religious symbols appeared.

Global Stamp News, 4/93

Domino's Pizza says no to NOW

Domino's Pizza recently cancelled a planned meeting of the National Organization for Women (NOW) at Domino Farms, the company's corporate headquarters. A court ruled that the company "has the right to deny use of its corporate facilities to a group supporting abortion rights." Express your thanks to Mr. Tom Monaghan, Domino's Pizza, 30 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr., Ann

ACLU defends homosexual scout leader

The New Jersey chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has joined the efforts of a former assistant scoutmaster who last year filed a lawsuit charging he was illegally kicked out of a Boy Scout troop in Monmouth County, New Jersey, because he is homosexual.

The ACLU has asked the court to allow them to appear in court on behalf of James Dale, 22, saying the firing violated New Jersey's civil rights law.

The Boy Scouts have defended their actions saying homosexuals are not proper role models. A representative of the Boy Scouts of America said Dale's lawsuit was one of the first of its kind to be filed in the nation.

In another case involving the Boy Scouts, Michael Nickerson, an 18-year old scout leader, was sentenced in Brockton, Massachusetts, to two years in prison and 10 years probation for sexually assaulting

four young scouts.

The Washington Post, 8/27/93

About 1,800 scoutmasters dismissed for molestation

The Boy Scouts of America dismissed about 1,800 scoutmasters suspected of molesting boys from 1971 to 1991, but some moved on to other troops and continued to abuse scouts, organization files show.

The information was obtained by an attorney in California who was preparing a lawsuit. He reviewed over 25,000 pages of scout documents. The documents included letters from local scout troops, letters from victims, newspaper clippings and dismissal notices.

Associated Press

Scout leader arrested in porn case

A 63-year-old man, well-known for his work with Boy Scouts over 40 years, was arrested in Mesa, Arizona, after police investigating a break-in at his mobile home discovered enough child pornography to fill a full-sized truck bed.

John Cooley, described as weighing at least 450 pounds, was arrested in August. Neighbors reported seeing "bondage and sadism" material with some of the children in the photographs appearing to be as young as three years old.

Cooley lives with and takes care of his 94-year-old mother.

Mesa (Arizona) Tribune, 8/17/93

Religious students are better students poll says

Religious students with strong family support are the most likely to succeed in school a USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll shows. The poll of 803 teens, ages 13-17, explores the factors that contribute to happiness and high marks in school.

The survey also showed that the most successful students were those most likely to eat dinner regularly with the family.

USA Today 10/1/93

Teen badly beaten after organizing school Bible group

A 14-year-old California, boy was brutally beaten by five masked assailants for organizing a Bible study group at his school.

The boy told his attackers, "Go ahead. If I die, I know where I am going. But where are you going?"

San Ramon Valley Times, 9/24/93

TV continues to tragically influence

Watching the **GI Joe** television show, four boys learned to make a flame thrower and it worked well. Actually, it was just a plastic bottle with gasoline. As the boys sprayed the gas from the bottle they ignited it with a lighter.

When the bottle caught fire one of the boys dropped it and stepped on it. A fireball shot out, and the boys thought it was pretty neat, so they stepped on the bottle again. That's when six-year-old Raul Alexander Garcia of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, went up in flames.

Second degree burns now cover much of Alex's torso and hands. His recuperation is steady, but painful.

The Union Leader 9/17/93

Teens killed, injured copying stunt from **The Program**

At least four people have been killed or seriously injured imitating a scene from the film *The Program*.

In the movie about a college football team, drunken players test their nerve by lying end-to-end in the middle of the highway.

Touchstone Pictures is re-editing the movie to cut the scene.

Associated Press, 10/19/93;

USA Today, 10/20/93

USA TODAY School Survey Results

#1 problem*

- Alcohol – 45%
- Apathy – 18%
- Discipline – 10%
*(according to a survey of 990 student leaders, USA Today 6/30/93)

school safety*

- 37% of students don't feel safe at school
- 50% know someone who switched schools to feel safer
- 43% of public school students avoid school restrooms
- 26% of girls, 49% of boys were hit last year at school
- 22% have been robbed of an item worth more than \$10

worries & learning*

- 63% say they'd learn more if they felt safer
- 47% say teachers spend at least half their time disciplining students

causes & solutions*

- 55% in grades 10-12 know weapons are regularly in school
- 79% say violence often is caused by 'stupid things like bumping into someone'
- 49% in grades 10-12 say race often is a factor in violence
- 42% think the single best safety improvement would be to send bad kids to special schools

*These are partial results of an unscientific survey based on the written answers of 65,193 sixth through 12th graders who responded individually or as classes to a questionnaire printed in the April 23-25 issue of USA WEEKEND and two other publications.

CBS airs pro-homosexual movie in after school special series

If you have even the smallest shred of doubt that Hollywood is trying to convince you and your children that homosexuality is a normal, acceptable lifestyle, lay your skepticism aside.

On Tuesday, October 12, at 3 p.m. (CT), CBS aired **Other Mothers – The Story of A Family**, a one-hour movie about a lesbian couple and their teenage son. The broadcast was part of the “CBS Schoolbreak Special” series, targeting after-school viewers.

The story portrays the trio as a middle class family, normal in every other way. The attractive, intelligent (one is a scientist, the other an editor), sensitive lesbian couple are contrasted to the bigoted, paranoid homophobes. The trendy theme begs sympathy for the homosexual struggle against injustice and prejudice. As usual tolerance is upheld as a much higher virtue than morality.

MEET THE FAMILY

In the opening segment we learn that Will, a high school freshman, has two mothers – played by well-known actresses Joanna Cassidy and Meredith Baxter. When Will tells his moms to stop worrying about his schoolwork, Mom #1 responds, “Don’t worry about it! We’re your parents!”

Home life is idyllic. Mom and Mom are loving, supportive, understanding, wise, insightful, encouraging and monogamous. In fact we could all take a few lessons on parenting from these two.

The plot centers on Will’s struggles to make the basketball team at his new high school. When his team mates joke about a “homo” trying out for the team, Will senses trouble, so he tries to keep his secret quiet without hurting his moms’ feelings.

But soon the cat’s out of the closet when the moms want to be involved with the team boosters club. Here they meet resistance from the club president and here they make their stand.

When Will’s coach, teammates and friends shun him, he is torn between what he believes is right – that his moms’ relationship is okay – and pressure to be ac-

cepted. Soon he comes to his senses and takes his misguided moral stand in support of his moms. He gladly endures scorn and ridicule for the love of his mothers and the larger cause of homosexual justice and equality.

The credits roll over family photos and Walton-like music. Meredith Baxter, CBS and the Library of Congress encourage our children to “Read More About It” at the local library. Two books on alternative families are suggested.

See related article, page 27.



“Other Mothers” Advertisers

Campbell Soup Company, Chrm. Robert J. Vlastic, Campbell Place, Camden, NJ 08103, Phone 609-342-4800, FAX 609-342-3878. PRODUCTS: Campbell’s soups, juices, and canned foods, Pepperidge Farm foods, V-8 vegetable juice, Zesty dill pickles.

Philip Morris Companies, Inc., Chrm. Michael A. Miles, 120 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017, Phone 212-880-5000, FAX 212-878-2167, TOLL FREE: 1-800-343-0975. PRODUCTS: Brim coffee, Jell-O desserts, Kraft food products, Lender’s Bagels, Louis Rich meats, Oscar Mayer meats, Seven Seas dressing, Sinex, CIGARETTES: Parliament, Philip Morris, Players.

Thompson Medical Company, Inc., Pres. Dan Horwitz, 222 Lakeview Ave., 17th Floor, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, Phone 407-820-9900, FAX 407-832-2297. PRODUCTS: Aspercreme analgesic creme rub, Cortizone 10 itch medicine.

The last bias of Hollywood: Christians

By Bob Jones, IV

Steven Bochco has had a revelation.

In the wake of sagging ratings for his once-proud **L.A. Law**, he has tried everything from lesbian lovers to interracial intrigue to get America watching again. The verdict: not interested.

So this season, Bochco & Co. introduced the most shocking new story line of all as the venerable firm is invaded by—gasp!—a born-again Christian from Bob Jones University.

Jane Halliday is definitely not your typical TV Christian. Those looks! The prospec-

tive associate is gorgeous enough to stop the slimy Arnie Becker in his tracks. That resume! Harvard Law School, clerkship for a federal judge, two years in the Oklahoma City district attorney’s office. Those convictions! When Becker propositions her, she replies, “Please understand something—I don’t believe in recreational sex.... I’m a virgin by choice and I will remain a virgin until the night of my wedding.”

Do not adjust your set. NBC insists the Halliday character is for real. A press release included with advance copies of the premiere episode stressed that the newest

member of the firm would not be portrayed as a born-again Christian one week and a nymphomaniac the next.

Come again? Why would anyone expect a metamorphosis from born-again Christian to nymphomaniac?

If Hollywood were ever tried for anti-Christian bias in a court of law, that press release could well be entered as the prosecution’s Exhibit A. It’s practically a guilty plea, an admission that a realistic portrayal of Christians is a departure from the norm.

In the just-released paperback edition of his book *Hollywood vs. America*, veteran

TELEVISION

critic Michael Medved spends 370 pages documenting that twisted norm. From Scripture-spouting murderers to repressed rapists, identifiably "Christian" characters in TV or movies are an overwhelmingly nasty lot.

It's difficult to imagine the Sensitivity Police allowing such a consistently negative caricature of any other interest group in this country. Indeed, the creative community usually goes out of its way to soothe hurt feelings after any perceived slight. Witness Hollywood's backpedaling on artistic freedom in the wake of the gay community's protests over the negative portrayal of a bisexual character in the film *Basic Instinct*. Where, on the other hand, were the apologies for *The Last Temptation of Christ*, a mean-spirited mockery that offended millions of Christians around the world?

When Hollywood is not enthusiastically attacking religion, it's usually doing its best to ignore it—a phenomenon Medved has termed the industry's "overriding allergy to religious content."

The very fact that a Christian character on **L.A. Law** could generate such media interest is proof that Medved has correctly diagnosed Hollywood's allergies. Why should it be news that there's a genuine believer on prime-time TV? After all, pollster George Gallup has dubbed the 1990s the "Decade of the People's Religion," and in a recent poll by *U.S. News & World Report*, 56% of Americans said a closer relationship with God was their "greatest objective in life."

The fact is, outside the Hollywood hot-house, America is still an outwardly Christian nation. Out in the hinterlands, more than 40% of us ordinary Americans attend services every week and 78% of us pray regularly. Compare that to the 93% of TV's creative elite who have told pollsters that they "seldom or never attend religious services" and the 45% who have "no religious affiliation whatsoever."

Like the Chinese emperors in the fairytale world of the Forbidden City, Hollywood's creative royalty have grown inbred, aloof and completely out of touch with the peasant population.

Is the sudden appearance of Jane Halliday on **L.A. Law** the start of a religious revival in Hollywood? A cynical attempt to resuscitate a dying show? An elaborate setup for yet another attack on Christianity?

The jury, as they say, is still out. The premiere episode was surprisingly candid in its portrayal of the hostility born-again Christians face in the professional world. When partner Ann Kelsey is asked why she doesn't want Halliday to join the firm, she

replies flatly, "Because she's a member of the religious right."

"How would you feel if we were talking about a Jew?" Arnie Becker asks.

"Not the same thing," replies Kelsey.

Which pretty well sums up Hollywood's view of Christians: not the same as blacks, Latinos, Jews, Indians, foreigners, women, physically challenged, mentally retarded or sexually deviant. Not to be taken seriously. Not worthy of respect.

It's high time someone in Hollywood had the courage to introduce a capable intelligent, attractive character who is also a committed Christian. My question is: Where are the other Jane Hallidays on prime time? Where are the Jane Hallidays at the movie theater or the video store?

Shoot, where was Jane Halliday when I was in college?

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Hollywood tough on smoking

Consider the following observations of San Francisco columnist Leah Garchik:

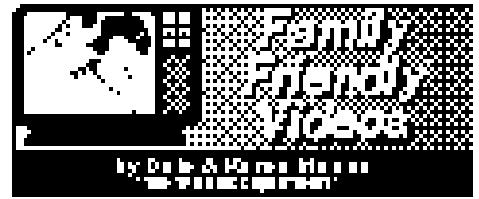
- In **Beverly Hills 90210** friends of Brenda tell her to stop smoking because her breath smells. She listens to the advice.
- **Hearts Afire**, Georgie Ann quits at the urging of her mate.
- In **Wings**, when Helen is caught smoking, she says it's a suicide attempt.
- In **Cheers**, Rebecca burns down the bar by tossing away a lighted cigarette.
- In **Seinfeld**, Kramer's cigar sets a mountain cabin on fire.
- The only smokers in **The Simpsons** are Marge's two cranky sisters.

You get the picture. Smoking is out on TV. But why? Why has Hollywood chosen to take a stand against smoking?

Don't we hear from the elite in the entertainment industry that what they do has no impact on the way people live their lives? When you question the propriety of unrealistic, sensationalized levels of violence in the media, don't they always say there is no cause-and-effect relationship?

Dispatches, 9/10/93

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



Sarah Plain and Tall

Suggested Audience: Family (all age) **Length:** 98 min.

Released: 1990 **Distributor:** Republic Pictures (Available from any video rental store)

SET IN RURAL KANSAS around 1910, **Sarah Plain and Tall** is a refreshingly wholesome drama, an exemplary family-friendly film.

In this "Hallmark Hall of Fame" release, a widowed Kansas farmer (Jacob) senses the need to remarry, primarily for the sake of his two young children. He awkwardly places a newspaper ad for a bride. The ad is eventually answered by Sarah, a lovely, strong-willed woman from distant Maine. It is agreed that she will visit Jacob's family for 30 days. If Sarah feels she can make a difference in the hearts of this hurting family, she and Jacob will marry.

However, conflicting expectations make this an uncomfortable courtship. Both Jacob and his sensitive 10-year-old daughter struggle as they slowly realize that Sarah is unique, and will never be a duplicate of Jacob's deceased wife.

Adjusting is difficult, but this excellent "G"-rated production makes the process enjoyable to watch. Nothing objectionable. Appropriate for the entire family!

America's Godly Heritage

Suggested Audience: Adults and teens **Length:** 59 minutes **Released:** 1992 **Information or to order:** (817) 441-6044, or (800) 332-2261 (Available from many Christian bookstores)

YOU'VE STUDIED AMERICAN history, but do you know the true history of America?

Author/researcher David Barton is captivating as he uses colorful illustrations and charts to help reveal the belief of America's famous Founding Fathers. Of particular interest are alarming facts and stories concerning the recent doctrine of "separation of church and state" and its impact on society.

There is much fascinating information on this tape. Consequently, you will probably watch it several times and share it with many others, as we have done. An excellent Christmas gift!

Dale & Karen write this column for the AFA from their home in Arizona. Their very practical book, *Married To Television?*, has helped thousands of families to realize sweeter relationships as use of the TV is brought under better control. To obtain a copy visit your local Christian bookstore, or send \$10.95 directly to: The Masons, PO Box 40063, Mesa, AZ 85274.



Fall sitcoms debut, plummet to new low

The fall menu of sitcoms might well be more aptly called "sexcoms." Casual sex, child sex, profanity, and genitalia jokes abound to overflowing in the thin storylines of most family-time "comedies." Decent humor on the sitcoms is in shorter supply than ever before.

ABC's **Roseanne** kicked off a new season with an episode in which Darlene (a college freshman) tells her mother she'd been having sex with her boyfriend David, who lived with the family. She reassures Mom, however, by explaining, "I was careful."

On the Fox network, **Herman's Head** premiered for fall with an episode in which series hero Herman and Heddy (a co-worker) make constant reference to their past sexual experiences together. Genitalia jokes and at least 15 instances of profanity round out the 30 minutes. Also on Fox, **Married...with Children** entered the season with genitalia jokes and sight gags, and countless references to sex—all standard fare for the series.

Fox debuted **Sinbad** with an episode which features 12-year-old L. J. discussing a video game in which he suggests that "for every universe I save, Janet [Jackson] would ram her tongue down my throat." He is quickly surrounded by 8- to 10-year-olds eager to hear more sex talk. In a later scene, L. J. steals a porn magazine. **Sinbad** is produced by Touchstone, which is owned by the Walt Disney Company.

Series star Mitch (a handsome carpenter) trades sexual banter and double entendre with two women in the debut of CBS's **It Had to Be You**. CBS also debuted **Family Album** in September with an episode in which a teenage daughter screams at her parents "I hate you!" The emotional explosion is followed by a laugh track. At the dinner table, the child's mother yells at granny, "Choke on a bone, Ma!" A teenage cousin calls phone sex numbers.

A series of genitalia jokes occurs in **The Mommies'** debut on NBC. In the same episode, teenagers make out on the sofa as Mom strolls by, and seven-year-old Casey tells Mom, "We've got a little problem—you got two wrong on my math homework."

In NBC's debut of **The John Laroquette Show**, the lead female star declares to her new boss, "I don't put out for anybody at work, although, if Andy Garcia walked in here right now, I would do him on your desk!" Jokes about prison homosexuality, cross dressing, and prostitution abound. One regular character is a prostitute.

A leading advertiser in the fall sitcoms is Procter and Gamble. While the company did not appear on the above episodes, its products are advertised on *all* of the following.

Roseanne's homosexual boss was back on ABC's September 21 episode of **Roseanne**, along with her bisexual friend Nancy. "I had the worst date with this woman last night," Nancy whines. "...she wouldn't even spend the night. I'm back into men this week!" On September 28, Jackie and Fred discuss the fact that they had sex on their first date; and Darlene, home from college, forges Roseanne's signature for her little brother to take back to his teacher, and she lies to the school on the phone, saying that she is Mrs. Conner.

Teenager Carlton loses his virginity in the October 11 episode of NBC's **Fresh Prince of Bel-Air**. His friends had been discussing their first times to have sex, and Carlton is elated to be able to join the club. He picks up a woman in a store, they spend the afternoon together, and she takes him to her hotel room to spend the night. Carlton is crushed to discover that she is the wife of his college dean.

On Fox's September 28 episode of **Bakersfield P.D.**, officer Crestman goes to a

crime scene and asks the girlfriend of the victim to come live with him. He tells Det. Dante that he's going to marry the girl.

NBC's September 27 **Blossom** features an exchange in which Blossom and her friend Six (both 16) discuss—as usual—sex. Blossom won't confirm it, but Six finds it impossible to believe that Blossom and her boyfriend Vinnie haven't had sex.

Cafe Americain, a new NBC entry, had a September 25 story that was totally dependent on illicit sexual double entendre and innuendo.

In the October 6 installment of ABC's **Grace Under Fire**, casual sex is the subject as Grace, series heroine, talks to co-workers—all male—at the plant where she works since her divorce. When her six-year-old tries to teach the baby to talk dirty, Grace interrupts, "Libby, don't teach the baby dirty words! That's **my** job!" In another scene, Grace's friends Wade and Russell join her eight-year-old son Quenton on the roof where he uses his binoculars to spy on a neighbor lady taking a shower. Masturbation and genitalia jokes round out the dialogue.

The John Laroquette Show, in the September 7 episode, relies on sexual bondage jokes, priest-prostitute jokes, and genitalia jokes for its humor.

Casual sex is the object of the game in Fox's September 26 **Living Single**. The four women in the series head to a bar to pick up men; their neighbor Kyle declares boastfully, "The Kid is definitely not coming home alone tonight!"

CBS **Murphy Brown's** title character re-lives old times in the September 27 episode. In it, Murphy fondly recalls how, as a student in the '60s, she had traded sex for a copy of political radical Nick Brody's book. In an on-air interview with Murphy, Brody boasts, "I really can't look at a woman in her 40's these days without wondering if I [had sex with her]."

The September 25 season premiere of NBC's **Nurses** focuses on Gina, a nurse eight months pregnant by Hank, a doctor and series hero. She had shamelessly chased him until he had sex with her, then she refused to see him any more. In this episode, he proposes marriage to her.

The Second Half, a new fall series from NBC, had a September 28 episode in which series hero John Palmero, divorced, goes to an art show because he's just met Heather, the gallery owner, and wants to go out with her. Heather goes home with him for sex. John's sister Denise, who lives down the hall from his apartment, also has a sleep-over lover.

Casual sex, frequent profanity, lying, families that scream and yell bitter epithets at each other—such are the values with which family-time TV would fill our homes and the minds of viewers. AFA encourages concerned parents and families to write Procter and Gamble and express their feelings about the kinds of programs the company is sponsoring.

Top advertiser: P&G, page 11

Colgate ads bring lies, promiscuity, homosexual character on Fox series

The Fox network's **Melrose Place** launched into fall focusing on homosexuality, promiscuity and deceit. On September 29, the following situations occur among series regulars: Billy and Alison, long-time roommates, now also have a sexual relationship—following the suicide of Alison's former married lover who tried to rape her. Michael and Jane are separated; Michael lives with Kimberly and Jane goes out with Michael's good friend Sam. Sidney, Jane's sister, rushes to tell Michael Jane's dating

Sam, then lies to Jane, insisting that she didn't tell. Jake and Jo, live-in lovers, have problems and he prepares to move out.

On October 6, Sidney continues to lie to her sister, Billy talks Alison into lying to her boss so she can go on a trip with him; Alison later boasts to Jo about having lied to her boss; Michael lies (big-time!) in depositions as he and Jane head for divorce court; Michael pressures his live-in lover to lie in court about their adultery.

Matt, the series' homosexual character, appears in both episodes. In the latter, he struggles with how to tell a woman who comes on to him that he is homosexual.

Kimberly Costello wrote the former episode, Allison Robbins the latter. Chip Hayes produced both.

Top advertiser: Colgate, page 9

Bisexuality, illicit sex promoted by General Mills

NBC's **Seinfeld** stayed on the series course of promoting illicit sex and perversion in a September 2 rerun written by Larry David and Peter Mehlman, and produced by Andrew Scheinman. The teaser has star Jerry Seinfeld in his stand up routine in a club: "If you're a guy and you ask for a doggie bag on a date, you might as well just have them wrap up your genitals, too. You're not gonna be needing those for a while either."

Later, he drives Elaine (close friend and former bedmate) to Carl's home. "Is tonight the night [for your first sex with Carl]?" asks Seinfeld.

"You never know!" she replies, the sound of hope in her voice.

At the video store, George, also a series regular, runs into ex-lover Susan and her new lesbian lover, Mona. He worries that he "drove" her to lesbianism. Kramer, the fourth series regular, eventually wins Mona away from Susan.

The theme of the September 16 episode of **Seinfeld** was orgasms — fake or real. The story was written by Lawrence H. Levy and produced by series star Jerry Seinfeld. (**Seinfeld** was a big winner at the recent Emmy awards.)

George confides to Jerry that he

is not confident in his sexual abilities with his new girlfriend. As the more sexually experienced of the two, Jerry intends to offer George some advice. But his macho is offended when Elaine confesses that she often faked orgasms while having sex with Jerry.

The rest of the show is punctuated with one-liners about sex as Jerry and George attempt to regain their manly pride. Jerry even calls a half dozen old girlfriends to testify to his love-making abilities. Two couples are shown in bed.

Top advertiser: General Mills, page 9

Bible is cop's defense in letting homosexual die

Police officers use the Bible as their defense for letting a fellow officer bleed to death in NBC's September 8 **Law & Order**. In the rerun, Officer Newhouse, a homosexual cop, dies from gunshot wounds after no one responds to his call for backup. The resulting interrogation uncovers the fact that fellow officers intentionally delayed their arrival at the scene.

Paul, a series hero, asks Sgt. Harley, "What do you think of gay cops?"

"Personally," replies Harley, "I was taught that God didn't approve of that kind of thing. It's in the Bible."

Harley's young partner later testifies that Harley stopped their car just around the corner from where the wounded officer lay, and sneered "Newhouse is a fairy. If he's in trouble, he can flap his wings and fly out!"

The episode's real hero is Off. McGraw, partner of the slain man. McGraw, too, is homosexual and comes out of the closet to testify to the harassment suffered by homosexuals in the department.

The dialogue, written by Robert Nathan and Walon Green, includes frequent profanity. The episode was produced by Nathan.

Top advertiser: P&G, page 11

Unilever supports vile, venomous Fox sitcom

Daddy Dearest, which debuted September 5 on Fox, is unquestionably one of the most vile, venomous

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TV REVIEWS

ous, ugly shows ever created. The debut introduces Dr. Steven Mitchell, recently divorced psychiatrist; his father, Al; his son, Danny; his mother; and his brother, Larry. The story follows Steven's first date with Ingrid. The two of them return from their date pawing each other and rushing upstairs to his bed. They discover Al in Steven's bed—his wife has kicked him out. Al remarks on the size of Ingrid's breasts, and as Ingrid stalks out, Steven yells, "No, wait, Ingrid! Please wait! I've had the condom ready since Thanksgiving!"

Later in the episode Mom enters and announces, "Well, I'm here, da--it!" She and Al argue about his sexual performance, and they all scream and yell ugly put-downs at each other.

The September 12 episode has Al advising Danny to stick a pencil in the eye of a bully at school. Grandma, too, recommends violence in dealing with the bully. The episode continues with countless insults, ugly remarks and hate-filled exchanges, usually between members of the Mitchell family.

The first episode tallied 15 profanities, six of them by the mother. The first episode was written by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore, the second by Michael W. Barker and Matt Weitzman. Frank Pace is producer.

Top advertiser: Unilever, page 11

P&G ads on NBC's sex movie

The creation of a TV soap opera is the plot of Danielle Steel's novel **Secrets**, adapted by William Bast and Paul Huson for NBC's September 13 movie. James H. Brown was producer.

The heroes and heroines are the producer and stars of a fledgling soap opera. Every single one of them is involved in illicit sexual affairs in their "real" lives, but they are portrayed as strong, innocent victims.

Billy is the young heartthrob whose wife Sandy (his "secret") is a drug addict. Billy is patient and loving right up until Sandy's murder. After her death, he quickly jumps into bed with co-star Gabrielle, a poor, young rich girl who hides her wealth trying to make it on her own.

Aging star Sabina is having sex with the producer. She is a virtual martyr for having kept secret an illegitimate son. (His presence might hurt the political career of his married father.)

Finally, Zach is the "victim" of a teenager he picked up in a bar (a few years earlier) for sex. The girl's mother videotaped them in bed, and blackmails Zach, claiming her child was only 16. Zach's current lover is Joan Adams, who defies her abusive hus-

band to be in the soap series.

The movie's explicit bed scenes feature all three pairs of illicit lovers. They are all clearly portrayed as persons of strong moral character.

Top advertiser: P&G, page 11

NYPD Blue lives up to promises

For months **NYPD Blue** producer-creator Steven Bochco arrogantly boasted that his new series would push the limits of family-time TV. With ABC's help, Bochco delivered on that promise in the September 21 debut—filthier language and more nudity than prime-time has ever before allowed. Subsequent episodes have held to the same base standards.

In addition to the common profanities now expected from prime-time (d---, h---, etc.) Bochco's characters delight in malicious behavior and in calling each other crude, profane names including *A--hole*, *Bas---d*, *Son-of-a-B---h*, *Di--head*, *T--d*, *Douchebag* and *Scumbag*. Other gutter language includes numerous names for genitalia and excretory functions.

Nude scenes are always outside marriage. Casual sex and dirty cops are the norm. Bochco, David Milch and Ted Mann appear most often as writers and producers.

As most sponsors have avoided or abandoned the series, Warner-Lambert stepped in as leading advertiser in the October 19 episode.

Advertiser, Warner-Lambert, page 11

NBC series grows more perverse, politically correct with Kellogg ads

NBC's **Sisters** stormed into the fall season with more perversion, more politically correct pabulum, and more profanity—an apparent attempt to keep pace with prime-time's plunge into the sewer. The series follows the steamy saga of self-serving sisters Alex, Georgie, Teddy and Frankie.

On September 25, in an episode written and produced by Lisa Melamed, Teddy has abandoned a life of fame and fortune in fashion design, declaring she'd turn down even Hillary Clinton. Guess who calls! Teddy, Alex and Georgie scream like 12-year-olds at a rock concert when Mrs. Clinton asks Teddy to design a gown for her. Teddy tells the First Lady, "...we're counting on your husband to help restore our hope."

"What did you have in mind?" queries Mrs. Clinton.

Teddy explains that Alex (who's recovering from a mastectomy) wants people to have adequate medical care and money for food; Georgie desires quality public education for her two sons; Frankie (an upward-

ly-mobile business exec) wants all men and women to have jobs at equal pay; and Teddy just wants a cure for AIDS because she's already lost too many friends.

In another story line, Frankie and ex-husband Mitch engage in ugly shouting matches in custody hearings for their young son Thomas. (Mitch is also ex-husband to Teddy, and father of their teenage daughter Cat.) The judge gives custody to aunt Georgie who, incidentally, is Thomas' birth mother. She served as surrogate when Frankie couldn't get pregnant.

Top advertiser: Kellogg, page 9

Warner-Lambert sponsors violence

Four recent TV movies featured graphic violent scenes which even the networks would once have deemed inappropriate for family-time TV.

The CBS September 14 movie was **Distant Cousins**, a bizarre plot with ominous and demonic overtones, in which Katy and Richard Sullivan and their young son Alex receive an unexpected visit from Richard's cousin and childhood playmate Harold. Harold and his girlfriend Connie terrorize the Sullivans, and the movie's climax features Katy and Connie in a fight, a fire in which Connie is trapped by a falling bookcase, and Richard beating Harold with a shovel. The story was by C. Courtney Joyner and Pierre David; Joyner did the screenplay and David produced it.

Donato and Daughter was CBS's choice for September 21. This one opens with Det. Mike Donato at the scene of the rape and murder of a nun. "Where was her God when this happened?" Donato wonders. In other scenes, a police officer is shot to death in a rooftop chase and a man sends a severed human finger to Cal, Donato's 10-year-old grandson. The murderer stabs his wife when she tries to get away from him, and Donato shoots the murderer. Some of the violent scenes are very graphically done. Marian Brayton and Anne Carlucci produced the Robert Roy Pool teleplay.

Illicit sex and violence highlight CBS's October 3 movie, **River of Rage**. Maggie Keene, the heroine, goes on a rafting trip with Eric, her new lover, leaving two teenage daughters in the care of a neighbor. Eric, however, is shot to death by Ken, a cocaine dealer he's doing business with. Maggie then has to deal with the wilderness and avoid being shot by the drug dealer—who decides Maggie should be his wife. Ken—and his two sidekicks—are ruthless, murdering anyone who gets in their way. To resolve the conflict, Ken shoots Maggie

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The Good Stuff

Chrysler sponsors new family series

The new NBC series **Against The Grain** is the story of a happy family. The husband and wife have a healthy marriage. The children have a great relationship with their parents. The values of love, friendship, hard work, a good education, honesty and integrity are clearly presented.

"We're celebrating small town life, functional families and the common man," creator and co-executive producer Dave Johnson told *World* magazine. Johnson also said that he is a Christian and the characters in the series are Christians. The show debuted on October 1 with insurance salesman Ed Clemons returning home after being hospitalized for two months following an automobile accident. Ed and his family live in Sumpter, Texas, where Ed grew up as a high school football hero. When the coach of the Sumpter Mustangs is fired, Ed applies for and gets the job.

The new coach cuts the cocky star quarterback from the team despite public pressure against the move. He is depicted as a man of principle who cares about the character of his players more than winning the game.

The creators of the series and writers of this episode were Mike Pavone and Dave Johnson. David Galloway was the producer.

Top advertiser: Chrysler, page 9

Domino's sponsors good teen show

Right now, teen sitcoms don't get any better than **Saved By The Bell**. This season the program moved from Saturday morning to prime-time as the cartoon-like characters entered college. NBC aired two episodes back-to-back as the season premier in early September. Zack, Kelly, Screech, and Slater (from the original Saturday morning version) are joined by new characters, Leslie, Alex and Mike.

The crew live in a college dorm suite – girls on one side, boys on the other. A kitchen connects their rooms. This living arrangement is the only questionable aspect of the show's setting. However, there was no suggestion in episodes reviewed here, that anyone would take advantage of the proximity of the dorm rooms.

In the first episode Zack has to choose between Kelly, his old girlfriend, and his new love, Leslie. In the end, Kelly and Leslie get their heads together and dump Zack. In one scene Kelly is described as a girl with "warmth and high moral standards."

In episode number two, Zack, the self-proclaimed romance expert, turns green when the girls go ga-ga for a good-looking anthropology professor. When Zack has to do a field study on "What do women want in men," he comes to realize that girls want guys whose "friendship is not based on the physical." One girl even says her ambition is to be a mother and raise a family! Kelly tells Zack that girls want a guy who is intelligent, sincere and kind.

The second episode does include a scene when the girls are comparing notes on guys who have "great bodies." In another scene the professor is described as "sexy." There was no profanity in either episode.

Mark Fink produced both programs and wrote episode two. Steve Kreinberg and Andy Guerdat wrote the first episode.

To advertiser: Domino's, page 9

Positive Christian enters L.A. Law series

The October 7 season premiere of NBC's **L.A. Law** introduces Jane Halliday, who describes herself as a "fundamentalist Christian." Members of the fictional law firm in the series react predictably. One warns Miss Halliday as she interviews for a job, "...you might find us something of a Godless bunch."

Arnold Becker, the series' most promiscuous character, immediately begins plans to seduce the attractive Christian woman. Anne, another partner in the firm, argues that they can not hire the woman because she won't be politically correct. She's "...a member of the religious right!" declares Anne, as if that automatically proves incompetence. "Ask her about women's rights, homosexuality." The firm hires her anyway.

Becker takes her to lunch, and she quickly sees through his lecherous ways. She speaks very directly: "I'm a virgin by choice and I will remain a virgin until the night of my wedding."

Not a single use of profanity occurred in this episode, written by William M. Finkelstein.

Top advertiser: Pepsi, page 11

ABC brings quality prime-time movie

Family loyalty and values are uplifted in ABC's September 5 rerun of the movie **A Son's Promise**. The script, based on an actual situation, focuses on teenager Terry O'Kelley and the tenacity and courage he displays as he struggles to be guardian and sole support for six younger brothers.

The O'Kelley boys' mother dies when Terry is 15. He has promised her that, should anything ever happen to her, he will keep the boys together.

Terry seeks help through the system, which results in temporary placement of the youngest brothers in a foster home. Ultimately, however, Terry proves himself through his performance and his remarkable maturity. In a precedent-setting case, a judge awards custody of all his brothers to 19-year-old Terry O'Kelley. For prime-time, it is a rare, positive portrayal of the strength of committed, traditional family values.

Top advertiser: Nestle, page 11

CBS movie has humor without sleaze factor

CBS aired **The Odd Couple: Together Again** on September 24. Written by Robert Klane and produced by Howard W. Koch, the movie found Felix Unger and Oscar Madison again sharing an apartment for a short time. It offered decent humor reminiscent of the series from years past.

The plot focused on the wedding of Unger's daughter. The ceremony itself and the minister were portrayed in a positive light. The minister described marriage as "a gift of God and a means of His grace."

Top advertiser: P&G, page 11

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GENERAL

Musicians want to legalize marijuana

No, it's not a headline from 1968, but 1993! Some contemporary rock and rollers are still advocating the legalization of marijuana.

Southern rockers, the Black Crowes, headlined the Great Atlanta Pot Festival. Hollywood Records, a Disney-owned record label, included bongos (a device for smoking pot) in a promotional kit for their heavy metal act Sacred Reich.

Two new albums contain virtual advertisements for marijuana: Bel Biv DeVoe's *Nickel* and Cypress Hill's *Black Sunday*. Cypress Hill, a Los Angeles-based rap group, are spokesmen for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

Other pot fans include Chris Barron of Spin Doctors and singer Sinéad O'Conner who told *Rolling Stone* magazine, "Selling marijuana is one of the most respectable things anyone could do. I think everybody should smoke it."

TV, etc., 9/93

Alcohol study

Nearly nine of 10 alcoholic women suffered physical or sexual abuse as girls, says a study of 472 women released in August in the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol*. Researchers say the study shores up existing evidence that abused children are more likely to have alcohol problems later in life.

Associated Press, 8/31/93

Women say their place is in the home

A new Gallup poll shows more women than men think wives should stay home and husbands should work.

The poll among 1065 adults nationwide indicated:

More women (44%) than

men (33%) would prefer a male boss.

Almost half (49%) of men say a boss' gender doesn't matter; only 25% of women don't care.

45% of women say it's better if "the man is the achiever outside the home, and the woman takes care of family;" 40% of men agree.

48% of women think the women's movement has made women's lives harder than 20 years ago; 41% of men agree.

USA Today, 9/20/93

Walmart will not carry Nirvana's new album

Grunge-rock group Nirvana's new compact disk will not be sold at Wal-Mart Stores.

Company spokesman Don Shinkle said Wal-Mart "is sensitive to the moral standards our customers have, and we're not going to apologize for that." The new album, titled *In Utero*, includes the song "Rape Me." The back jacket includes models of human embryos while the front shows an anatomical diagram of a woman. Inside art shows the burned out interior of a Republican party office after the Los Angeles riots. Nirvana's record label is Geffen Records (see story "Business, celebrities, religious left support homosexual causes" on page 14).

The album scored number one on the Sound Scan chart in September after the band appeared on the season premier of *Saturday Night Live* and performed "Rape Me."

Daily Variety, 9/30/93

Violent video game will be movie, merchandise

"Mortal Kombat," the new bloody and controversial video game will be coming to TV, movie theaters and sales counters.

Midway Manufacturing Company and Williams Electronics Games, the makers of the game, have set up deals with a film producer and a merchandising group.

The game made history Sep-

Cities move against adult businesses

From coast to coast cities in our nation are adopting and exploring legal avenues to curb the spread of "adult businesses."

The American Family Association Law Center is currently receiving about three calls per day from cities and counties in almost every state to draft or defend ordinances regulating sexually oriented businesses, or simply to offer advice.

We can't restrict activities protected under the First Amendment," AFA Legal Counsel Bruce Green said, "but we can work to regulate and control the adverse 'secondary effects' of these businesses." Green said the increase in crime, decrease in property values, urban blight, and the spread of infectious diseases are well documented secondary effects of adult businesses.

Calls come from city and county officials, law enforcement officials and citizens' groups, Green said. Most officials don't want to deal with the problem, he said, and wish both the businesses and the citizens' groups would "just go away." However when local officials are persistently pressured and the seedier side of the porn business, such as peep shows, is exposed, officials are quick to respond. "Our experience has been that pressuring city administrators to enact an ordinance has a profound impact on the community. No one, especially elected officials, wants to be seen as supporting the activities of adult businesses, especially child pornography and prostitution."

LAW SCOPE

REGULATION STRATEGY

The AFA Law Center recommends an effective five-part strategy for citizens' groups who want to enact local regulations to minimize secondary effects of adult businesses.

1. Passage of a zoning ordinance - This regulates adult businesses by restricting locations. Provisions involve restrictions from being within a certain distance of schools, residential areas, churches or synagogues. This zoning ordinance would also include restrictions on hours of operation, licensing requirements, and background checks on owners.

2. Establish regulations or a separate ordinance altering the internal floor plan of existing or new adult businesses. This regulation is aimed at video and peep shows which allow patrons to view material in private rooms. It would remove doors, eliminate "glory holes," raise lighting to a specific level of brightness, insure health and cleanliness standards and centralize the location of an on-site manager's station.

3. Nudity ordinance - This ordinance would make unlawful any public nudity and insure the health, safety, welfare and morals of a community.

4. Encouraging enforcement and prosecution of community obscenity - Citizens' groups must stay active and informed concerning adult businesses in their area.

5. Public pressure - Demonstrations, pickets or protests bring public pressure on adult businesses.

The AFA Law Center can provide complete model ordinances and legal counsel for citizens groups or public officials. Call 601-844-5036.

tember 13 by becoming the industry's biggest home video game launch ever, with sales exceeding 2.2 million units.

"Mortal Kombat," available in Super Nintendo and Sega Genesis formats, is so bloody it comes in two versions – with or without the gore. It is called a "fantasy martial arts game" in which two opponents fight a three-round bout. When your enemy is defeated you can "finish him" by ripping his beating heart from his chest; tearing his head off, pulling out his spine along with it; or shooting a jolt of electricity causing the head to explode.

Graphically, Mortal Kombat is more realistic than previous games because video footage of martial artists and actors was digitized to create the characters. The game was first a hit at arcades.

Daily Variety, 9/30/93; The Syracuse Post-Standard, 9/14/93; Associated Press

Violent crime up, but overall incidents down

Violent crimes reported to police edged up last year due to increases in aggravated assaults and rapes, but the total number of crimes reported dropped 2.9% to 14.4 million, the FBI said on October 2.

"What I see happening is younger people are committing more violent acts," said Geoffrey P. Alpert, professor of criminology and criminal justice at the University of South Carolina. "Where many young people used to start their criminal careers with minor and property crimes, we're seeing them become more violent very, very quickly."

Clarion Ledger, 10/3/93

ABORTION

Entertainers for abortion

Entertainment industry personalities recently gave their talents to two pro-abortion fund raising projects.

Spin magazine's music editor Craig Marks and *Hits* maga-

zine post-modern editor Karen Glauber have put together a pro-abortion rights benefit album, "Born to Choose." The record includes "Photograph," a new song by R.E.M. and Natalie Merchants (formerly of the band, 10,000 Maniacs). Other artists who contributed songs are Lucinda Williams, Cowboy Junkies, Helmet, Mathew Sweet, Tom Waits, Megadeth (how appropriate), Sugar, Soundgarden, NRBQ, the Meddons, Pavement and John Trudell.

"Voters for Choice, Friends of Family Planning" staged a benefit concert to celebrate the 73rd anniversary of the women's right to vote. Hosted by the organization's president, Gloria Steinem, the participants who call themselves "Voices for Choice," included Spinal Tap, comedienne/actress Rosie O'Donnell, Melissa Etheridge, Shawn Covin and Ann and Nancy Wilson.

Melissa Etheridge, a self-acknowledged lesbian, was the crowd's favorite. She sang songs from her most recent album, "Yes I Am."

Daily Variety, 9/1/93; Dispatches, 9/10/93

Universal abortion part of Clinton's health care plan

Despite the fact that 72% of Americans oppose the inclusion of abortion in the basic benefits package under a national health care plan, that is precisely President Clinton's proposal.

Representative Henry Hyde, Republican from Illinois, said, "To begin with, the Clinton plan would require taxpayer funding of abortion on demand in Medicaid and certain other programs. As if that were not bad enough, it would force abortion into every health insurance policy in America. No American could avoid paying insurance premiums for other people's abortions."

Although the issues of euthanasia and assisted suicide are not specifically addressed in the proposal, Dr. Arthur Ca-

MTV's *Beavis and Butt-head* blamed for fire that kills two-year-old girl

The mother of a five-year-old who started a fire that killed his younger sister blames the MTV cartoon **Beavis and Butt-head** for promoting burning as fun, Moraine, Ohio, Fire Chief Harold Sigler said. (See October *AFA Journal*, page 10, for report on **Beavis and Butt-head**.) Austin, his mother and her boyfriend escaped while two-year-old Jessica died in the fire on October 8, 1993.

Sigler said Austin Messner watched an episode of the cartoon in which the characters say playing with fire is fun. "From that point on, he's been playing with fire. According to his mother, right after that she caught him playing with matches," Sigler said. The mother was concerned enough that she took the boy's bedroom door off the hinges so she could watch him more closely.

In western Ohio, Sidney Fire Chief Stan Crosley blamed the cartoon for an August 23 fire that three girls started after watching the program.

MTV, in a prepared statement, called the fire "a terrible tragedy" and promised to "re-examine issues regarding **Beavis and Butt-head**." MTV has moved the show to a later time slot and deleted references to fire.

Associated Press, 10/9/93; Toledo (Ohio) Blade, 10/9/93

Leading *Beavis and Butt-head* Advertisers October 11, 12 & 14, 1993

- Nestle USA, Inc., Chrm. Tim Crull, 800 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale, CA 91203, TOLL FREE: 1-800-637-8537. PRODUCTS: Advantage hair color, Baby Ruth candy, Drumstick ice cream, Fancy Feast cat food, L'Oreal hair care products, Nestea tea, Nestle foods products, Taster's Choice coffee.
- Orion Pictures Corporation, Chrm. John Kluge, 1888 Century Park, E., Los Angeles, CA 90067, Phone 310-282-0550. PRODUCTS: Orion movies.
- MGM Pathe Communications Corporation, Chrm. Florio Fiorini, 10000 Washington Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232, Phone 213-658-2100, FAX 213-836-1680. PRODUCTS: MGM movies.
- Philip Morris Companies, Inc., Chrm. Michael A. Miles, 120 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017, FAX 212-878-2167, TOLL FREE: 1-800-343-0975. PRODUCTS: Alpha Bits cereal, Brim coffee, Celestial Season Herb Tea, Cheese Whiz, Jell-O desserts, Kool-Aid soft drink, Kraft food products, Miller beer, Minute Rice, Miracle Whip spread, Sanka coffee, Shake 'n Bake meat coating mix, Touch of Butter spread, CIGARETTES: Alpine, Saratoga, Virginia Slims.
- RJR Nabisco, Chrm. Charles M. Harper, 1301 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019, FAX 212-969-9173, TOLL FREE: 1-800-932-7800. PRODUCTS: A1 Steak Sauce, Chun King oriental foods, Fig Newtons, Life Savers candy, Nabisco foods, Wheatworth crackers: CIGARETTES: Now, Salem, Vantage, Winston, TOBACCO PRODUCTS: Work Horse chewing tobacco.
- Sony Corporation of America, Chrm. Masaaki Morita, 9 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, Phone 201-930-1000, FAX 201-358-4060. PRODUCTS: CBS Records, Columbia Pictures Industries, Epic Records, Sony electronic products, Tri-Star film production.
- The Walt Disney Company, Chrm. Michael Eisner, 500 S. Buena Vista Street, Burbank, CA 91521, Phone 818-560-1000. PRODUCTS: Miramax Films, Walt Disney Pictures, Walt Disney Attractions and Theme Parks, Touchstone Pictures.

plan of the University of Minnesota, who sat on the medical ethics panel that advised the health care reform task force, said about half the members of the panel support the ideas. Caplan opposes legalizing euthanasia, but says the presence of so many supporters on such a prestigious panel shows that "the issue is picking up steam."

*Human Events, 10/2/93;
Our Sunday Visitor, 6/20/93*

ment also includes future dues.

Planned Parenthood asking for \$1,000,000

In a seven-page letter, Planned Parenthood recently appealed to their supporters for "a minimum of \$1,000,000 in the next 30 days." According to the letter the money will be used to establish the Planned Parenthood Clinic Defense Fund. The fund will be used to defend clinics "under seige" from pro-life activists and to intensify advertisting and media efforts.

In the letter pro-life activists are compared to the Ku Klux Klan and "McCarthyites."

Planned Parenthood calls itself "the largest and most trusted reproductive health care advocate in the country." The organization says it operates 922 clinics in 49 states.

EDUCATION

Teacher refuses to pay union dues; court upholds right

The Special Olympics is receiving the dues that a Helena, Montana, teacher refused to pay to teachers' unions.

Elementary teacher Barbara Wolf objected to her dues being paid to teachers' unions which support abortion and birth control. In a case that ended up in the Montana Supreme Court, she and the Helena Education Association, the Montana Education Association and the National Education Association came to the agreement that her dues since 1988 - \$1,418.94 - will go to the nonreligious, nonunion charity. The agree-

NEWS OF INTEREST

CORRECTION

In the October, 1993, *Journal* on page 11, AFA wrongly reported that Barry Davis, a former Texaco dealer, had his franchise terminated because he refused to open his station on Sunday. In fact, Mr. Davis refused to be open on his Sabbath. To him that meant "ceasing operations from sundown Friday through sundown Saturday." A representative for Texaco said Mr. Davis was not a franchisee, but leased the station.

**NEW JERSEY'S CHRIS SMITH
VOTED TO ABOLISH NEA**

U. S. Representative Christopher Smith (R-NJ) voted in favor of the Crane Amendment which would have abolished the National Endowment for the Arts. *AFA Journal's* October report on that issue failed to include Smith's name among those who voted in support of the amendment.

Smith also voted for the Dornan Amendment, which would have cut NEA funding substantially.

AFA regrets the error, and is glad to acknowledge Smith's stand to end the NEA's abuse of tax dollars to fund obscene and anti-Christian projects.

**SCHERING-PLOUGH ADS NOT IN
SASSY, SEVENTEEN**

AFA Journal's October feature "Teen girls' magazines use heavy dose of sex to sell" cited several major advertisers from the magazines, including the Schering-Plough Corporation, formerly owner of Maybelline products. Schering-Plough, however, has notified AFA that the company no longer owns Maybelline, which was the offending advertiser in the magazines.

AFA identifies parent companies by consulting the 1993 National Register Publishing's *Directory of Corporate Affiliations*. The *Directory* listed Maybelline as a unit of Schering Plough.

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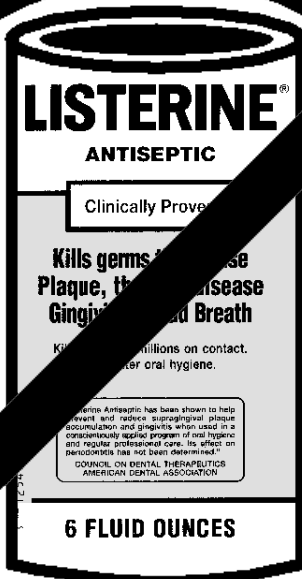
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American Family Association (AFA), which has been monitoring television for years, says that Warner-Lambert buys ads on programs such as NYPD Blue where the advertising time is sold for a fraction of the normal cost. AFA and Christian Leaders for Responsible Television have asked Warner-Lambert many times over several years to stop their irresponsible advertising policy. The company has arrogantly refused to do so and continues to help sponsor programs based on the "distressed merchandise" rate, regardless of the content of the program.

AFA is asking individuals concerned about TV's sex, violence and profanity to boycott Warner-Lambert products, especially Listerine. Warner-Lambert's products are listed below. Also below is the toll-free number of their customer service department. You are urged to call and get others to call and tell them you are joining the boycott.



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Justice department moves to weaken federal child porn

By Patrick A. Trueman, Legal Counsel
AFA, Washington, D.C.

The Justice Department has moved to weaken the federal child pornography law. In a case before the U.S. Supreme Court, *Knox v. U.S.*, in which a twice-convicted child pornographer seeks review of his latest conviction, the Department sets out its interpretation of the law—one that is a marked departure from that of previous administrations. The Department's actions have set off a firestorm in Congress and threaten to be a major embarrassment to Attorney General Janet Reno, who has made sexual abuse of children a top priority of the Justice Department.

In its brief before the high court the Department argues that to be illegal child pornography: 1) the material must depict a child lasciviously engaged in sexual conduct; and 2) the body parts of the child must be nude or visible.

AFA has led efforts to get Attorney General Reno to back off this new interpretation. In a letter to every Congressman on September 28, 1993, we pointed out that on these two points the Department contradicts its own position in this very case in the lower courts. The Department, by its actions, writes a recipe for "legal" child pornography—that which it will not prosecute during the Clinton Administration.

In our letter we also pointed out that the federal child pornography law is very clear: whether a photo or videotape is "lascivious" (which is a requirement of the statute) refers to whether the material is intended to elicit a sexual response from the viewer, rather than to the actions of the child. Under the Department's view, for example, sexually explicit photos of a sleeping child would be legal because the child did not act lasciviously. Much, if not most, of the child pornography prosecuted in the past could no longer be prosecuted under this interpretation.

A "nudity" requirement was considered but rejected by Congress in drafting the law, AFA pointed out in its letter to Congress, citing the legislative history of the child pornography law. The videos in the Knox case involved sexually explicit, but not completely nude depictions of children. Knox himself acknowledged in the case that the videos were "lascivious" but argued that because the children were not nude no

violation of the law occurred. The Department of Justice now seems to agree.

Congress has been eager to respond to AFA's request. On October 19, a bipartisan letter was sent to Attorney General Reno signed by 126 members of the U.S. House of Representatives. In it, the members demanded that Reno abandon the position taken by the Department in the high court. A press conference was held on the same day at the Capitol led by Representatives John Doolittle (R-CA) and Chris Smith (R-NJ) to announce the letter to Attorney General Reno.

Others in Congress, such as Representatives Henry Hyde (R-IL) and Robert Dornan (R-CA), sent individual letters to Attorney General Reno soon after receiving the AFA letter. U.S. Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) spoke on the floor of the United States Senate. He is also having a brief to the Supreme Court written on behalf of himself and numerous members of Congress, arguing a strong position in defense of the federal child pornography law. Congressmen John Doolittle and Gerald Solomon (R-NY) spoke against the actions of the Department on the floor of the House of Representatives. A "Sense of the House of Representatives" resolution will be proposed as an amendment to the crime bill setting forth the position of supporters of the resolution that the Justice Department is wrong and urging vigorous prosecution of child pornography.

Those wishing to express their views on this matter should contact their Congressman or Senators and also contact Attorney General Janet Reno by letter or phone. Her address is U.S. Department of Justice, 10th and Constitution N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530. Her phone number at the Department of Justice is 202-544-2001.

Editor's Note: Mr. Trueman is the former head of the Justice Department's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section.

Porn blamed in incest case

A 45-year-old Michigan man who police say kept an extensive collection of porn films and photographs, has been charged with raping his two daughters.

A police detective said Gregory Thomas Schneider had been sexually active with his two daughters since they were 12 years old. The girls are now 20 and 16.

The Macomb County Sheriff said he

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Neal Clement
Director of Outreach Services

believed the evidence in the case will show a relationship between porn films and the "disgusting" actions of the father. When police raided his house they found explicit sexual pictures of adults, some of whom apparently live in the area, X-rated video tapes and nude photos. Although none were found, the daughters claimed their father had also taken nude photos of them.

Macomb Daily, 9/26/93

The power of one man brings down local radio program

By Christopher T. Murphy
Kansas City Christian

He was working late in his shop when he heard it on the radio. He'd listened to other stations before, but had never heard anything like what he heard that night last winter. The show was "Let's Talk About Sex" hosted by Janelle Carol, a professor at Baker University. The show aired 9 to 11 weeknights on 81 KCMO radio.

That is, it used to. The show is no longer on the air anywhere. This is the story of one man, Anthony L. Leake, Jr., and his concern for his community and its children.

"I honestly thought it would be illegal to be putting out the type of information she was putting out over the air. I didn't think you could say those things on the radio," Leake said.

The show was two hours of discussion between the host and callers who related explicit stories concerning sexual activities, some of which constitute felonies in Missouri.

Leake listened. And listened. Then he got mad. As he listened he noticed that several callers were between 11 and 13 years old and were being told that engaging in sexual relationships even at those ages was normal and healthy. They were told that condoms were safe, that abortion was fine and an acceptable form of birth control, and that sex with anyone was permissible.

Besides the children listening, adults would call and relate bizarre situations, and the host would ask them to explain in detail, becoming more graphic as the calls progressed.

Distressed that dangerous information was being presented to children over the air, Leake decided that something must be done. After hearing Carol recommend Planned Parenthood to several young girls, he called her and basically told her that referring to Planned Parenthood was referring children to killers.

"She stopped referring kids there after that," Leake said.

"I called her maybe four times altogether, challenging bad medical information she was presenting. She always said she would look into the topic further but never came back the next night to report what she had found. I asked her to stop putting out bad information. She refused. So I called

the station manager, Skip Stowe. I called him twice and left messages, but he never returned my calls. So I went straight to the advertisers. I had to tape quite a few programs to get a list of advertisers."

Leake started calling the national headquarters of the companies that had purchased radio time and informed them of what they were sponsoring with their money. Leake said he was polite and friendly. "I never put them on the spot and said 'What are you going to do about it?' or anything like that. I just informed them of what kind of advice was going out over the air connected to products they advertised. Most companies didn't know what they were sponsoring." Leake said.

Leake made over \$300.00 worth of long distance calls to corporate headquarters all over the United States. Then he sent letters to the heads of those companies.

"The general reaction was one of shock. Most of these companies had no idea they were paying for that kind of programming," Leake related. When informed of the content of the show, over 40 sponsors dropped their advertising.

Boasting openly on her show that "no one has enough power to get rid of me," and that she was glad that Kansas City was "open minded enough to air this kind of show," Janelle Carol continued to broadcast her show without benefit of advertising from late June and into July.

Some advertisers balked at pulling their ads when contacted by Leake.

"Brands Mart said they were glad to be on the show and wanted to promote the show. Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems was the most stubborn local advertiser. They had a deal with the station for their 'Star 18' phone line.

"I talked with them twice, sent them a letter and then called them again to let them know that not only were we going to compile a list of advertisers that support the dangerous information being given out, but that we would be coming down to Southwestern Bell and picketing them," Leake said.

During this time, Tony and his wife Michelle were being held up in prayer by their friends and their church. After the show's advertisers dropped out and the show remained on the air, Leake decided to contact the daytime sponsors on 81 KCMO and tell them that they were sponsoring more than

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BOYCOTT BOX

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1-800-63-Kmart

Reason

Kmart, through its subsidiary Waldenbooks, is one of the leading retailers of pornography in America. 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. Kmart owns Waldenbooks, Borders Bookstores, American Fare Stores, Pay Less and Pay N Save Drug Stores (in the Northwest U.S.), Office Max, Bargain Harold's, Builders Square home supply stores, Sports Authority and PACE Membership Warehouse stores.

✓ HOLIDAY INNS

Chrm. Bryan Langton
3 Ravinia Dr., Ste. 2000
Atlanta, GA 30346
1-800-HOLIDAY

Reason

All corporately owned Holiday Inns carry Satellite Cinema movie service which includes in-room porn movies known as Sensations Features. Holiday Inns is the largest provider of in-room porn movies in the U.S.

✓ LEVI STRAUSS

Chrm. Robert D. Haas
P.O. Box 7215
San Francisco, CA 94120
1-800-872-5384

Reason

Levi Strauss cut off financial support for the Boy Scouts of America because the BSA would not allow homosexuals and atheists to be scoutmasters. AFA continues to promote the boycott of Levi's, Dockers and Britannia clothing.

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Warner-Lambert Boycott Info**

What's wrong with outcome-based education?

Reprinted from The Phyllis Schlafly Report, May 1993

Outcome-Based Education (OBE) is sweeping the country in the name of school "restructuring." OBE calls for a complete change in the way children are taught, graded and graduated, kindergarten through 12th grade. Since the American people seem ready to accept drastic surgery on our failed public schools, state departments of education are seizing this opportunity to force acceptance of OBE as the cure. But OBE has parents even more agitated than they are about explicit sex education. Crowds of a thousand or more parents are known to have gathered in Pennsylvania, Oklahoma and Ohio. Here is a summary of the ten major objections that parents have raised against OBE.

1. OBE is packaged in a deceptive language that appears to be mischievously chosen to mislead parents. Public school administrators have an obligation to present their "reform" plans in plain English so that parents can easily understand the objectives, the methods, the content, and exactly how OBE is different from traditional schooling.

OBE advocates continually use double-entendre expressions that parents assume mean one thing but really mean something different in the OBE context. When they talk about "new basics," for example, they are not talking about academics such as reading, writing and arithmetic, but OBE attitudes and outcomes. When they talk about "higher order thinking skills" or "critical thinking," they mean a relativistic process of questioning traditional moral values.

The following statement from OBE literature is typical: "OBE schools are expected to become 'success based' rather than 'selection oriented' by establishing the instructional management procedures and delivery conditions which enable all students to learn and demonstrate those skills necessary for continued success." OBE salespersons don't tell parents that "success" for all children means "success" in demonstrating only the dumbed-down outcomes that the slowest learners in the class can attain. OBE means "success" in mediocrity rather than excellence.

2. OBE uses students as guinea pigs in a vast social experiment. OBE advocates are not able to produce any replicable research or pilot studies to show that it works. OBE is being forced on entire state school systems without any evidence that it has been tried anywhere and found effective.

The best test of all OBE-type systems was Chicago's experiment in the 1970s with Professor Benjamin Bloom's Mastery Learning (ML), which is essentially the same as OBE. ML was a colossal failure and was abandoned in disgrace in 1982. The test scores proved to be appallingly low and the illiteracy rate became a national scandal. Bloom, the father of ML, is well known for his statement that "the purpose of education is to change the thoughts, feelings and actions of students." (*All Our Children Learning*, page 180.)

Dr. Bill Spady, sociologist and director of the International Center on Outcome-Based Restructuring, defined the connection between OBE and Mastery Learning in an article entitled "On Outcome Based Education: A Conversation with Bill Spady" (*Educational Leadership*, Dec. 1992-Jan. 1993): "In January of 1980 we convened a meeting of 42 people to form the Network for Outcome-Based Schools. Most of the people who were there—Jim Block,

John Champlin—had a strong background in Mastery Learning, since it was what OBE was called at the time. But I pleaded with the group not to use the name 'mastery learning' in the network's new name because the word 'mastery' had already been destroyed through poor implementation."

The major OBE/ML experiment, which took place in Utah in 1984-86, shows how federal funding enabled OBE to spread nationwide. A letter applying for the federal grant, written by Utah State Superintendent of Public Instruction G. Leland Burningham to then U.S. Secretary of Education T. H. Bell (July 27, 1984), stated: "This [project] will make it possible to put Outcome-Based Education in place, not only in Utah but in all schools of the nation." Spady's Far West Regional Laboratory received the federal grant and he was made director of this pilot project, which is now implementing OBE/ML nationwide.

3. OBE offers no method of accountability to students, parents, teachers, or taxpayers. Since OBE includes no objective standards of achievement that are measurable, it will be years and millions of tax dollars into the future before we know whether school children are learning anything important or are wasting their time. Educators admit that OBE is very expensive since each student works at his own pace at mastering every outcome/skill/behavior until he succeeds. Perhaps this is what they mean by "lifelong learning."

For as long as most of us can remember, secondary schools have been structured on a measurable grid called the "Carnegie unit." The traditional high school curriculum includes four units of English; three units each of mathematics, science and social studies; two units each of arts and humanities; a unit of health and physical education; and several electives. After you complete enough units (usually 21), you receive a high school diploma and colleges will admit you.

Outcome-Based Education tosses these traditional units out the window and replaces them with vague and subjective "learning outcomes" that cannot be measured objectively by standardized tests and for which there is no accountability to parents and taxpayers. OBE will make it virtually impossible to conduct any kind of tests that allow comparisons with students in other schools, other states, or prior years. Under OBE, grades have no relation to academic achievement and knowledge. Colleges will have no criteria by which to judge whether students are ready for admission.

In the elementary grades, OBE does not teach children essential reading, writing, and arithmetic skills (such as addition, subtraction and multiplication tables), but pretends to teach them "higher order thinking skills" instead. OBE ignores the obvious fact that OBE can't engage in "higher order thinking" until OBE has some facts to think about. For example, an Iowa State OBE assessment test for the 11th grade shows no requirement of math skills beyond the fundamental computations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

4. OBE is a dumbed-down egalitarian scheme that stifles individual potential for excellence and achievement by holding the entire class to the level of learning attainable by every child. To accomplish this, children are placed in Politically Correct groups (race, ethnicity, gender, class) for "cooperative learning" and may

be given a group grade instead of individual grades. Cooperative learning researchers admit that the purpose of this strategy is to eliminate grading and competition in the classroom. This is the essence of OBE and explains why all measurable criteria—standardized tests, the Carnegie units, traditional subject-matter, and report cards—must be eliminated.

OBE is based on the unrealistic notion that every child in a group can learn to the designated level and must demonstrate mastery of specific outcomes before the group can move on. The faster learners are not allowed to progress, but are given busy work called “horizontal enrichment” or told to do “peer tutoring” to help the slower learners, who are recycled through the material until the predetermined behavior is exhibited.

Cooperative learning researcher Robert Slavin said in “Mastery Learning Reconsidered” (funded by the U.S. Department of Education in 1987): “If some students take much longer than others to learn a particular objective, then . . . either corrective instruction must be given outside of regular class time, or students who achieve mastery early on will have to waste considerable amounts of time waiting for their classmates to catch up.” If OBE were applied to basketball, the basket would have to be lowered so all could score equally.

In order to master all outcomes, children with a particular talent are required to forfeit time in their area of strength. Because no child moves ahead until all demonstrate mastery, the inevitable happens: the faster learners quickly learn to slow their pace in order to avoid extra work, and they just give the answers to the slower learners so the group can move forward. Incentive and motivation are reduced, and boredom and resentment increased. The result is that all students demonstrate “mastery” of mediocrity, and none can aspire to excellence. **Every child** loses under this system.

5. In an OBE system, academic and factual subject matter is replaced by vague and subjective learning outcomes. According to OBE guru Bill Spady, “the traditional subject-based curriculum disappears” from OBE. New OBE report cards substitute check marks for grades, focusing on general skills, attitudes, and behaviors instead of individual subjects.

A look at the outcomes that have so far been made public show that they are heavily layered with such “Politically Correct” notions as training for world citizenship and government (instead of patriotism), population control, radical environmentalism, and government “solutions” for every problem.

6. A high percentage of OBE “outcomes” concern values, attitudes, opinions and relationships rather than objective information. A large number of OBE’s goals are affective (concerned with emotions and feelings) rather than academic (concerned with knowledge and skills). OBE requires students to meet vague psychological objectives relating to self-esteem, ethical judgment, and adaptability to change. Moving from one level to the next, and even graduation, is dependent on meeting behavior-change requirements and government-mandated attitudes.

OBE thus involves a major change in the school’s avowed mission. Henceforth, its mission is to conform student beliefs, attitudes and behavior to prescribed school-mandated social norms, rather than to provide an academic education. Parents are concerned about what methods will be used to change behaviors that are deemed incorrect.

“Self-esteem” is a major attitudinal outcome demanded by OBE. Many of the techniques used to change a child’s self-esteem or his adaptability to change are psychotherapeutic. This amounts

to practicing psychology without a license as well as engaging in unprofessional group therapy. Arizona recently made an attempt to protect its school personnel by providing them with civil and criminal immunity.

Parents who are trying to rear their children with strong religious values are concerned that willingness to go along with the crowd is taught by OBE as a positive rather than a negative attitude. Since “tolerance” is a major attitudinal outcome demanded by OBE, parents are concerned that this includes “tolerance” for extra-marital lifestyles of all kinds. The non-directive “decision-making” classroom technique leads children to believe they are mature enough to make decisions about sex and drugs that parents believe are unhealthy and may even be illegal.

The public school establishment is highly secretive about the OBE tests, but tests that have come to light include many questions of attitude and opinion for which there are no right or wrong answers. What is the correct answer, for example, to questions about whether the student “understands others” or “applies good consumer behavior?” Nevertheless, the student is required to conform to the government-mandated outcomes, whatever they are.

OBE raises the fundamental question of who should decide what values, attitudes, and beliefs a child should be taught. Should it be the parents or the U.S. Department of Education, which funded OBE? Should the public schools be allowed to teach values that may be controversial and sometimes even contradictory to values taught to children by their parents?

Behavior modification is fundamental to achieving OBE-type results. OBE uses “stimulus-response-stimulus” pattern, a rewards-and-punishment process based on Ivan Pavlov’s and B.F. Skinner’s programmed learning/behaviors modification techniques. Under OBE, students are recycled through the process until they meet the mandated outcomes.

Educators see computer-assisted instruction (CAI) as a powerful programmed-learning tool to change children’s values. Here are some samples of their thinking. “The computer is ideally suited to the role of facilitator in values education. It inherently possesses the Rogerian qualities of genuineness and congruence.... Values clarification and values analysis are aptly suited to being used as a basis for software development.” (“Can Computers Teach Values?” *Educational Leadership*, April 1982.) “The computer will work on the principle that students’ attitudes can be changed effectively by using the Socratic method of asking an appropriate series of leading questions logically designed to right the balance between appropriate attitudes and those deemed less acceptable.” (Donald Bushnell, “The Role of the Computer in Future Instructional Systems,” *AV Communication Review*, 1963.)

7. OBE sets up a computer file on each child to track the child’s efforts to master the learning outcomes. These “electronic portfolios” will take the place of traditional assessments and test results and will become the basis for the school’s efforts to remediate whatever attitudes and behaviors the school deems unacceptable. The portfolios will include all school, psychological and medical records, and are to be available to prospective employers after graduation.

The computer portfolio on each child plays an essential role in the tracking of individual students. The computer records how the child responds to behavior modification, what is his threshold of resistance to remediation, and whether he develops positive attitudes toward the mandated outcomes.

Parents are concerned about who will have access to these files and what will become of the data compiled on each student. Profes-

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Thousands of teens vow to wait

OVER HALF A MILLION TEENAGERS are expected to make public pledges to stay sexually pure until marriage as part of a nationwide abstinence campaign called True Love Waits.

Originally sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board, the year long campaign has attracted youth leaders from several denominations and para-church organizations including: Assemblies of God, Church of God Cleveland, Pentecostal Church of God, The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Campus Crusade for Christ, Youth for Christ, Youth With A Mission, National Network of Youth Ministries, Reachout Ministries, Student Discipleship Ministries and Son Life Ministries. In addition, well-known Christian authors James Dobson and Josh McDowell and contemporary Christian recording artists Michael W. Smith, DC Talk, Petra and Lisa Beville have expressed support for the campaign.

As part of the campaign, teenagers are asked to sign covenant cards first before their parents, then in a more public setting at church. The covenant card states: "Believing that true love waits, I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, those I date, my future mate, and my future children to be sexually pure until the day I enter a covenant marriage relationship." The program also includes a five-step approach of family worship times, special church services, associational and state rallies, and a display of signed covenants at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Florida, in June, 1994.

The campaign, begun in April, grew out of a concern "that adults were unintentionally communicating a message to teenagers that we, as adults, had given up on them and their generation," said Richard Ross, project coordinator. "Unintentionally, we had communicated that we expect them to be sexually active. The problem with that is that teenagers experience self-fulfilling prophecies."

Ross says the campaign sends another message to teenagers that "you're perfectly capable of making choices and making promises." He said it would give teenagers who choose to stay away from sex the knowledge that they are not alone.

For those who have already been sexually active, the message is that God forgives and that they can start over with a clean slate vowing to remain sexually pure, "from this day forward."

During a campaign in Oklahoma, one teenage girl told a crowd at a True Love Waits rally that she already has a deep love for her

husband, though she doesn't yet know who he is. "I have written him a sealed letter which says I love him enough to wait for him. I will give it to him on our wedding night," she said.

Another girl said the success of her marriage will not be the right man, but "me being the right person."

CHRISTIAN MUSICIANS SUPPORT

As part of the campaign, a group of contemporary Christian musicians are producing a 10-song audio cassette focusing on God's original design for sexuality.

Featured on the tape, entitled "True Love Waits," are original compositions "I Don't Want It," by Christian rappers DC Talk; "Old Enough to Know," by Michael W. Smith; "Love," by Petra, and others. The tape was scheduled for release October 15.

"We've got to understand that the sex game is no game. It's life and death now," Petra lead singer John Schlitt said. The father of four added, "I'm scared for my kids. If we don't get serious about [this issue], then who will?"



INFORMATION

The Baptist Sunday School Board has a toll-free number for more information about True Love Waits – 1-800-LUV-WAIT. The campaign kit, audio cassette or the Christian sex education resources can be ordered for \$3 by calling the BSSB customer service line, 1-800-458-2772.

Whatever became of vir-

By Mona Charen
Savannah (GA) Morning News 3/31/93

A state judge in Shreveport, Louisiana, has ruled that teaching abstinence may not be part of a sex education program for high school students.

Abstinence, said the judge (urged on by Planned Parenthood, which filed the suit), is a religiously based virtue. To teach it in public schools is to violate the separation of church and state.

Have we reached the point in America where virtue is considered contaminated because it has been known to keep company with religion?

In truth, the whole concept of virtue is out of fashion in modern society. Or at least, the traditional virtues—self-control, honor, fortitude, frugality, fidelity and duty—are held in low esteem.

We have replaced them with what could be called "easy virtues"

like tolerance, non-discrimination and egalitarianism.

And what have we wrought, in modern society, by jettisoning traditional standards of virtue? We have a decaying social fabric in which criminal behavior is rampant, family structure is fragmented, drug abuse, suicide and sexually transmitted disease are epidemic.

William Bennett, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, has made a critical contribution to our understanding of the importance of these issues by compiling a list of "Leading Cultural Indicators."

The list is a way to keep tabs on our cultural and spiritual health as a society, just as the leading economic indicators measure the strength of our economy.

Examining trends over 30 years, from 1960 to 1990, Bennett

finds that the U.S. population has increased 41%, and the gross domestic product has nearly tripled.

At the same time, during those crucial 30 years, violent crime increased 560%, illegitimate births increased by more than 400%, the divorce rate quadrupled, the teen suicide rate increased by 200%, and SAT scores dropped by 80 points.

Liberals believe that these trends represent the failure of government to do more to help people. Conservatives believe that some of these trends were exacerbated by misguided government attempts to help, and that what the people believe is far more important than what they have.

In other words, most of the problems we label as “social” or “economic” are really moral.

National Review has published a new book called *The Loss of Virtue*. This collection of essays by British scholars probes, in a style so old-fashioned that it seems to belong to another century, the discarded virtues—probity, honor, self-sacrifice, manliness (properly understood), diligence and so on.

Even to list those traditional virtues is a rebuke to our soft, complaining, petulant culture today.

Christie Davies offers a fascinating historical survey of crime and disorder in Britain. The first half of the 19th Century was marked by high levels of public drunkenness, theft, violence and illegitimacy, all of which dropped to remarkably low levels in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

George Orwell, writing in 1944, noted that England was renowned for “gentleness.” But “it is not much more than a hundred years since the distinguishing mark of English life was its brutality.”

What changed an entire nation’s national character? Davies has an intriguing suggestion: Sunday school. Attendance at Sunday schools rose steadily throughout the latter half of the 19th Century.

In 1888, 75% of children in England and Wales attended religious schools. When attendance fell off in the 20th Century, crime, dishonesty, illegitimacy and disorder increased dramatically.

Our great-grandparents understood that you cannot expect virtue if you don’t teach it. They didn’t attempt to instill self-esteem, they instilled fortitude and self-control.

We have fallen so far that we do not even agree on what virtue is. As the judge in Shreveport showed, ours is an age of moral confusion—for which we are paying a heavy price.

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sional journals describe the goals like this: “The computer’s vast storage capacity permits access to a much broader base of data than just one classroom. In fact, the response of the entire population of a school system could easily be compiled, stored and shared.” (*Educational Leadership*, April 1982.) Student privacy is tossed out the window. Will the child be able to get a job if he has not demonstrated the OBE values and Politically Correct attitudes? Some have suggested that state law should forbid employers to hire anyone who does not have a certificate showing mastery of the government-mandated outcomes.

8. OBE is a method for concealing and perpetuating the number-one crime of the public school system—the failure to teach first graders how to read. OBE is wholly committed to the “whole language,” word-guessing method, rather than the phonics method. This ensures that children will learn only to memorize a few words that are massively repeated. Teachers are cautioned not to correct spelling and syntax errors because that could be damaging to the student’s self esteem and creativity.

The education elitists who are promoting OBE are perfectly content to have the schools turn out quotas of semi-literate workers who can be trained to perform menial tasks under supervision in order to serve the demands of the global economy. OBE graduates will never be able to aspire to enjoy the great literature in the English language.

The rationale was explained by well-known reading researcher Thomas Sticht, who said in 1987, “Many companies have moved operations to places with cheap, relatively poorly educated labor. What may be crucial, they say, is the dependability of a labor force and how well it can be managed and trained—not its general educational level, although a small cadre of highly educated creative people is essential to innovation and growth. Ending discrimination and changing values are probably more important than reading in moving low-income families into the middle class.” (Washington Post, August 17, 1987.)

The U.S. Department of Labor is a big player in the OBE movement. OBE will aid in managing and training the work force by tracking all students beginning in the 4th grade and routing them through vocational education tracks as needed. Functional literacy competencies are defined as an ability to read a map and a bus schedule. Sticht is also a member of the Secretary of Labor’s Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS) and, as Associate Director for Basic Skills at the National Institute of Education, promoted similar techniques called “competency education” and “mastery teaching.” (Washington Post, August 17, 1977).

9. OBE, of course, involves high costs for administration and the retraining of teachers in an entirely new system which will be reflected in higher school taxes. The computer portfolio system is reported to be five times as expensive as traditional assessment tests. Putting computers into the hands of first-graders to give the facade of moving into modern technology is a gross waste of funds. Computers may actually be a detriment to learning elementary writing and arithmetic skills, but they may be very useful in changing values, as noted above.

10. OBE involves tightened state control at the expense of local control. Although OBE salespersons claim otherwise, the new system tightens the grip of state education officials and federal education laboratories because they write the required outcomes, develop the curriculum, train the teachers, and judge the performance of the students (all of whom must conform to national goals).

Even though local school districts may be told to develop their own plan for achieving the designated outcomes, the plans must be approved by the state departments of education. Texas Commissioner of Education Lionel Meno gave his definition of local control (*Texas Lone Star*, June 1991): “The state sets the goals, the local districts choose how they will comply.”

Teachers will not be able to get around the OBE system, and teach the basics anyway, because the teachers are graded on how their class meets the outcomes. Teachers who do not conform will be phased out, and the schools will be taken over by the state, as is mandated in Kentucky.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the famous Russian author and former political prisoner in Soviet Gulags, said in a speech in the mid-1970s: “Coexistence on this tightly knit earth should be viewed as an existence not only without wars...but also without [government] telling us

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Congress: America's most anti-democratic institution

GUEST ARTICLE BY CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL D. CRAPO, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

Not too long ago, I sat down to play a board game with my children. Since we hadn't played it before, we first read through the rules to make sure we understood the proper way to play the game. We learned that the tokens moved around the board clockwise, that everyone had an equal turn to move, and that the rules were the same each time a player took a turn. When we finished reading the rules, it struck me that it might be nice if the rules of Congress were as fair and straightforward.

The rules of Congress developed over hundreds of years and have been described as arcane, complex and cumbersome. In the short ten months I've been in Congress, I've seen those rules stifle debate, free exchange of ideas and real honest representation of the American people. The system has been corrupted and convoluted through an absolute powerlock by those in control, and consequently, the American people lose out on being fully represented in Congress.

This issue extends beyond party lines. Democrats and Republicans alike are often frozen out of the process. Rigging the rules is the only way those in control can ensure they aren't challenged on the House floor.

THE POWERFUL RULES COMMITTEE

Every bill that comes to the House floor comes under a "rule" designed by the Rules Committee. This 13-member committee, nine Democrats and four Republicans, decides which bills move to the floor, what amendments (if any) will be allowed, and how long debate will last.

This is a tightly controlled group, where the House leadership holds a two plus one plus one vote on every issue. It is here the leadership says "no" over and over and over again to amendments and proposals for the House floor. The very composition of the Rules Committee is by design so that no leadership position can ever lose...even when a 2/3 vote is required the ratio between the parties in the House is not two to one, but the ratio on this committee is.

The manipulation by the Rules Committee also provides cover for representatives on tough issues like a balanced budget or gays in the military. The committee will

disallow amendments for those issues, and that way representatives don't have to make recorded votes on anything but carefully crafted bills that can be challenged only if and how the Rules Committee allows.

OPEN RULES

Ideally, every bill brought to the House floor should come under an "open rule." Open rules allow any member of Congress to offer germane amendments to any bill.

This is the way Congress was intended to operate. Every member should have the opportunity to offer amendments, to debate the merits of a proposal, and to fully explain and explore their concerns on an issue. The people are best served with a free exchange and clash of ideas, when representatives can offer changes and improvements to legislation.

RESTRICTIVE RULE PRACTICES

The very first vote I made in Congress was on the rules under which we would operate for the next two years. I learned quickly that day how the abuse of House rules has led to the stranglehold the leadership now has over debate on the floor.

The majority leadership proposed a body of rules for the 103rd Congress; the minority had worked out a substitute bill with some important reform changes to those rules. Because the Rules Committee would not approve the minority substitute to be presented on the floor, we were not allowed to debate or even vote on it. The majority rules package was presented and passed without any amendments, any improvement, or any input from the members of Congress. And, of course, there were no recorded votes on any embarrassing reform proposals like ending proxy voting, reducing committees or the like.

During the first ten months of the 103rd Congress, only 26% of the legislation brought to the House floor came under open rules. In the past 16 years, the number of open rules has consistently declined. Since 1977, the use of restrictive rules has dramatically increased. In the 95th Congress (1977-78), open rules were applied to 85% of the legislation brought to the floor. By the mid-1980's, that percentage began to

dip below 50%, and it has continued its downhill slide. Last Congress, 66% of the rules were closed. The powerlock on Congress has taken firm hold.

There were 163 amendments submitted to the Rules Committee on the first ten bills in the 103rd Congress. Only 32 of those amendments, less than 20%, were allowed to be offered. Among those amendments held back by restrictive rules from the Rules Committee were rules to:

- Require a balanced budget;
- Give the President line-item veto;
- Bar immigrants with AIDS;
- Cancel \$1.96 billion in pork projects;
- Remove dead voters from registration rolls;
- Prohibit non-citizens from voting;
- Require off-setting budget cuts to fund the stimulus package;
- Strike the BTU energy tax;
- Retain the ban on homosexuals in the military; and
- Give the President a modified line-item veto.

CLOSED RULES

A closed rule prohibits all floor amendments or, as is most often the case, all amendments except those offered by the reporting committee or committees. Closed rules were originally intended for use in emergency legislation, such as legislation to raise the debt ceiling or a continuing appropriations bill to continue funding of the federal government.

Closed rules also restrict the amount of time given to discuss the merits or problems with legislation. And all of this time is given to the sponsor of the bill. It is only through tradition that the bill's sponsor gives half of that time to those opposing it. But if you listen carefully when the sponsor hands that time over, he/she does so "for purposes of debate only." That means those opposing the bill cannot offer any amendments or propose any changes to the legislation. Time is allowed only to the opposition for debate, but not for amendment of the legislation pending before the House.

One of the most blatant examples of the abuse of this type of rule came in February over legislation that would allow automatic

voter registration when a person applied for a driver's license. The legislation is commonly called "Motor Voter," and it is a concept that I supported during my tenure in the Idaho State Senate. But the legislation on this issue before Congress was not good legislation, and opened our voting system to abuse and fraud.

When the bill was before the Rules Committee, 20 amendments were proposed—everything from requiring proof of U.S. citizenship or address verification to purging names of people on voter registration rolls who hadn't voted for four, ten or fifty years, to requiring the government to fully fund the program before making it mandatory to the states. The Rules Committee refused to permit any of those amendments to be offered, and instead only allowed one of its own to be presented on the floor.

KING-OF-THE-HILL PROCEDURE

The King of the Hill rule has evolved in Congress over the last 12 years. It permits the House to vote on several substitute amendments, but stipulates that the last substitute amendment to pass is the only one that counts for the purpose of amending the bill. This allows members to be on record as being in favor of or against several versions of a bill.

For years, the people have pleaded with Congress to pass a Presidential line-item veto. Nearly all the governors in the country have it. But true line-item veto legislation has been consistently stalled in Congress—until this year, when the King-of-the-Hill rule allowed members to vote on a true line-item veto, knowing that, even with a majority vote, the legislation would not pass Congress.

When Congress voted in April on line-item veto legislation, we were given several options including: a substitute line-item veto bill proposed by Representatives Michael Castle (R-Delaware) and Gerald Solomon (R-New York); an amendment by Representative Robert Michel (R-Illinois) extending the terms of the line-item veto to tax bills; and an expedited rescissions bill which allowed the President to propose cutting certain spending measures in appropriations bills after it has already been signed into law. The Castle-Solomon amendment was a true line-item veto supported by several taxpayer watchdog groups like Citizens for a Sound Economy and Citizens Against Government Waste. The Michel amendment extended the line-item authority to tax bills. The expedited rescissions bill was a complicated version of line-item veto, which did not provide a true line-item. It changed

very little about the present system. Some have called it a sham. Others refer to it as "line-item voodoo."

When the line-item issue came up from the Rules Committee, it came under a King-of-the-Hill rule. The amendments were to be offered in a specific order, beginning with the Michel amendment, then to the Castle-Solomon amendment, and ending with the "enhanced rescission" bill. Under the rule, the last amendment or bill to pass would be the winner—even if other proposals were successful. The Michel amendment passed on a vote of 257 to 157, but

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the Castle-Solomon amendment failed 198 to 219. The weaker line-item veto version, enhanced rescission, passed 258 to 157, and since it was the last one voted upon, it was reported out of the House and sent to the Senate.

The King-of-the-Hill rule allowed representatives who did not really support a true line-item veto to vote in favor of it as well as vote in favor to the weaker version, knowing full well that even if the true line-item veto passed, it would not become the final bill out of the House. Members are on record as voting for true line-item veto; they can claim to support such a proposal, but they know House Rules like King-of-the-Hill would let them get away with lip service to something the American people overwhelmingly support.

THREE-DAY WAITING PERIOD

The Clinton tax package, first proposed in February, was finally voted on in August. When it came up for a vote, not one Congressman had read the bill.

There is a House Rule that requires a three-day waiting period on legislation. The requirement is quite simple—it states that the House cannot consider a bill until the committee report on it has been available to

House members for three days. That time frame allows members to get copies of the bill, read through the legislation, and determine the best vote on the proposal. But that rule is routinely waived on legislation. This prevents informed debate and votes at the final stages of the legislative process, and opens the door to finding "hidden goodies" in legislation after a bill is already enacted.

During debate over the Administration tax plan, several Members expressed their concerns over the waiving of this rule, to no avail. We plowed through the debate in one day and voted on the largest tax increase in American history without ever reading the legislation on which we just voted. The American people deserve better.

CONCLUSION

When you elect a Representative to Congress, you have the right to expect your voice to be heard. The Member has that same expectation—that he or she will be exercising his/her rights as a lawmaker on behalf of his/her constituents.

House Speaker Sam Rayburn said in 1942, "It is in the Congress that the varied needs and interests of the people find expression. It is in the Congress that out of the clash of contending opinions is forged the democratic unity of a democratic people. Too many people mistake the deliberations of the Congress for its decisions.

"Common consent in democratic government springs from common understanding. It is out of the airing of conflicting opinions in hearings, debates, and conferences that a people's Congress comes to decisions that command the respect of a free and democratic people.

"Not all the measures which emerge from the Congress are perfect, not by any means, but there are very few which are not improved as a result of discussion, debate, and amendment. There are very few that do not gain widespread support as a result of being subject to the scrutiny of the democratic process."

Something is radically wrong with the way the House is operating. The essence of our democracy and the central role of Congress in mediating competing ideas and opinions is stymied. It does not enrich the process. It does not allow for the clash of ideas. It does not require representatives to be recorded on the hard decisions they face. And it must be changed to restore the integrity and respect our Founding Fathers intended for their institution.

Hollywood blames Reagan for AIDS

By Brent Bozell • Creators Syndicate, Inc.

On September 11, HBO proved just how effectively a well-hyped movie can promote a political cause. Viewers tuning in to the cable network's *And the Band Played On* witnessed not only a well-crafted film featuring an all-star cast, but also an effective fund-raising vehicle for the AIDS lobby.

Based on Randy Shilts' best seller of the same name, *And the Band* details the discovery and early research of AIDS in America, focusing on the valiant efforts of researchers at the Centers for Disease Control. They overcome the challenges of poor equipment, scientific infighting and public apathy in their quest to fight the spread of the deadly plague.

HBO claims the film took to task all who were involved in the proliferation of the disease. That's simply not true. While there were scenes depicting the San Francisco bathhouses and of homosexuals' resistance to closing them down, the film makers whitewashed the book's critical view of the gay community in order to appease homosexual groups. HBO deleted scenes depicting drug use, cross-dressing and excessive promiscuity while adding those highlighting monogamous gay relationships. As if that weren't enough bootlicking, the

network had the movie screened for approval by 17 major AIDS and gay groups, lest these organizations be antagonized by the final product.

The story's victims are gays with AIDS. To say they are responsible for their actions would make them the villains as well, and that doesn't make sense to HBO. So who should carry the blame? The Reagan administration, of course. Early in the film, the head of research at the CDC fears the allegedly homophobic Reagan administration will cut the fledgling AIDS research budget. Later, a San Francisco congressman complains, "If all the angels came dancing down to earth like the Rockettes, even they couldn't get a dime out of this administration for anything with the name gay on it."

Criticism was heaped even higher on Reagan's refusal to throw open the federal coffers to AIDS research: A news segment reporting a decrease in federal money for public health is juxtaposed with footage of Reagan stating that defense funds would be increased. The camera immediately cuts to a heroic CDC researcher angered to hear additional funding has been denied. At the film's conclusion, a crawl on the screen sneers, "By the time President Reagan delivered his first speech on the AIDS crisis, more than 25,000 Americans had died of the disease."

The star of the movie, Matthew Modine, and its director, Roger Spottiswoode, created a scuffle about the film's deviation from the book. Spottiswoode, griping that the anti-Reagan themes were too soft, said the new version was "hopelessly politicized by a studio that appears to be terrified of its contents." Modine, however, took issue with HBO's gay-sanitizing, calling the changes "historical revisionism." "To pretend that there wasn't a lot of (fornication) going on would be a lie," he told *Out* magazine.

With *And the Band*, HBO has parroted the AIDS lobby's ridiculous claims that the Reagan administration's failure to provide money for AIDS research—at the expense of our nation's defense—is responsible for the proliferation of the virus.

"Nobody is clairvoyant. It wasn't clear to anybody in the country, (including) the Reagan administration, what the nature of the epidemic was going to be," Capital Gang's Mona Charen, a former Reagan administration official, says. "I don't see how anybody can gainsay the defense spending of the 1980s in light of the fact that it had success beyond anybody's wildest dreams—the collapse of (Communism), the biggest threat to the world."

The running death toll repeatedly flashed on the screen contributes to an undercurrent insisting that AIDS funding must be increased. But what HBO won't tell its viewers is that since the Reagan years, AIDS has received more funds than any other life threatening disease, even though it is only the ninth leading cause of death. According to Michael Fumento, author of *The Myth of Heterosexual AIDS*, President Clinton has recently approved another 28% increase in AIDS funding while virtually all other diseases—including heart disease and cancer, which kill thousands more people than AIDS does—took cuts.

"So long as people continue to inject drugs and share their needles, and as long as men continue to have anal sex with other men, the disease will continue," he added. "People are making that decision." Not Ronald Reagan.

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Kids raised by homosexuals traumatized

By Don Feder
Creators Syndicate

REGARDING HIS COLLEAGUES' support for gay adoption/custody, psychologist Joe Nicolosi observes: "One of the beautiful things about a democracy is that social scientists can ruin a generation, and then come back 20 years later with our objective measures to validate what common sense should have told us."

Social science is far from the only transgressor here. Recently, a juvenile court commissioner in Whatcom County, Washington, ordered a three-year-old boy placed with two male homosexuals as the first step toward adoption.

The child is the center of a raging controversy. His mother, who had placed him for adoption, changed her mind when she learned of the arrangement. "I don't want my son raised like that," says Megan Lucas. But that is precisely the way her son will be raised, if Washington State has its way.

In this matter, courts are anything but consistent. Last month, a Virginia judge took a child away from his mother and her lesbian lover, awarding custody to the maternal grandmother.

In a few states, when homosexuality is an aspect of divorce, courts invariably grant custody to the heterosexual parent. In others, it's a factor, but by no means decisive. New York, New Jersey, Vermont, Minnesota and California allow gay adoption, usually by the partner of a biological parent.

Psychologists have added their voices to the trendy chorus. The American Psychological Association complains that courts "often have assumed that... children are likely to be emotionally harmed, subject to molestation, impaired in gender role development or themselves homosexual. None of these assumptions is supported by extant research data."

But there was a time when psychologists insisted there were no long-term effects of divorce on children. Then researchers like Judith Wallerstein discovered that the children of divorce are far more likely to be withdrawn and afraid of commitment.

Twenty years ago, Jay Belsky, a Pennsylvania State University psychologist, was running around telling anyone who would listen that there was nothing wrong with putting infants in day care. Today, he's one of the most outspoken critics of collective child rearing, contending that children

placed in day care at an early age form weak parental attachments and have emotional problems later in life.

When it comes to child welfare, the claims of social scientists must be viewed with extreme skepticism.

Most researchers, who are biased in favor of homosexuals, ignore their own data. Dr. Paul Cameron, Ph.D., of the Family Research Institute has surveyed the admittedly scant findings of his profession on children raised in households with at least one homosexual.

In these studies, between 8% and 33% of adult respondents said they considered themselves homosexual or bisexual, far above the national norm of 2% of the adult male population.

How surprising is this? In almost every area, parental behavior has a profound, at times predominant, impact on children. The children of smokers frequently become smokers. Kids from abusive homes often become abusers.

Children from broken homes are more likely to divorce. Only in the case of homosexuality are we asked to believe that what happens in the home is irrelevant to emotional development.

Jaki Edwards of Milpitas, California, who runs a support and recovery program for those coming out of the homosexual lifestyle and their families, has knowledge beyond questionnaires and graphs. From age 10 to 16, she and a younger brother lived with their lesbian mother and a succession of her companions.

"I realize that homosexuals feel they can give a child love and support that even many straight families can't provide," Edwards admits, "but I've been there. I know the finger-pointing and the shame one carries.

"For years, you struggle with the thought that you might be a homosexual. People say 'like mother, like daughter.' Most of us become promiscuous to prove we're straight."

The absence of role models presents its own problems. "How will a man raised by two men know how to relate to a woman? A woman brought up like this doesn't know how to emotionally connect with men. I had to struggle for years to believe a man could really love me."

How many lives will be broken, how many little experiments will suffer in silence (unobserved by omniscient researchers) before courts and social scientists learn you can't fool nature? Children were meant to be nurtured by a man and woman together. Absent that, at least they shouldn't be placed in a situation where a distorted version of human sexuality is presented as the norm, to satisfy the latest bizarre demands for equality.



Man who raped neighbor influenced by pornography

Aaron Gene Mace, 20, of Utah, read about rape in magazines and watched TV shows and movies about the crime, then decided to try it himself.

"He wondered what it would be like to have that kind of control over another person," said a psychiatrist who examined Mace. So Mace held a neighbor at knife-point for several hours while he repeatedly raped and sodomized her.

On September 13, Mace was sentenced to five years to life at the Utah State Prison for his crimes.

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in the leg with an arrow—just to slow her down and cause her pain; she shoots, but fails to kill, Ken and when he attempts to shoot her, she pulls the arrow from her leg and stabs him to death. David C. Thomas produced the Michael Norell script.

ABC joined the violence parade with its October 10 **Shameful Secrets** which dealt with wife abuse. Scenes include Daniel Tate beating his wife and children. Barry Bernardi produced the script, written by Stephanie Liss.

All of the movies had frequent profanity.

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how to live, what to say, what to think, what to know, and what not to know.”

Unfortunately, that's what Outcome-Based Education is—a process for government telling our children how to live, what to say, what to think, what to know, and what not to know. What the children say, think and know must conform to the liberal politically correct ideology, attitudes and behavior. What they do not know will be everything else. And because they won't know the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic, they won't be able to find out. OBE is converting the three R's to the three D's: Deliberately Dumbed Down.

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they thought.

“That's when it really got crazy around here,” Michelle Leake said. “Tony would get up in the morning and listen to KCMO radio all day and into the night to compile a complete list of sponsors to write. It was definitely spiritual warfare. We thank God for our church and friends lifting us up in prayer. And Tony had such perseverance. I would have quit after a few tries, but not my husband. He stood steadfast and listened every day of the week. I have never been so thankful for the weekend when I could have my husband back from the radio.”

Daytime advertisers pressured the sta-

tion and the only sponsors that remained were connected to the top of the hour news breaks.

Leake contacted CBS and explained what was happening.

CBS contacted KCMO and explained that they would have to pay for their news if the show remained without ads. The show was pulled off the air on Friday, July 30. Janelle Carol was not notified until the following Monday by the station.

“It worked out real well in that she didn't have time to put out a last minute plea to her preteen and teenage listeners to keep her show on the air,” Leake commented.

Leake said that as father of four children he had to stand up for them and protect them from bad information about sex which, if not challenged and corrected, could lead to disease and death.

The power of one man concerned for his family changed things for all of Kansas City. And it isn't going to stop here.

With like minded friends, Tony has set up the Family Action Coalition, an organization dedicated to supporting the family that is under attack from a number of fronts. The Coalition will address issues such as abortion, homosexuality, pornography and other threats to the family. It's a non-profit organization and will accept donations sent to: The Family Action Coalition, Post Office Box 1043, Belton, MO 64012.

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thunder in the distance. I recalled hearing a couple of other reporters talking about the stormy weather; one even said he would spend the night instead of trying to brave it.

As I reached the highway, I turned across the radio dial, stopping on a station that was giving the latest weather report. The announcer told of a severe storm moving through the area and began to describe how fast it was moving. I realized with little doubt, that somewhere down the road I would intersect with the storm before I made it home.

Well, I got about half way home without much happening. However, I noticed a lot of lightening and nasty skies ahead of me as I drove closer to the storm. Why didn't I stop at that point? I don't know, except that the old male ego got in the way and I wanted to get home. By this time it was

after midnight.

A few more miles down the road, and it hit: strong winds, loud thunder, near blinding lightening and the hardest rains I can remember driving through. I got a little scared; my heart beat faster as I realized the situation I faced. Folks, the rain was so hard that all I could see was the white line on the side of the highway. That was it. I could not even see if there was a shoulder where I could pull off and wait it out. My eyes were fixed on the white line as I moved very slowly. I may have blinked once in 15 minutes. But I kept moving very cautiously, and finally made it into the city; the rains halted and I drove on home.

Even while pulling into my carport I thought about how important the white line was to my safety, to my very life. I had never really thought about it before. Without it I very well could have driven off the road and into a ditch or into the other lane and been involved in an accident. Translating that into my Christian faith, the white line I depend on is the Holy Bible, the Word of God.

When the storms of life come (even if we find ourselves right in the midst of them) we can bank on the Bible as truth, the way through the storm. We must not ~~think~~

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vertisers on all other programs to cover the losses,” Wildmon said.

“General Motors was among the top sponsors of violence, sex and profanity during AFA's last monitoring period,” Wildmon said. “We are aware that General Motors has not sponsored **NYPD Blue**. We are asking that they show concern for the families and children of America by pulling their millions of ad dollars from ABC. Such action will not only show General Motors cares about our families, but will be a very responsible corporate action which other companies would likely follow,” he said.

He said that AFA had not yet asked for any economic sanctions against General Motors. “It is only fair that we give the company time to consider our request,” he stated. Wildmon wrote Smale that he was willing to meet and discuss the situation if General Motors desires.

AFA supporters are also urged to contact local General Motors dealers and ask them to request that General Motors pull advertising from ABC. General Motors makes Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile and Cadillac cars and GMC trucks. Also, supporters can write Chrm. John Smale, General Motors Corporation, 3044 W. Grand

Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202. If you desire to call, we suggest you call Chrm. Smale person-to-person to make sure you get to speak with him. The number is 313-556-5000. Sometimes Chrm. Smale operates from Cincinnati and sometimes from Detroit. He is a past chairman of Procter and Gamble.

In addition, AFA began encouraging local churches and individuals to begin efforts to get local advertisers to stop advertising on ABC affiliates which carry **NYPD Blue**.

When the program began, 61 ABC affiliates refused to show the program. A small number of affiliates have since started showing the program, with about 50 still refusing to show it.

Local advertisers have stopped advertising on ABC affiliates in Memphis, Birmingham, Oklahoma City, Knoxville, St. Louis and other cities across the country. "I strongly encourage individuals to begin calling and writing local businesses which advertise on affiliates carrying **NYPD Blue**. It is clear that those ABC affiliates have no concern for our families and children," Wildmon said.



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preciate your taking the time to write and share your perspective with us. My personal apologies for not responding to your correspondence sooner."

"A company which is willing to promote and distribute this kind of movie to our youth and families does not deserve our support," Wildmon said.

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.

AFA urges members to call their local McDonald's. Thank them if they are not participating by distributing **Wayne's World**. If they do plan to promote the video, we suggest you remind the manager—in a kind and polite manner—that you have other places to eat.

AFA doubts that contacting the corporate office will do any good since they have already stated their contempt for those who oppose the movie. But here is the address: Pres. Edward Rensi, McDonald's Corporation, 1 Kroc Drive, Oak Brook, IL 60521, phone 708-575-3000, FAX 513-575-6941.



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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 book stores, 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.

AFA has "Boycott Kmart" postcards for individuals and churches to pass out. 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, American Fare Stores, Borders bookstores, 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.



Tour

The Holy Land & Germany

Walk where Jesus walked. See the places of the Bible...Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Sea of Galilee and much more.

Don Wildmon, AFA President, will be your tour host on a 10-day tour to the Holy Land and Germany. The tour departs March 21. Dr.

Wildmon has led 17 tours to the Holy Land.

What a wonderful trip for a church to give their pastor.

For more information and a free brochure, write Holy Land Tour, P.O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803

Through a special agreement with a major long distance telephone carrier, you can...

Help fund the work of AFA and, in most cases, save money on long distance phone calls.

HERE'S HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS.

You can have 10% of your long distance billing given to the **American Family Association Foundation, Inc.** and it won't cost you anything. All you do is complete the "Residential Service Request Form" below or the "Business Service Request Form" (on the facing page) naming **LifeLine** as your long distance carrier. We'll take care of the rest.

WHO IS LIFE LINE?

LifeLine is a major long distance carrier like AT&T, MCI, Sprint, etc., except instead of promoting their business with major media advertising, new business is acquired through special programs like this.

The change-over is invisible. You'll use your phone just like always - dial "1," then the number. Your LifeLine bill will come right along with your normal billing. In some cases, that's more convenient than your current service.

LifeLine uses the same crystal clear digital fiber optics network as many other long distance carriers. Long distance charges with LifeLine are generally 4% - 8% less than standard AT&T tariffed rates.*

Plus, you'll get a free, easy to use travel card for using LifeLine when you're away from home.

In other words, you'll receive the same quality

service you receive at present, maybe even better.

TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT!

Try LifeLine for 90 days. If you're not pleased, **you can switch back at no charge.** Fair enough?

A LITTLE EXTRA

As an additional incentive to get started with LifeLine, we'll give you **30 free minutes of long distance calling** when you sign up.

LIFE LINE FOR YOUR BUSINESS

LifeLine provides what you need in a long distance phone service for your business: **1)** Detailed managerial reports with each bill; **2)** one, two or three digit accounting codes for management of your phone usage; **3)** No installation or monthly fee; **4)** Six-second billing, instead of full-minute billing, can save up to 30% under local Bell system charges; **5)** Optional "800" service; **6)** Commercial rate of .1390.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Fill out the Residential Service Request Form or the Business Service Request Form. Mail it back to AFA. A representative will contact you to confirm your request. The change-over will take about two weeks.

*Based on AT&T standard tariffed rates, depending on distance and time of call.

Residential Service Request Form

• Name _____

• _____

• Address _____

• _____

• City/state/zip _____

• _____

• Present local phone co. _____

• _____

• Present long distance co. _____

• _____

Yes, I agree to become a LifeLine Long Distance Contributor by having a portion of my future long distance billing paid to American Family Association Foundation, Inc. For that purpose I authorize AmeriVision Communications, Inc./Ameri-Tel to act under my authority as my telecommunications agent in providing "One Plus" long distance service by placing the service orders for the number(s) listed below whenever necessary. I understand that once my application has been processed and approved that I will become a LifeLine customer. American Family Association will receive funds on domestic Net Paid billing only, no funds are paid on uncollectible billings.

Note: Your long distance carrier will change. If a carrier change fee appears on your bill, send a copy of the bill to: LifeLine, P.O. Box 7735, Moore, OK 73160-9998 and we will reimburse you.

Signature _____

Date _____

Your Questions Answered

LifeLine Customer Service 1-800-800-7550

Q: HOW DOES THE LIFE LINE LONG DISTANCE PROGRAM WORK?

A: Following the break up of the Bell System and AT&T several years ago, the major long distance companies began offering usage of their networks to companies like AmeriVision Communications, Inc. (LifeLine). By purchasing long distance time wholesale, we can resell the long distance service to customers like you at a discount. LifeLine simply passes 10% of this discount to the American Family Association and still offers you a significant discount of 4%-8% off standard AT&T rates depending on the time of day and distance of your calls. LifeLine rates are competitive with long distance carriers such as Sprint, MCI, and others.

Q: WILL MY PHONE SERVICE OR THE WAY MY PHONE BILL IS PAID CHANGE ON LIFE LINE?

A: No, the only difference you will notice is a slightly lower long distance phone bill and the name of LifeLine's billing company will appear on the long distance portion of your phone bill.

Q: WILL THERE BE ANY CHANGE WHEN I DIAL THE OPERATOR (O) OR INFORMATION (411)?

A: No. Your local Bell company will still handle those calls like before.

Q: DO I HAVE ANY SPECIAL ACCESS CODES TO DIAL?

A: No. Long distance dialing is still the convenient 1 plus the phone number – just as before.

Q: WILL I BE CHARGED A SWITCHING FEE?

A: In some circumstances it is possible that a carrier switching fee will appear on your bill – about \$5. Simply send a copy of the bill to LifeLine for a prompt refund.

Q: IS THERE A FEE TO SIGN UP?

A: No.

Q: CAN I SUPPORT MORE THAN ONE ORGANIZATION WITH MY LIFE LINE PAYMENTS?

A: No.

Q: WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

A: LifeLine Customer Service at 1-800-800-7550.

Q: CAN SOMEONE WHO DOES LESS THAN \$5.00 PER MONTH IN LONG DISTANCE CHARGES SIGN UP?

A: Yes. There is no minimum.

Q: CAN A BUSINESS SIGN UP?

A: Absolutely. Our commercial service, called LifeLine Priorities, is competitive and flexible enough to meet the needs of large or small businesses. Simply send us a copy of last month's commercial bill and we will show you how to save and give 10% of your bill to American Family Association.

Q: HOW DOES THE CALLING CARD WORK?

A: You can access our LifeLine from almost every location in America. You save money with every call (up to 20%*).

Q: WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE LIFE LINE?

A: LifeLine guarantees your satisfaction. Simply try the service for 90 days and if not completely satisfied, you can switch back to the carrier of your choice at no charge.

*Based on AT&T standard tariffed rates, depending on distance and time of call.

Business Service Request Form

- Name _____
- _____
- Address _____
- _____
- City/state/zip _____
- _____
- Present local phone co. _____
- _____
- Present long distance co. _____
- _____
- My telephone # _____
- _____
- Additional phone # _____

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Signature _____

From the Manager's Desk

MARVIN SANDERS ☉ MANAGER, WAFR

In the words of country humorist Jerry Clower, "Ain't God good?" I thought of Jerry's question the other day as my wife Donna and I were driving from Tupelo to Cincinnati. It was obviously the peak weekend for autumn leaves. The beauty of God's gift of color was breathtaking. How like a good God to allow the passage of seasons to be so beautiful.

Naturally, I did not stop with the trees as I considered the goodness of God. I have been blessed abundantly in more ways than can be counted. It seems only fitting to thank Him for his many gifts to me—life, health, family, friends...The list just goes on and on.

One thing you and I have in common, for which I think we can be thankful, is that we have access to Christian radio through American Family Radio. Sharing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ in this way is a privilege we should never take for granted.

In many countries, even some with a Christian heritage, Christian radio is not allowed. As long as the law allows, as long as our friends stand with us in financial partnership, as long as the Lord permits us to continue, we will be faithful to our calling.

Remember the very first time you heard American Family Radio? If others had not given, you still would not have heard. We would like for you to give so that others may hear. Our Thanksgiving Share-a-Thon is coming soon—December 1 through 3. We ask you to prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you give. "Ain't God good?"

THANKSGIVING SPECIALS TO BE AIRED ON AMERICAN FAMILY RADIO

American Family Radio is happy to celebrate Thanksgiving with specials including "God With Us," a musical featuring narration, inspiring testimony and beautiful praise and worship music from the Hosanna Worship Choir. Join us for this inspiring special Thursday, November 25, at 8 p.m., Friday, November 26, at 11 a.m. or Saturday, November 27, at 1 p.m. (All times are Central time.)

On Thursday, November 25, at 4 p.m. AFR will broadcast "Thanksgiving Song," a choral praise for Thanksgiving by the Don Wyrzten Orchestra.

"Alleluia," created by Bill and Gloria Gaither, is a musical featuring Gaither favorites "Because He Lives," "Something Beautiful," and "Let's Just Praise the Lord." Special guests include George Beverly Shea, Chuck Colson and Mylon Lefevre. This special will highlight God's blessings in our lives. Be sure and tune in on Thursday, November 25, at 1 p.m., Friday, November 26 at 5 p.m. or Saturday, November 27, at 3 p.m. for this radio special.

Join AFR on Thursday, November 25, at 5 p.m. or Friday, November 26, at 1 p.m. for a look at the history of Thanksgiving. The Back to the Bible Thanksgiving Special will take a look at the relevance of Thanksgiving and reasons why we should be thankful.

SATURDAY EVENING SPECIALS

Join American Family Radio on Saturday, November 20, at 8 p.m. for an interview with award-winning Steven Curtis Chapman. The special features a "live" concert with songs from his "The Great Adventure" compact disc.

On Saturday, November 27, at 8 p.m., AFR will air a 4-Him radio special featuring their latest release "Basics of Life." The interview includes testimonies and conversations with the group.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND CELEBRATION

Beginning December 6 we will begin working Christmas music into our format to help you and your family get in the Christmas spirit. We'll also help you celebrate the birth of the Christ child by sharing with you several cantatas, musicals and Christmas dramas! Beginning two weeks before Christmas, we will air 100% Christmas music!

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

Alabama	
Enterprise	90.5
Sheffield	89.9
NW Alabama	88.3
Arkansas	
El Dorado	91.9
Forrest City	91.5
Jonesboro	90.5
Illinois	
Mt. Vernon	91.3
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
Minnesota	
Worthington	88.1
Tennessee	
Jackson	88.1
Lawrenceburg	89.9
Shelbyville	91.3
SW Tennessee	88.3

