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Ellen next skeleton in Disney closet?

“Producers believe the ultimate decision lies in the hands of Michael Eisner, chairman of the Walt Disney Company.” – September 28, *TV Guide* article on whether the show *Ellen* will become the first to have a homosexual lead character.

Ellen is watched by millions each Wednesday night, but the fourth season of the show may bring a drastic shift in the direction of the show and an even more massive change of direction for network television. According to the September 28 issue of *TV Guide*, Touchstone Television, a Disney subsidiary, is pondering a story line that would reveal character Ellen Morgan is a lesbian.

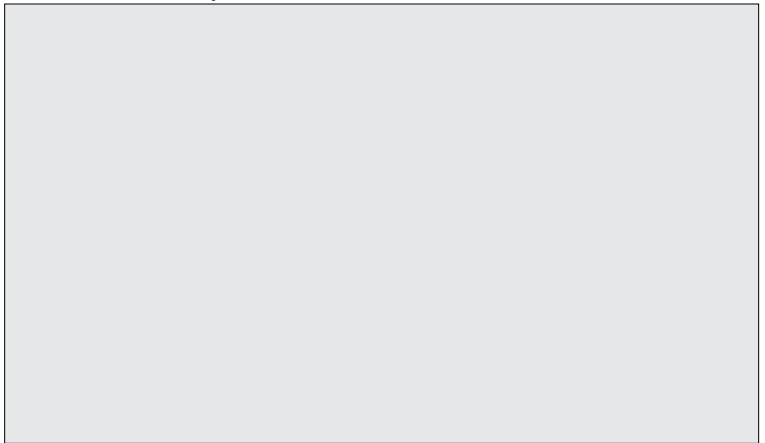
Will she or won't she is the biggest question on the minds of television viewers, but AFA President Donald E. Wildmon says the question is irrelevant. “It doesn't matter whether Disney

and Touchstone keep the character straight or make her homosexual, because they have already accomplished their goal of once again shoving their ‘gay is OK’ philosophy into the national spotlight.”

TV scribes and industry insiders say Disney Chairman Michael Eisner, in light of increasing criticism of his company's eroding moral base, has to be the one to make the call.

Newsweek magazine, in its October 7 issue, said that call has already been made. The magazine reported series star Ellen DeGeneres told a meeting of the show's writers about the planned story line and that, as *Newsweek* writers Rick Marin and Mark Miller wrote, “Disney brass had signed off on the idea of *Ellen* as a lesbian.” The *Newsweek* issue hit the streets September 30 – the same day Disney chairman Michael Eisner, who would presumably be the shiniest brass of them all, was denying any knowledge whatsoever.

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An American artist's journey of

Editor's note: AFA has commissioned a series of paintings by American artist Mitchell Tolle, the first of which is now being offered to AFA members. (See pages 12 & 13.) The following is a profile of the artist.

Alex Haley was so taken by Mitchell Tolle's art that he bought Tolle's gallery walls bare. Tolle was literally living the “starving artist” role when Haley visited his gallery in little Berea, Kentucky, in 1984.

“We didn't know what to do!” the artist laughs. “Nobody famous had ever come to my gallery.”

Haley came, looked around for a while, then

asked, “Would you consider it rude of me if I just asked you to wrap it up and ship it?”

“Which one?” Tolle's wife Linda asked.

“Oh,” Haley replied, “everything.”

Mitchell Tolle was born in Vanceburg, a Northeastern Kentucky river town. His father walked home for lunch daily, two miles in the middle of a 16-hour day at the sawmill, committed to spending as much time as possible with his only son.

Until age three, Mitchell was unable to walk or sit erect because of a degenerative bone disease. Every day he waited expectantly for his dad to arrive and entertain him, playing the banjo,

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Let's keep the main thing the main thing



While I was on a visit to the west coast recently an article in the Los Angeles Times caught my eye. "Church of the Master Votes to Change Name" the headline read.

The article reported that the Church of the Master was not satisfied with the number of members it had and figured that one way to get new members was to change its name. People in the church came up with 64 possible new names. Included in the list were some serious, such as "Church of the Foothills" and the second place finisher "The Church of Hope and Joy." Other new names proposed included "Please Come to Our Church" and "Sven's Big Building," an allusion to the Scandinavian background of the church's members. The church field-tested the names by sending members to rummage sales and a Boy Scout carwash to gauge

public response to the possible new names.

The pastor said he first became interested in the possibility of changing the church's name from a speaker at a pastor's institute at the Rev. Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral. "If we want to do our job the best we can, we need to make people feel welcome. Our old name apparently did not make people from outside the church feel welcome," he said.

So the Church of the Master now is the Church of the Foothills. Why the name change? To attract more people.

Something about this bothers me. It seems symbolic of the thinking in many in our churches. First, is the purpose of the Church to get more people to attend our worship services? If so, let us hire a good marketing person in each local church. Next, is there a symbolic message in changing the name of a church from "The Church of the Master" to "The Church of the Foothills"? Using the name "Foothills" instead of "Master" to entice individuals to attend our church says more about the church than it does about society.

Churches have put far too much emphasis on the number of individuals who attend their services. In our society the "successful" churches are the largest churches. Indeed, the main objective in all too many churches is to get more people to attend. Somehow that motivation just doesn't ring true with the New Testament. In the New Testament the motivation is service, not size. I'm not against church growth. I would love to see every church packed to overflowing. It's just that we must always keep the main thing the main thing.

And if the word "Master" is a hindrance to people coming into our fellowship, what about churches with the word "Cross" in their names?

Could it be that we are going so far to be acceptable that we are no longer effective?

It would take much more space and time than I have to fully express my thinking here. Some of you will comprehend my concern. Many will not.

And therein lies the problem.

The tree's a fake, but not

Well, you made it. Come on in. Forget that handshake business, give me a hug. Welcome to a Wildmon Christmas in northeast Mississippi! Here, let me have your coat. Say, were the directions all right? Good. Good. We've been wanting to have you over for Christmas Eve for several years now. I'm glad we were able to work it out this year.

Alison, our guest is here!

The house? Well, thank you. There's nothing like a man's touch around a home, is what I say. Yes, I guess it was - let's see, well, now I can't even remember the last time I vacuumed and dusted. I did set that couch down against the wall when we first moved in, though. And I do iron nightly, so I'm not exactly Freddie Freeloader around here.

Question. The tree. Is it live or is it Memorex? Live, you say. Sorry, your answer is incorrect. After seven years of vowing never to have a fake tree, I broke down and bought one two years ago. It was a good move. I hated those tree needles getting all over the den. Now, I just box that baby up and put it in the attic.

Al, I want you to meet our guest.

"Hi, nice to meet you and have you in our home.

"Thanks. Did I hear you taking some credit for the decorations, honey?"

No, no I was just taking credit for the arrangement of the couch. Our guest observed that the way the couch was positioned against the wall absolutely made the den. I just said I placed it there when we first moved in.

Oh, we've been here a couple of years now. We love it. Walk out the front door, you've got a nice neighborhood. Walk out the back door, you think you're in Montana, except there are no mountains, of course. Although, we do have Birmingham Ridge, which peaks out at about 200 feet.

Hey kids, come say hello.

"Hi!"

"Hey."

"Hi."

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AFA Law Center and National Legal Foundation challenge OBE

On behalf of concerned parents, students and school board members in two Oregon school districts, the AFA Law Center and National Legal Foundation teamed to file a lawsuit in federal district court on September 13 challenging Oregon's statewide education reforms adopted in conjunction with Goals 2000.

The momentous lawsuit alleges three claims of constitutional violations by the Oregon State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and two school districts, resulting from Oregon's adoption and implementation of the radical ideas embodied in the Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century.

The 42-page complaint alleges that Oregon has adopted reforms that dispense with aspects of traditional education and, in their place, mandated "outcomes" that become the only absolutes tolerated by the statewide educational system.

The complaint further alleges that the Oregon reforms formally abandon any belief in absolutes or facts in a traditional sense and, in their place, decree feelings, attitudes and beliefs approved by the government.

According to AFA Law Center Senior Trial Attorney Stephen M. Crampton, "The imposition of government approved attitudes and beliefs flies squarely in the face of the first amendment. It was Thomas Jefferson who said that God created the mind free and it is therefore not subject to force or coercion by government. Apparently, the Oregon educational establishment is unfamiliar with Jefferson or the first amendment. What is going on there is nothing short of slavery of the mind."

Parents, students and school board members who filed the action note in the complaint that the Oregon reforms remove all but a vestige of local and parental control of education and replace it with control by government, business and industry. The

plaintiffs assert that students are no longer treated as free individuals but as "human resources" to be developed and managed to serve the state and its economic objectives.

"This whole collectivist approach causes great concern over, and implicates, first amendment freedoms," stated Steven W. Fitschen, Executive Director of the National Legal Foundation. "Oregon no longer teaches students how to think, but what to think," added Fitschen. The National Legal Foundation is a public interest law firm with offices in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Memphis, Tennessee.

AFA OutReach offers Faithful and True support groups

Men and women struggling with sexual sin will find help and hope in *Faithful and True* groups, a new AFA OutReach effort.

"AFA doesn't want to replace existing 12-step groups or other support groups, but complement their work by offering groups with a distinctively Christian perspective," said Neal Clement, Executive Director of the AFA OutReach Division.

AFA hopes that *Faithful and True* groups will become nationally networked for Christians who have a sincere desire to abstain from sexual sin and to be faithful to their spouses or future spouses. The groups are designed for single and married Christians.

"*Faithful and True* groups will offer safe fellowship which is so important to the recovering sex addict," Clement said, "and the kind of accountability that encourages all Christians to remain sexually pure."

AFA OutReach will serve as an organizing agency for the new support group network. The office will coordinate formation of groups and supply literature.

For more information about this pioneering movement, contact the AFA OutReach Division at 601-844-5128.

ALA tells tales of censor-

Displays crowding bookstore aisles and library foyers trumpeted the horrors of a new wave of alleged censorship sweeping the country. September 28-October 5 was the American Library Association's (ALA) annual "Banned Books Week," but the AFA cites one small problem - it's a sham.

"The ALA tries to equate *concern* with *censorship*, and wants you to believe that people concerned with the content of certain books are storming libraries and building bonfires with anything they find objectionable. That's simply not true," said AFA President Donald Wildmon.

Wildmon cites examples of how the ALA is perpetuating such a false notion. First, the ALA counts any inquiry as a "challenge" and includes it in the list of 740 "challenged" or "banned" books. Secondly, an analysis of the ALA 1995-1996 report by Focus on the Family uncovers the fact that 34 incidents included in this year's numbers were also reported in last year's censorship report.

Padding of the numbers by groups who champion the rights of libraries to display whatever they want, no matter how vile or crude, is apparently common. Marc Herman, who formerly compiled censorship studies for People for the American Way, said in an October *Harper's* magazine article that he was ordered to fake the censorship numbers every year, and "particularly to investigate evidence of censorship promulgated by the religious right."

"I guess the ALA is celebrating Halloween a little early," mused Wildmon. "They think all they have to do is say 'boo' and people will come running to support their claims of rampant censorship, when in reality it's the way they run their operations that's truly scary."

Focus on the Family, 9/24/96

News Briefs

Disney watches another name appear in boycott column

Another religious group has cast its lot with those weary of the Disney way of life. The New Jersey-based Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches has called its member churches to boycott Disney. In the resolution calling for the boycott, delegates to the Annual Session wrote that, "The wonderful world of Walt Disney is no longer just a family entertainment center with lots of innocent fun for everyone, but is fast becoming a center for perversion and promotion of the homosexual lifestyle."

AFA members recognized as influential grassroots group

The Boston Globe newspaper says Disney may have met its match in the American Family Association. In a September 10, 1996 article reprinted in the Las Vegas Sun, Boston Globe writer Joann Muller credited American Family Association members with "having the muscle to persuade even the largest companies to alter their ways." That's an opinion derived after Muller talked with Zachary Lyons, who publishes a newsletter that tracks and reports on the success of boycotts nationwide.

Las Vegas Sun, 9/10/96

Movie gives abstinence program backhanded compliment

True Love Waits has gone Hollywood. The Southern Baptist Convention sexual abstinence campaign was an unwitting player in the movie **Escape From LA**.

True Love Waits spokesman Richard Ross says the R-rated film does not do the chastity campaign justice because the character who wears a button bearing the *True Love Waits* logo is a rebellious youth that is not representative of teens the campaign attracts in reality.

Ross adds he does not think the directors of the movie intended malice towards *True Love Waits*. In fact, according to Ross, the film clips actually provided backhanded compliments to the program. "First, since they place the movie in the year 2013, they obviously inferred that the campaign will be alive and well into the new millennium." Second, the appearance of the *True Love Waits* button acknowledges that moviegoers would likely recognize the name, he said.

Baptist Press

Broadcaster acts on beliefs

A Christian businessman is bringing his

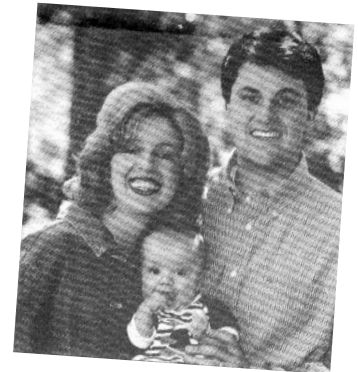
Christian couple exemplifies faith, cour-

The following first appeared on the cover of the newsletter from First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) of Orlando, Florida, on June 21, 1996. In his regular column, senior pastor Dr. Howard Edington commented on President Clinton's veto of the Partial Birth Abortion bill and the support of leaders in his denomination for the President's pro-death action. The following is excerpted from Dr. Edington's commentary.

...Can you imagine the shock I felt at what one of our leaders used as a rationalization for opposing the Partial Birth Abortion ban? Maybe you can't imagine, so let me explain. To illustrate the need for partial birth abortion, a graphic depiction of a fetus with its organs on the outside of the body was referenced. I was stunned. Why? Because right here in our congregation a young couple, Whitney and Bruce Goin, faced precisely that circumstance prior to the birth of their child. They were told (and shown) that the organs of their unborn child were not in the child's body, and therefore, the child probably would not live and might be badly deformed. These two magnificent young Christians, on the strength of their faith, opted not for the easy way of abortion, but for the hard way of bringing their child into the world. When little Andrew was born last November, a team of gifted and committed physicians began the long, slow process of replacing the organs in him. Over the weeks there were a number of crisis points, but through it all, Andrew kept fighting for life, his parents kept pouring love upon him and people in this congregation kept praying for him. Then one Sunday in April, fighting back the emotion that nearly overwhelmed me, I took Andrew in my arms – this bright, beautiful, happy child – and baptized him, drawing the sign of the cross on his forehead.

It occurs to me now that there are a couple of young Presbyterians in this congregation whose heroic faith far surpasses that of some of our denomination leaders.

Presbyterians Pro-Life News, Fall, 1996



convictions to his commerce.

Bud Paxson is the head of Paxson Communications, a company that owns and operates radio stations. When Paxson acquired a new station in South Florida, one of his first moves was to cancel a call-in talk show that delved into such topics as swing clubs. **Passion Phones** is also being yanked from a Paxson-owned station in Orlando. **Passion Phones** hostess Erin Somers, who also spends part of her time making promotional appearances for a chain of sex shops, whined that she knew her show would be canceled. "It had been made clear to me this show was not going to last since Bud Paxson was a born-again Christian."

Miami Herald

Actress chooses God's script

The lights of Broadway beckoned actress Stephanie Stephenson, but the call of

the Light of the Lord was even stronger. So, the Missouri singer turned down a role in the touring cast of the Broadway hit **Les Miserables**. The 20-year-old won the role of Cosette in the traveling show, but rejected it when she discovered she would have to play a prostitute in one scene. "Depicting the role is not what I had the problem with," Stephenson said. "It was with actually the men touching them. They touched them everywhere..."

Stephenson admits she is taking a career risk by turning down the role, but she is confident "that God has something out there that's even better than that – otherwise I'd be in trouble."

Associated Press, 9/4/96

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NBC, 9/15 – One story line has series star Wylene fall hard for her co-star in a college theater production, only to learn that he's homosexual.

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■ **Caroline in the City H P9**

NBC, 9/3 – Caroline and Annie persuade Richard to lie (that he's homosexual) in order to get his paintings into a homosexual gallery. Though he later admits his lie, the homosexual agenda is clearly promoted. Caroline's boyfriend Del is upset that none of the homosexuals find him sexually attractive.

Advertiser: MCI

September 17 P2 S

Caroline makes jokes about her friend Annie's promiscuous lifestyle. Then Caroline sleeps over and has sex with Joe on their first date.

Advertiser: Levi Strauss

■ **Chicago Hope H P13 S**

CBS, 9/2 – Two of Dr. Sutton's ex-wives show up to tell him they're a "couple" now, and they want him to perform an artificial insemination so they can have a baby. A lingering mouth-to-mouth kiss between the two women occurs in one scene.

Advertisers: AT&T, Sears

■ **Common Law P5 S**

ABC, 10/5 – The series stars, John and Nancy, are live-

in lovers who work together in a law firm. In this episode, two other characters read aloud a sleazy romance novel to check it against another for plagiarism. Illicit sex is the theme of the story.

Advertiser: Disney

■ **Cybill P3 S SA**

CBS, 8/26 – Mary Ann (the series "funny" drunk) asks star Cybill what she'll do to celebrate her daughter's high school graduation. Cybill retorts, "With any luck, I'll nail the [man] at work!" Crude expressions for sex, euphemisms for genitalia, bed scenes, crotchless underwear and sex toys are the focus of other jokes.

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September 9 H P6 SA

Cybill rips off her blouse and dumps ice down her cleavage as she and Mary Ann loudly discuss menopause in a crowded restaurant. Their waiter, a recurring character, is homosexual.

Advertiser: MCI

September 23 H P4 SA

Cybill and Mary Ann know the nude male model in their sculpting class. Numerous double entendres reflect on the scene in which side nudity occurs. The homosexual waiter appears in the episode.

Advertiser: Nissan

■ **Dave's World H P5**

CBS, 9/13 – Kenny and Eric (series regulars) are surrounded by scantily-clad women at

Kenny's gym. In one scene, Kenny hits on one of the beauties who promptly refers to her wife. Substance abuse and homosexuality are the focus of many jokes.

Advertiser: Sears

■ **Ellen H P5 S**

ABC, 9/11 – Minutes before her marriage to Matt, Paige is discovered (by Ellen) horizontal on the sofa, making out with Spencer. Throughout the episode, Paige and Spencer cannot keep their hands off each other. A homosexual couple makes a scene as guests await the wedding, which Matt wisely calls off.

September 18 H P4 S

Paige and Spencer strip off each other's robes and climb in Ellen's shower together. Ellen then drops her robe and pulls the curtain back, only to discover her friends already there. (No nudity occurs.) Peter and Barrett, the homosexual couple, announce that they're purchasing a home together. Other homosexual innuendoes occur.

Advertisers: General Mills, RJR Nabisco

■ **Friends P5 S**

NBC, 9/5 – Phoebe has chicken pox when her Navy boyfriend comes home on furlough, and she passes them on to him. Scratching each other's chicken pox turns into a verbally explicit sex scene.

September 12 H P18 S

One story line focuses on Joey, an actor who's trying to get friends to help him practice kissing a man – he's auditioning for a role that requires it. Other main characters typically discuss the problems in their sex lives.

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September 19 P3 S

Chandler is dating Janice, not yet divorced from her husband. Ross and Rachel (not married) are in bed together, discussing their sexual fantasies. When the gang is not hav-

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- AC** Anti-Christian
- H** Promotes homosexual agenda
- P** Profanity; the number following the "P" is the number of times profanity is used in the program
- PC** Politically correct in dealing with an issue identified in the review
- S** Objectionable sexual content (may include partial nudity)
- SA** Substance abuse (drugs or alcohol)
- V** Violence (graphic or gratuitous)
- +** Positive theme with *no* objectionable elements (A good story told with profane language does *not* earn a

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ing sex, they're talking about it or planning for it.

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October 3 P5 S

Ross and Chandler discuss their illicit sexual practices, and penis size is the joke of one of Rachel's lines. Monica, wanting to get over the sex partner who left her, is determined to have a baby by artificial insemination.

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Home Improvement S

ABC, 9/17 – Jill, the series mom, finds Brad and his girlfriend (about 15) horizontal on Brad's bed. Jill then pushes Tim, series star, to talk to their son about sexual maturity, responsibility and safety. The entire 30 minutes focuses on teen sex, but misses a great opportunity; neither parent ever comes close to suggesting abstinence until marriage. Their message is to grow up first, then have safe sex.

Advertisers: PepsiCo (KFC), Sears

John Larroquette Show P3 S

NBC, 8/12 – Series star John has casual sex with Carly in his car, then the two embark on a days-long sex marathon at his home. Catherine interrupts John and Carly's wedding ceremony to announce she's pregnant with John's child.

Advertisers: Nissan, PepsiCo (Pizza Hut)

Life's Work P4 S

ABC, 9/17 – Lisa Hunter, recent law school grad, goes to a new job as an assistant district attorney, juggling marriage, two young children and career. On her first day, she takes her children to a bar to interview a witness. She tells a co-worker that she had sex with President Clinton. There are many sex jokes throughout.

Advertisers: McDonald's, PepsiCo

Love and Marriage P17 S

Fox, 9/28 – This "All-American" family can't carry on a

conversation without profanity, including the father cursing at his young son for skipping school. The multi-pierced teenage daughter screams at her parents, "I hate you! I hate you!"

Advertiser: Warner-Lambert

Lush Life H P5 S SA

Fox, 9/9 – Georgette, one series star, lounges in bed with her semi-nude sexmate when her good friend Margot interrupts. Denson, the bartender, is the series' recurring homosexual character.

Advertiser: AT&T

September 23 H P4 S

Margot scolds Georgette for staying out and having sex all night. Georgette pushes Margot (who's just left her husband) to start dating. Denson urges Margot to flirt with a man at the bar – Denson knows he's straight because he rebuffed Denson's homosexual advances. When Margot tells her mother she's got a date, Mom stops by to bring her condoms.

Advertisers: Disney, McDonald's

Mad About You H P6

NBC, 9/17 – The story revolves around Debbie Buchman as she introduces her lesbian sex partner to her parents. Debbie is the sister of series star Paul.

Advertisers: Levi Strauss, General Mills

Married...with Children P8 S

Fox, 9/28 – Crude sex jokes (15 or more) and ugly insults (at least 25) fill this 11th season premiere episode.

Advertisers: MCI, Warner-Lambert

Melrose Place H P11 S SA

Fox, 9/9 – The fifth season premiere resumes the backstabbing, bed-hopping, friend-betraying, lying, cheating, conning, cursing, drug-abusing, murderous, self-serving ways of the ensemble cast of seedy characters.

September 16

H P13 S SA

Matt, the series homosexual, gets so zonked on drugs (which he illegally procured with a stolen prescription pad from his friend Michael) that he fails the med school test he took the drugs to study for.

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Men Behaving Badly P4 S

NBC, 9/18 – Series stars Sara and Kevin are sex partners. Jamie, the third star, is obsessed with sex and snoops through his new neighbor's things to discover nude photos. Kevin burns his condoms, having decided that he and Sara should have a baby.

Advertiser: Sears

New York Undercover AC P15 V PC

Fox, 8/29 – A very politically correct script focuses on the burning of black churches. Police assume the arsons are the work of the Free Christian Right Coalition, which the lieutenant describes as "your average racist militia." There is frequent use of news clips from civil rights disturbances of the '60s.

September 5 P11 V

Part two of the same story resolves the arson cases. Those guilty have no connection to the Free Christian Right Coalition. One scene features a man throwing another through a window to his death.

Advertisers: AT&T, McDonald's, PepsiCo

Party Girl P1 S

Fox, 9/9 – The debut episode opens at a party where Neal says to Mary (the hostess and series star), "Usually when I come to one of your parties, you fix me up. I've been working the door for 10 minutes and I haven't seen any action. I feel like a virgin! By the way, did you invite any?" Follow that with jokes about sexual bondage and you have the essence of the series.

September 16 P4 S

There are virginity jokes, double entendres regarding men's genital size and other sexual themes. Mary, series star, offers to have sex with a man to secure an exhibit for the library where she works.

September 23 H P3 S SA

A dozen sex innuendo jokes, substance abuse jokes sperm jokes and feminine hygiene jokes fill the dialogue. Mary's friend Derrick, a regular character, is identified as homosexual.

Advertiser: Procter & Gamble

■ Point of No Return P5 V

Fox, 8/27 – The movie opens with four young thugs robbing a store and shooting the owner when he confronts them. Maggie, apparently the one who murdered the store owner, is then offered a deal to “do something for your country,” i.e. work for a federal agency as a hit woman. Gun battles and martial arts scenes are frequent.

Advertisers: Levi Strauss, PepsiCo, Procter & Gamble

■ Relativity H P24 S

ABC, 9/28 – Everett talks with his future mother-in-law while Isabel (his fiancée) has sex with Leo, her newly-met sex partner. Isabel finally calls off the wedding. Leo's sister moves in with him because her lesbian partner kicked her out.

Advertiser: McDonald's

■ Ricochet P13 V

ABC, 9/15 – Drug deals, shoot-outs, men diving through glass and recreational murder are major elements. Profanity and crude expressions abound. In the climax, hero and villain fight it out high above the street on a steel tower where the latter is graphically impaled on a sharp spike.

Advertisers: MCI, PepsiCo

■ Roseanne H P8

ABC, 8/27 – Roseanne's mother and grandmother insult each other regarding the size of their breasts; grandma doesn't

The Good Stuff

■ Cosby +

CBS, 9/23 – Bill Cosby's unique brand of humor is back in this sitcom. Hilton, the lead character, has lost his long-time job at the airline when the company released 10,000 people. Hilton is distraught that no one gave him a farewell party, and he imagines that his wife and friends are trying to surprise him with a party. In another storyline, he practices card tricks for a children's charity benefit show. There's no profanity, no violence and no illicit sex.

Advertisers: Sears, Nissan

■ Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman +

CBS, 9/21 – The story line follows a gang of train robbers who are terrorizing the community. Though there is violence – a train crash and a robber shooting the train engineer – there is no graphic, bloody scene.

Advertiser: PM/General Foods

■ Promised Land +

CBS, 10/1 – Russell Greene and family travel across the country, partially in search of his brother Joe, an unstable Vietnam vet. Along the way the Greens – including his wife, his mother, Dinah (about 12), Josh (16) and Joe's son Nathaniel (about 9) – encounter people with various needs and help them deal with their problems.

Advertisers: PM/General Foods, RJR Nabisco

■ Second Noah +

ABC, 9/14 – Rickey, 18, and his girlfriend Darby have an auto accident. He's okay, but Darby is in a coma. Rickey's family, the Becketts, pray for Darby's recovery, and in one touching scene at the hospital, Rickey reads selected verses from the Bible to the unconscious Darby. She comes out of her coma as Rickey is on his knees praying.

Advertisers: McDonald's, PepsiCo (KFC)

■ Touched by an Angel +

CBS, 8/24 – A father's relationship to his wife and his son are restored in this drama when angels Tess and Monica intervene to help each family member better understand the others.

Advertiser: McDonald's

■ Ushuaia: The Ultimate Adventure +

NBC, 8/31 – This hour-long special features Nicolas Hulot, a French journalist and adventurer for whom “unusual stunts are a way of life.” In this feature, Hulot hangs upside down from a hang glider, explores the caverns of an active volcano beneath snow in Iceland, pets a whale shark off the coast of Australia, pilots a hot air balloon from 1,000 feet down inside a Sierra Madras cave and walks steel girders of a skyscraper under construction hundreds of feet above busy New York City streets.

Advertiser: S. C. Johnson

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know how many times she's been married. Leon, his sex mate Scott, and lesbian Nancy all are guests at the wedding of Darlene and David.

September 24 H P7

Leon, Roseanne's homosexual business partner, shows up for a party celebrating Roseanne and Dan's winning the state lottery.

Advertisers: Disney, McDonald's

■ The Single Guy P9 S

NBC, 9/5 – Illicit sex reigns as series star Jonathan runs into his college prof with whom he once had sex. Now the woman is engaged to Jon's father.

October 3 AC P2 S

Rev. Fuller is an inept, pitiful caricature of a weak-willed, wimpy, incompetent preacher who enlists Jonathan (who knows nothing of religion, much less Christianity) to write his sermons.

Sam, another major character, makes a mockery of Christian faith, one minute praising God for his healing and the next urging Jon to hit on a pretty woman in the choir. Jon and the woman have sex on their first date, and after their sexual affair continues for a time, Jon doesn't even know the woman's last name.

Advertiser: PepsiCo
(Taco Bell, KFC)

■ Something So Right H P4

NBC, 9/17 – Carly (mother of Will and Sara – who have different fathers) marries Jack (father of Nicole). The five try to plan a traditional family Sunday dinner, but Will says, "I'm going to the circus on Sunday with my dad and Heather and her ex-husband and his step-kids."

Then Sara explains, "...I was supposed to have dinner with my dad and stepmom. Maryann's son from her first marriage is getting married for the second time. His fiancée has her kids for the weekend, so they're coming. Plus, Dad's cousin Phyllis is bringing her

Hallmark produces pro-homosexual TV

Hallmark Entertainment, previously known for making family-friendly programs, was the producer of a recent pro-homosexual TV movie on ABC. The company is a division of Hallmark Cards, Inc. Interestingly, Hallmark aired no commercials in the movie. **Hallmark Cards, Inc., Chrm. Donald J. Hall, P.O. Box 419580, Kansas City, MO 64141.**

■ Two Mothers for Zachary H P9

ABC, 9/22 – Keith and Jody try to reconcile their marital problems while their baby is being born, but about six months later, they divorce. Jody then "falls in love" and moves in with her lesbian lover Maggie. Jody's mother sues for and eventually gets custody of Jody's young son; she is, of course, narrow-minded, bigoted and hateful. Jody and Maggie are caring, compassionate people who take the moral high road.

One camera close-up features a lingering, mouth-to-mouth lesbian kiss.

Advertisers: Nissan, Sears, Warner-Lambert

girlfriend, and she's bringing her kids. And Grandpa met this really nice black woman in rehab, and they're coming. Dad was hoping to have a traditional family dinner of his own."

In another scene, Carly has a co-worker lie to one ex-husband on the telephone.

Advertisers: Disney, Levi Strauss

■ Spin City H P4 S

ABC, 9/17 – Illicit sex is a major theme of this debut episode. New York City Deputy Mayor Michael Flaherty, the main character, lives with his sex mate Ashley, a reporter. To appease homosexual activists, Flaherty hires a homosexual man on the mayor's staff.

Advertiser: Sears

September 24 H P7 S

Sexual double entendre, child sex and crude euphemisms keep illicit and perverted sex a primary theme in the story. Michael's inability to perform sexually is a major focus of dialogue.

October 1 H P2 S

Carter, the homosexual, and Michael discuss the frustrations of living without a regular sex partner. Carter shares his touching experience of having his last sex mate leave him after more than two years living together.

Advertiser: PepsiCo (Pizza Hut, Taco Bell)

■ Suddenly Susan P6 S SA

NBC, 9/19 – Susan, the main character, bolts from the altar in the middle of her own wedding. The next day she gets a job with a magazine published by Jack, brother of the man she jilted. That night she and a female co-worker go out and get drunk.

September 26 H P10 S

The magazine staff discuss a trendy new restaurant where men have to have sex with the head waiter in order to get a reservation. Todd declines casual sex with a beautiful woman, explaining he's celibate – it enhances his creative ability. Of course, she eventually seduces him.

Advertiser: Levi Strauss

■ 3rd Rock From the Sun H P1 S

NBC, 9/12 – Dick, an alien and the series star, dresses as a woman to infiltrate an all-female study group to which Dr. Albright (object of Dick's sexual desires) belongs. Double entendres and Dick's dress lead members to assume he is a lesbian. A lesbian then assumes that Dr. Albright, too, must be lesbian and sends her flowers.

Advertisers: Disney, Procter & Gamble

■ Tombstone P49 V

Fox, 9/17 – Hero and villain, good and evil are pretty clearly contrasted, but the deluge of profanity and countless gunshots and lots of graphic bloody scenes fill this old west

movie about Wyatt Earp and his brothers.

Advertisers: AT&T, Procter & Gamble

■ Townies AC P6 S

ABC, 9/18 – In an early scene, series star Carrie and Curt go to Shannon's apartment, awaken her and ask, "Where'd you end up last night?"

"I don't remember," Shannon responds.

"Who's the naked guy in the bathroom?" Curt inquires.

"It's starting to come back to me."

In other words, Shannon was so drunk she doesn't even know who she brought home and had sex with.

In another scene Carrie's mother is upset that Carrie doesn't go to church. "I don't know where I'd be without the church!" she exclaims.

"Divorced and happy?" Carrie retorts.

Advertisers: PepsiCo, Warner-Lambert

■ Under Siege P22 S V

ABC, 10/3 – Headed home for decommissioning, the USS Missouri is hijacked by a deranged ship's officer and a psychopathic ex-CIA agent. Star Steven Segal uses violence as liberally as do the villains. In one scene sailors ogle porn magazines, and the movie's heroine is a stripper.

Advertiser: Sears

CULTURE

Another deadly drug threatens teen and college crowd

A deadly new drug is now on the streets and teenagers across the country are getting caught in its clutches, sometimes with deadly consequences. The drug is called gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB). It goes by the street name of "Easy Lay" and as that slang term implies, it is used widely to tranquilize young girls and expose them to rapes and sexual attacks. Cases linked to the drug have been reported from California to Florida.

Authorities are particularly troubled because it can be made in home laboratories with instructions available over the Internet. The odorless, tasteless drug is usually placed into the victim's drink. Poison control officials say this is a dangerous proposition because the amount of drug used to knock someone out is barely lower than the amount that is lethal.

GHB is drawing comparisons to another "date-rape" drug called Rohypnol, but police say GHB is even more sinister, because it can be formulated in clandestine labs while Rohypnol is usually smuggled in from countries like Mexico.

Time, 9/30/96

Booze ads return to airwaves

Hard liquor commercials are heading back to television in selected cities across the country. House of Seagram is breaking ranks with the Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S who has put a self-imposed ban on the selling of liquor on television. Two New Hampshire stations, whose signals can be seen in Boston have inked deals to carry advertisements for two Seagram brands.

According to an *Advertising Age* article, stations in Texas, Illinois, Iowa and Michigan are close to agreeing to air the liquor commercials. The report says "if Seagram's is successful in breaking down the TV barrier with no discernible backlash, other distillers are sure to follow."

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Reed Hundt has expressed concern about Seagram's ads. "We should be very concerned about this troubling new development in the use of the public's airwaves," he said. He also said the FCC has received a complaint from the group Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The group urged the FCC also to clamp down on beer advertising.

Alcohol-related traffic accidents claim nearly 18,000 lives a year nationally. A 1992 Justice Department study showed

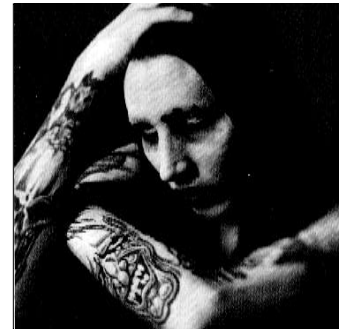
Devilworshipping rocker steps up attack on Christianity

Satanic death-rock band Marilyn Manson returns to the record store with a new album called *Antichrist Superstar*, while the ties to satanism of the band's leader and namesake grow even deeper.

"The writings of Anton LaVey (founder of the Church of Satan) led me to come out of my shell and inspired me in many ways," said Manson in the music magazine *huH*. The one thing Manson seems most inspired to do is to keep up a relentless attack on Christians and Christianity. "For me, the idea of Antichrist is an unspoken knowledge that every person has; it's just the denial of God and the acceptance of yourself as a powerful entity that can make their own decisions."

Marilyn Manson, the band, saw their last album *Smells Like Children* gain mainstream (read: teenage record buyer) acceptance. Fans eagerly anticipate their new work, *Antichrist Superstar*. Therein lies the danger as described best by the man who fronts the band. "I think every time people listen to this new album, maybe God will be destroyed in their heads and they'll become themselves...."

huH, 10/96



52% of people jailed for DWI had previous drunken driving convictions and 16% had three or more. More than half of the 5,675 convicted offenders surveyed admitted to having consumed the equivalent of about 12 bottles of beer before their arrest and 29% said they had consumed the equivalent of 22. In addition, 90% of campus rapes and 95% of violent crimes are alcohol-related, according to The National Commission of Substance Abuse at Colleges and Universities.

Write: Chairman Reed Hundt, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20554.

Advertising Age, 9/23/96; Wall Street Journal, 10/7/96; 12/31/94; 6/8/94

EDUCATION

Private education with public money shows signs of working

School vouchers work. So says a new study by Harvard and University of Houston researchers. The two schools analyzed 1,000 students in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area who were using publicly funded vouchers to pay for private schooling. The results show the students scored an average of 11% points higher on mathematics tests, and nearly five points higher in reading skills. Researchers say the better learning could be due to safer schools, higher parental satisfaction and other factors.

The only drawback to the voucher experiment is that the public monies can't be used to send children to church-based

schools. Judge Paul Higginbotham says to allow parents to use the vouchers for church education would violate the separation of church and state doctrine of the Constitution.

USA Today, 8/13/96; 8/16/96

Study shows student ignorance about western culture

Multicultural activists routinely lament the allegedly disproportionate emphasis American colleges place on the study of Western civilization. But if students are really spending too much time learning about the history and literature of the West, why is it that a whopping 79% of graduating college seniors can't identify Plato as the author of *The Republic*, one of the monumental works in the Western intellectual tradition?

This statistic comes from a recent study conducted by the University of Connecticut's Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. The authors of the study questioned 500 students from all types of colleges and universities. The survey, which has a sampling error of 4.5 percentage points, found that:

- Only 24% of students questioned knew that the phrase "government of the people, by the people, for the people" is part of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.
- 84% didn't know Harry Truman was President at the start of the Korean War.
- 71% couldn't identify Martin Luther as the founder of the Protestant movement.
- 70% didn't know Geoffrey Chaucer is the author of *The Canterbury Tales*.

Campus, Fall/96

ENTERTAINMENT**'Morals' undergoes makeover before making CBS debut**

The people have spoken and the controversial CBS series **Public Morals** is undergoing a major overhaul. Flooded by petitions from viewers, CBS affiliates from across the country stood up to the network bosses and called for changes in the Steven Bochco produced program.

Nashville, Tennessee, affiliate WTVF-TV told CBS management the show would not air in their market without editing for language. In addition, the season premiere of the show was pushed to the middle of October, well behind the season debut of other new shows. The delay cripples the sitcom's chance of securing a consistent audience since viewers will have already formed new viewing habits.

Local program managers say they will monitor **Public Morals**, and if the language is not cleaned up, the "sanitized" version could still be preempted.

Blasphemous artist sneaks work into rock CD cover

Your teen may have a piece of art by Andres Serrano. However, they probably aren't aware they purchased a work by the man who created the blasphemous "P--s Christ" exhibition, where a photo was taken of a crucifix submerged in a jar of urine. Serrano's entry into a teenager's life comes on the cover artwork of the new album by the group Metallica. The cover to the group's *Load* album is a reproduction of a Serrano photograph entitled "Semen and Blood III." The sickening name does not convey the composition of the photograph, a mixture of the artist's own semen and cow's blood pressed between two sheets of plexiglass.

Media Update, 9-10/96

Diocese divests Disney stock

Two more Catholic groups are dumping Disney stock. The Tulsa Diocese and its neighbor in Oklahoma City are both getting rid of their stock in the company. The Oklahoma City group says it divested itself of the Disney stock because of the company's recent sojourn into properties that are considered anti-Catholic and objectionable to many Christians.

Tulsa World 9/20/96

GOVERNMENT**Castro cheerleader now top man at public broadcasting**

A backer of Fidel Castro's revolution

in Cuba is now the head of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's Board of Directors.

The announcement of Alan Sagner as the new board chief talks about his business and civic background pointing out his tenure as Chairman of the New York/New Jersey Port Authority. It also talks about his career as an active backer of the Democratic party including roles in the Clinton-Gore campaign. President Clinton appointed Sagner to the CPB board in 1994.

The new CPB chairman's biography does not list his \$1000 donation to the Clinton Legal Defense Fund. It also sees fit to overlook the New Jersey businessman's role as a founding member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, an organization which supported Castro's takeover of the country.

Sagner's election to the chairmanship came despite protests from members of Congress. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) questioned Sagner's motives, writing in a letter to Sen. Larry Pressler that "the election of Mr. Sagner as Chairman of the CPB Board inevitably calls into question Mr. Sagner's future plan for the board as well as PBS broadcasting in general."

Washington Times, 9/17/96

Artist stomps on taxpayers; Serrano surfaces at Smithsonian

Taxpayers are getting the golden fleece, literally, in New York. In the latest abuse of tax dollars in the name of art, a New York artist is painting the steps of a bridge gold and calling it an example of art in the public domain.

Thirty-six-year-old Chris Doyle is the artist involved in the spending of \$7500, part of which are public funds, to paint the steps of the Williamsburg Bridge. Even the artist doesn't know if what he does is truly art. "I'm not sure it matters whether it falls into the category of art," said Doyle.

Down the East Coast, infamous artist Andres Serrano, received a headlining show at the Smithsonian Institution. Serrano is best known for his National Endowment for the Arts funded-exhibit "P--s Christ" in which he submerged a crucifix in a jar of his own urine. Serrano is still using shocking, gross themes in his work. Among his latest creations is a close-up graphic photograph of a used sanitary napkin.

The Smithsonian's decision to highlight Serrano is drawing the ire of religious groups across the country. In a letter to the museum's communications director, The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights questioned what, besides Serrano's blasphemous attack on Christ,

qualified him for a center stage exhibit at the country's premier museum. Catholic League President William Donohue was particularly galled at the obvious double standard shown by the museum and on a larger scale the federal government. Donohue wrote "...if an artist were to reverentially treat a symbol held sacred by Catholics and Protestants, would he or she receive public funding or recognition by the state? No, then all we would hear is the chorus about church and state. Again, the duplicity is obvious."

New York Times, 9/11/96;

Washington Times, 9/18/96

HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA**Disney union says domestic benefits policy discriminates**

The Walt Disney Company's decision to offer health benefits to the unmarried sex partners of its homosexual workers is now causing discord within the company. The largest union at the entertainment giant says Disney is discriminating against the heterosexual work force by giving benefits to unmarried homosexuals, but refusing to give the same treatment to the partners of its unmarried heterosexual workers. The Services Trades Union Council says Disney is violating the latest labor agreement which "prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or marital status."

Out (online), 9/25/96

Universal Studios, Sea World align for Gay Day 1997

Two more of Orlando, Florida's major theme parks are now aligning with the homosexual movement, but unlike Disney World, which disavows any official tie to the June event, Universal Studios and Sea World are openly courting the homosexuals. Universal City Travel Company is creating a vacation package that includes tickets to Universal Studios and Sea World as well as accommodations at Orlando area hotels. Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Florida will market the package in exchange for a portion of the proceeds.

Disney officials would not comment on the new travel packages, choosing only to dispute the estimated 40-60,000 attendance figure which Gay and Lesbian Community Service cited for the 1996 Gay Day at Disney. Disney said the number was half that, but did not explain how the company, which claims to have no ties to Gay Day, would have on hand an estimate of the number of homosexuals who were in the park for this event June 1.

Orlando Sentinel, 9/19/96

Homosexual agenda derailed by 104th Con-

Gay rights advocates have taken a double defeat in Washington, but the struggle between pro-family forces and the homosexual supporters is far from over.

The Senate fired the first salvo when it overwhelmingly approved the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). DOMA bars federal recognition of marriages between same-sex couples, but does not prevent individual states from legalizing the illicit unions.

The second piece of federal legislation also went towards the backers of values but by a razor thin margin and with promise of future battles. Under workplace discrimination laws, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) would have given homosexuality legal protection equaled to that enjoyed by such categories as race, nationality or gender. The vote on ENDA was 50-49, with one senator absent, Arkansas Sen. David Pryor. Had the Democrat been present, indications are he would have supported ENDA and forced a 50-50 tie to be broken by Vice-President Al Gore, who had said he would support ENDA. Buoyed by this scenario, some politicians are already calling for the gay rights bill to be reattached to other legislation and presented to the Senate again.

The homosexual lobbying groups are rallying their troops for another fight. "We came within a breath of victory..." said Elizabeth Birch of the pro-gay Human Rights Campaign. "We'll hit the ground running in the 105th Congress."

That's exactly the attitude family rights advocates expected from the homosexual movement. Robert Knight of the Family Research Council said that Congress is in need of education about the homosexual agenda. "A wide effort must be made to bring the public the truth about the immorality and unhealthiness of homosexual activity and the hope that lies in the ex-homosexual movement. Knight also called on families to increase their communication with corporate America and persuade them to turn back from their embrace of homosexual activism.

New York Times, 9/11/96

These Senators voted "no" on DOMA. All are Democrats.

CA Barbara Boxer
CA Dianne Feinstein
HI Daniel K. Akaka
HI Daniel K. Inouye
IL Carol Moseley-Braun
IL Paul Simon
MA Edward M. Kennedy
MA John F. Kerry
NE J. Robert Kerrey
NY Daniel Patrick Moynihan
OR Ron Wyden
RI Claiborne Pell
VA Charles S. Robb
WI Russell D. Feingold

CT Christopher J. Dodd
CT Joseph I. Lieberman
DE Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
FL Bob Graham
HI Daniel K. Akaka
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IA Tom Harkin
IL Carol Moseley-Braun
IL Paul Simon
LA J. Bennett Johnston
LA John B. Breaux
MA Edward M. Kennedy
MA John F. Kerry
MD Barbara A. Mikulski
MD Paul S. Sarbanes
ME (R) Olympia J. Snowe
ME (R) William S. Cohen
MI Carl Levin

These Senators voted "yes" on ENDA. All are Democrats except where noted.

AR Dale Bumpers
CA Barbara Boxer
CA Dianne Feinstein

MN Paul Wellstone
MT Max Baucus
ND Byron L. Dorgan
ND Kent Conrad
NE J. Robert Kerrey

NJ Bill Bradley
NJ Frank R. Lautenberg
NM Jeff Bingaman
NV Harry Reid
NV Richard H. Bryan
NY (R) Alfonse D'Amato
NY Daniel Patrick Moynihan
OH John Glenn
OR Ron Wyden
OR (R) Mark O. Hatfield
PA (R) Arlen Specter
RI Claiborne Pell
RI (R) John H. Chafee
SC Ernest F. Hollings
SD Thomas A. Daschle
VA Charles S. Robb
VT (R) James M. Jeffords
VT Patrick J. Leahy
WA Patty Murray
WA Herb Kohl
WI Russell D. Feingold
WV John D. Rockefeller, IV
WY (R) Alan K. Simpson

Lesbian tapes Sesame Street

Lesbian singer Melissa Etheridge, who made waves recently with the announcement she and her lesbian lover are going to have a child, is bringing her show closer to kids. Etheridge has taped an appearance on the popular children's show **Sesame Street**. During her visit with Big Bird and the bunch, the homosexual songstress performs a song called *Like the Way U Does*, which is an ode to the letter "U" in keeping with the Sesame Street tradition of teaching with music.

USA Today, 8/30/96

Boulder creates same-sex setup

Same-sex marriages may violate both

the laws of nature and nation, but that has not stopped Boulder, Colorado, from coming up with a pseudo-sanction.

Homosexual couples can now get "domestic partnership" certificates as part of Boulder's registry for unmarried couples. To get the certificate, homosexual and heterosexual couples who are not married plop down \$25 and sign a statement saying they are "in a relationship of mutual support, caring, and commitment and intend to stay so." Boulder's registry even provides the option of a pseudo-divorce to go along with the pseudo-marriage. If a couple breaks up, they are required to tell the city clerk of the split.

Associated Press, 7/1/96

Denver okays domestic partner benefits for homosexuals

Denver, Colorado, will start spending \$150,000 annually to discriminate against heterosexuals. The Denver City Council has voted to provide health insurance benefits to the partners of its homosexual employees who only have to swear they are in a "committed and exclusive" relationship with a same-sex partner. The new personnel policy does not extend benefits to unmarried partners of heterosexual employees. Scriptural wisdom says that no unmarried sex partner, homosexual or heterosexual, should be equated with a spouse.

The city will spend the \$150,000 each year to pay the health premiums of the homosexual employees partners.

Associated Press, 9/18/96

Poll: keep homosexual agenda out of America's schools

The teaching of homosexual subjects in America's schools is not wanted by the majority of adults in the country.

The annual Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup poll of public school attitudes reveals an across the board disapproval of gay and lesbian lessons. Sixty-three percent of all those polled are against the idea. When you consider only adults with children in school, the number rises with 64% of those parents of public school children opposed. For those parents who send their offspring to private schools, the disapproval rate climbs to 75%.

Homosexual presence in extracurricular activities is taboo as well. Fifty-eight percent of those polled say gay and lesbian clubs should not be sanctioned as an extracurricular activity in public schools.

IBM, American Express continue support of homosexuality

IBM and American Express are continuing their courtship of homosexual couples.

The computer giant is tightening its ties to the group by preparing to offer health insurance coverage to the sex partners of the company's homosexual workers. The move to cover the gay and lesbians will put IBM in the position of choosing to discriminate against some of its heterosexual workers. The New York-based conglomerate will not allow heterosexual workers to apply for health benefits for their unmarried partners.

American Express is also on the brink of insuring its homosexual workers' sex mates but the financial services company is taking its sympathetic attitude toward gays

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4-color Mitchell Tolle ad spread

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and lesbians to another level. American Express Financial Advisors is now reducing sales charges on selected mutual funds – a discount American Express previously had reserved for married couples of children of current clients.

Wall Street Journal, 9/20/96;
The Advocate, 10/1/96

Drug abuse continues out of control among homosexuals

There's more evidence citing rampant drug use in the homosexual community. During a fund raiser for the Gay Men's Health Crisis in Fire Island, New York, at least 17 party goers were involved in a situation involving illegal drugs and alcohol. One person at the gay fund-raiser collapsed into a coma and was airlifted to a hospital for treatment. An additional half-dozen also required medical treatment for drug and alcohol intoxication. Ten people also were charged with possession of controlled substances. Organizers of the event were rather flippant about the goings on, saying "the attention was focused on the wrong subject."

The Advocate, 9/30/96

Sprint races to add

On the record

"Christian belief is definitely one of those things that, until you get to a certain level in the business, you don't talk about much...if you know what's good for you."

Unnamed Walt Disney Company employee, Focus on the Family "Citizen" magazine, 8/26/96

"Many religious leaders now say that while 'homosexual behavior' is sinful, 'homosexuality itself' is not."

Gary David Comstock, author of "Unrepentant, Self-affirming, Practicing: Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay People Within Organized Religion"

"If any organization can succeed in bringing changes at Disney, it's Wildmon's American Family Association."

Joann Muller, Boston Globe columnist

"In my flesh, I want to live; but Father in my spirit, you know I want to surrender to whatever Your will is. Lord, it's hard. But if You're with me, who am I to question what is best?"

Baseball star Brett Butler when he learned he had cancer

"I do not feel any sorrow, any remorse

homosexual friendly policies

"Have lover, will travel" is the domestic partnership policy to which long distance phone company Sprint is adhering. Homosexual workers at Sprint who are transferred to another city by the company are allowed to take along their same-sex lover under what Sprint calls its "trailing spouse" domestic partnership policy. According to Sprint's Director of Corporate Benefits Planning and Strategy Randy Parker, Sprint will give the domestic partner lost pay if he leaves a job to relocate with the Sprint employee being transferred. Other amenities extended by Sprint include paying for a job search and preparation of a new resume.

RELIGION

Flynt biopic attacks Christians before release

A new film on the life of pornographer Larry Flynt is already sending out signs that it will be less than complimentary toward religion.

The Motion Picture Association of America is already ordering the film's producers to redesign advertising posters

for my actions."

John Royster, murder and rape suspect who watched porn film for inspiration. "Entertainment Today Weekly Fax Report," 9/17/96

"It is tragically ironic that at the very time we are wringing our hands about violent behavior among young people, we are simultaneously entertaining them with it."

David Walsh, president of the National Institute on Media and the Family. "Entertainment Today Weekly Fax Report," 9/10/96

"The American dream is about becoming the best you can be. It's not about your bank account, the kind of car you drive, or the brand of clothes you wear. It's about using your gifts and abilities to be all that God meant for you to be."

Congressman J.C. Watts (R-OK) in a speech at the GOP Convention

"I'm especially proud to be the first president ever to endorse a civil rights bill that specifically includes gay and lesbian Americans...."

President Bill Clinton in remarks to the OutVote '96 Convention held in Chicago in August by the homosexual-advocacy organization Human Rights Campaign

for **The People Versus Larry Flynt**. The movie ratings board says the artwork is overtly sexual and patently offensive to Christians. It shows actor Woody Harrelson dressed in a diaper and standing in a crucifix position. The scene also includes a bikini clad woman.

Columbia Pictures, which is distributing the film about the porn producer, says it will comply with the order and redesign the poster. **The People Versus Larry Flynt** is scheduled for release during the Christmas season.

Hollywood Reporter, 9/11/96;
Mr. Showbiz Online, 9/10/96

Indiana teacher banned from classroom because of faith

An Indiana man has been stripped of his right to be a substitute teacher in the South Bend school district because of his religious beliefs. Peter Helland was told he was being dropped as a possible substitute teacher in part because while tending to a class he read from the Bible, and supported the theory of creation.

South Bend Community School Corporation admits his religious beliefs were part of the reason he was blacklisted as a substitute, but adds that Helland also failed to implement a study plan and control classrooms. A lawsuit Helland filed against the South Bend schools has been unsuccessful so far, but the deposed teacher vows he will appeal his case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

South Bend Tribune, 8/27/96

PORNOGRAPHY

Porn industry dishonorably discharged from U.S. military

Pro-family groups, including the American Family Association (AFA), are celebrating a sweeping victory against pornography with the passage of the National Security Authorization Bill. The bill includes an amendment that would ban the sale or rental of sexually explicit material at Defense Department facilities.

"We have been pushing for our government to get out of the smut business for over ten years," said Donald E. Wildmon, president of AFA. "There is no question that taxpayer-subsidized porn demeans the reputation of our military, degrades women and is harmful to military families. We are very pleased that Congress has finally put an end to it."

The bill passed in the Senate by a 73-26 vote. The Senate amendment is identical to The Military Honor and Decency Act introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressmen Christopher Smith (R-

NJ), Robert Dornan (R-CA) and Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD). The administration has announced that the President will sign the bill. It becomes effective 90 days thereafter.

The amendment prohibits the sale or rental of sexually explicit material anywhere on U.S. military property including ship stores, commissaries, PXs and facilities operated by military exchange services. That means that 12.6 million copies of more than 200 pornographic magazines distributed annually on U.S. military installations are history.

Hollywood plans onslaught of movies on porn industry

The pornographic film industry continues to operate in the shadows of its mainstream film counterparts, but now the two are about to become intertwined. For some reason, mainstream Hollywood has taken an interest in making movies about the people who make porn movies and publish pornographic magazines.

The most visible is **The People Versus Larry Flynt**, a Columbia Pictures production chronicling the life of pornographic magazine publisher Larry Flynt. It is an obvious understatement that a movie about a pornographic magazine like *Hustler* would be pornographic itself. The only question is how much sex and skin will be shown.

Early indications are that Flynt will have as much sex and nudity as the ratings board will allow without giving it an NC-17 rating. Even before the film went into production, lawyers were consulted to discuss how scenes could be shot without running into legal troubles. Janet Yang, who is co-producing the movie set for a December release, provides an ominous foreshadowing of what is likely to emerge in the final print when she told *Entertainment Weekly* magazine "We know it's not going to shock people any more just to see nudity."

The People Versus Larry Flynt also has an automatic link to teenagers in that it features rock singer Courtney Love. Love is the widow of the troubled singer Kurt Cobain, who committed suicide. Love has picked up a following of her own in the wake of her husband's death. In the movie, Love portrays a stripper and is involved in the required nude scene which will provide a dangerous springboard for teens who are drawn to the film by Love's music career and who wind up being exposed to pornography.

Other porn movies about porn movies in the pipeline include **Boogie Nights**. That film focuses on how people are recruited

Pornography claims another victim

Rev. William L. Van Valkenburg of Seneca, Michigan, recently wrote AFA of Michigan State Director Bill Johnson with a tragic story that illustrates the devastation that pornography can wreak on lives. Here is an excerpt from that letter.

Three years ago this summer I conducted the wedding ceremony for a beautiful young couple. It was held in the bride's parents' back yard which included a beautiful park-like setting. I can still see that white limousine pulling up to the end of the walkway and the pretty bride and her attendants climbing out in order to begin the wedding procession. On Friday, September 6, that beautiful young bride of three years ago died at the hands of her husband, tragically leaving behind a two-year-old daughter and a three-month-old daughter. Did the husband intentionally murder his wife? NO! Instead, they had gotten involved with watching various sexually oriented materials, some of which included bondage. On that Friday afternoon, while having a sexual relationship, the husband had wrapped duct tape around his wife's wrists and then placed duct tape over her mouth and nose.... She hyperventilated and died before the husband knew what was going on.

...Here is a 27-year-old young man...lost his wife, lost his two daughters, will lose his job, his house and all his possessions...all because of the influence of pornographic materials.

to star in pornographic films. It has a script calling for full frontal nudity from men and women.

The Mitchell Brothers is a picture about pornographic movie pioneers Jim and Artie Mitchell. Another film currently in production is the most blatant example of Hollywood's penchant for gratuitous sex. It's called **Good Vibrations** and is based on the flimsy premise of exploring the adult sex toy business.

Entertainment Weekly, 9/20/96

Hawaiian Tropic, Playboy use porn to promote product

A Florida company has closely aligned itself with *Playboy* magazine to promote its popular line of sun-care products.

Hawaiian Tropic sun-care products, made by Tanning Research Labs of Daytona Beach, has allowed its name to be used on a Playboy video entitled **The Girls of Hawaiian Tropic, Naked in Paradise**. The models featured in the video were also the subject of a pornographic pictorial feature in April, 1995, issue of *Playboy*.

The models were contestants in Hawaiian Tropic's bikini contest held annually in Daytona Beach. The contest is touted as "the world's most renowned bikini contest." Hawaiian Tropic also sponsors "Little Miss" contest for young girls held in Orlando.

Hawaiian Tropic products are sold in thousands of stores nationwide. Some of the larger retailers include:

➤ Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Chairman S. Robson Walton, 702 South West 8th Street, Bentonville, AR 72716, 501-273-4000.

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➤ Walgreen Company, Chairman/CEO Charles R. Walgreen III, 200 Wilmont Road, Deerfield, IL 60015, 707-940-2500.

RELIGION

Christians die for their faith

1996 will be recorded as one of the most violent years for Christian persecution. The secular human rights group Freedom House has just completed a report proving that religious persecution is still a harsh fact heading into the 21st century.

The Freedom House's Puebla Program on Religious Freedom studied eight countries with the worst records of religious persecution. Those nations include China, Sudan, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, Egypt and Nigeria. Specific examples cited in the report included China's circulation of arrest warrants for 3,000 evangelical preachers. In the Sudan, Christian children are apprehended in the southern part of the country, then sold at open-air slave markets for as little as \$15.

Saudi Arabia has decreed there will be no public expression of Christianity. In December, 1995, Saudi authorities arrested, beat and then jailed seven Indian nationals for conducting a private Christmas service. For more information on the Puebla Program, contact Freedom House at 202-296-5101.

PRO-FAMILY ACTIVISTS MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD

AFA of Texas topples Texas Triangle

One less homosexual newspaper is now espousing the virtues of the sinful lifestyle. The Texas Triangle printed its last edition October 10, thanks in large part to efforts of the American Family Association of Texas.

AFA of Texas helped orchestrate an advertiser boycott of the paper by showing mainstream companies exactly what the editorial content of the gay newspaper was about. Central to that editorial slant was a series of cartoons glorifying incest and pedophilia.

Editors of the gay paper deny the AFA efforts played any role in its demise and at one point actually claimed an increase in advertisers because of the AFA of Texas boycott. That stance is contradicted by a story in the Austin American Statesman which stated the publication had difficulty bringing in enough money from advertising sales to keep up with expenses. The mainstream Austin paper failed to report the AFA of Texas boycott in its story about the demise of the homosexual publication.



Pennsylvanians have adult night spot quaking

A scrappy bunch of protesters wearing blaze-orange construction vests have endured rain, snow, sleet and heat in their battle to shut down a strip joint near their neighborhood in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

The coalition, which numbers 160 volunteers and 40 substitutes, consists of teens and truck drivers, retirees and clergy. The group is literally working around the clock to warn people about the dangers of this particular strip club and pornography in general. The volunteers man two-hour, four-person shifts to act as a human humiliation barrier. "A lot of the guys that pull off the highway never make it inside because they get embarrassed and go back," said Rose Diller the chairwoman of SCRAP, Shippensburg Citizens Rally Against Pornography. Just outside the joint's privacy fence and facing an interstate, the group sponsors a billboard that declares: "Pornography Picket At This Exit."

"We have had quite a few appeals for help from men who say that they are addicted to sex," Diller said. "They tell us they have a beautiful wife at home and they ask us for prayers or for guidance. It happens periodically and unexpectedly. It's really a jolt."

Police say the strip club, The Presidential Suites, has been the site of police raids and actions including charges of prostitution, performing lewd sexual acts and liquor violations.

Paul Maurer, vice president of the National Coalition Against Pornography, said similar persistent efforts in communities across the nation have been successful.

Diller says already the club has cut its business hours in half, but adds SCRAP won't be satisfied until the doors are padlocked.

Pocono Record (Stroudsburg, PA), 9/15/96

Porn peddler pointed out in Lone Star showdown

A coalition of pro-family groups led by AFA of Texas is trying to convince a statewide convenience store chain that there's nothing to gain by peddling pornography. The effort was originally

started by the Bexar County Christian Coalition and a group called Pornography Doesn't Pay. Dallas Association for Decency and several local AFA affiliates are fighting against Diamond Shamrock in their respective communities.

Wyatt Roberts, executive director of AFA of Texas, and several other pro-family leaders met with Diamond Shamrock CEO Roger Hemminghaus who professes to be a Christian. According to Roberts, Hemminghaus said he was forced to make the decision to sell porn because he couldn't find a publications distributor that would sell his company a mix of magazines without porn. When one of the pro-family leaders offered to find a distributor that would not make such a requirement, Hemminghaus flatly refused to even consider the option, Roberts said.

"We are going to continue doing business as usual," says Julie Mead, company spokeswoman.

The boycott began when Diamond Shamrock purchased National Convenience Stores, which operates the Stop-N-Go chain. The purchase put over 2,000 stores under Diamond Shamrock's management.

AFA of Texas is mounting a statewide petition drive. The petitions will be presented to Mr. Hemminghaus on November 20. Roberts and David Miller of AFA Tarrant County have planned a 17-city tour in which they will hold press conferences in front of Diamond Shamrock stores.

Another strategy involves the creation of a phone team made up of individuals who have committed to make five calls per week for five weeks to Diamond Shamrock board members and executives. Phone team volunteers should contact AFA of Texas at 512-472-9196.

Express-News, 7/10/96

Bus won't stop at Disney World any longer

A Christian travel agency in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is declining to book tours to Disney World in Orlando, Florida, in response to the entertainment company's pro-homosexual activity. Bob Neff, Jr., General Manager of Bob Neff Tours, Inc., stated in a letter to a concerned citizen that his company "has put their Disney tours on hold and will not resume until they move away from their open homosexual support."

Peggy Miller, vice-president of a decency organization called

Good News Together We Stand, sent Neff information concerning the Disney boycott being promoted by AFA and other groups.

Letter convinces theater chain to take more care

A letter from a concerned father has moved a theater chain headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, to be more discerning about the content of its movie trailers. Mark Lundberg said when he took his seven-year-old son to see

Fly Away Home, a PG-rated movie, the trailer before the feature promoted the movie **Mirror** and contained sexual language "unacceptable for a seven-year-old."

Stephen L. Colson, senior vice-president of Cobb Theatres,

responded to Lundberg's concerns stating that he had "advised all [Cobb] theatres that the **Mirror** trailer should not show with **Fly Away Home**. Further, I have requested our Film Department contact Sony Pictures and advise them of this matter."

Convenience store drops porn magazines

At least one outlet in the Sheetz convenience store chain is not selling *Playboy* and *Penthouse* magazines in response to the efforts of a Millersburg, Pennsylvania, couple and their friends.

Sondra Spotts said she and her husband Donald contacted the management of a newly opened Sheetz Store in her area and

requested that they stop selling the porn magazines. "We began to alert friends and fellow Christians, including some pastors, about [the Sheetz] policy of selling pornographic magazines. We asked them to politely call both the local store and the chain's office and request that the magazines be removed." The local store pulled the magazines "temporarily" while a final decision was being made. Forty-five days later the magazines have not returned to the shelves.

Requests that the entire chain remove the magazines from all its stores have gone unanswered.

Sheetz stores are located in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia. Spotts suggests that letters from other concerned citizens in the four-state area might encourage the company to change its policy. Sheetz Stores, 5700 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, toll-free 800-487-5444.

Efforts strip community of objectionable film

After reading about the movie **Striptease** in the June *AFA Journal*, Alicejoy Taylor of Burlington, Oklahoma, wrote a local theater to ask the owner not to show the movie. She also contacted about 30 area churches asking members to write. "Evidently, [the theater owner] did receive enough letters and he has not shown the movie," Taylor wrote AFA. "Actually, I was surprised! And thankful...Even in my little corner of the world, people were influenced for the good by your publication."

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What to do about the public school's ban on Christian holidays

By ERIC BUEHRER, President, Gateways to Better Education

Millions of public school students are being miseducated about Thanksgiving and Christmas. Schools now have winter concerts instead of Christmas concerts; caroling is out; Christmas trees are taboo, and even red and green colors are banned from bulletin boards during December in many schools – lest someone think the school is promoting Christmas.

Robin Woodworth of Boothwyn, Pennsylvania, was shocked at the censorship in her son's classroom. He came home from school one day explaining that when he wrote Merry Christmas on the chalkboard the teacher made him erase it for fear she would get in trouble.

One kindergarten teacher from Charlotte, North Carolina, wrote us that their Christmas program was changed to "The Five Senses of Winter," and the word Christmas could not be uttered at school.

Trained in a new culture

The move to completely secularize Thanksgiving and Christmas has come about partly because of misconceptions about Court rulings on how to handle religion in public schools and partly because of deliberate attempts by some to alter our culture.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children, an organization with 95,000 preschool and elementary teachers, publishes an "Anti-Bias Curriculum" that attacks the holidays.

For Thanksgiving this organization encourages teachers to focus on the plight of Native Americans. Most students never learn that during the first Thanksgiving celebrated in America in 1621 the Pilgrims feasted, prayed, and sang songs of praise to God for three days. They never read what Lincoln wrote in establishing the first annual celebration of Thanksgiving Day in 1863. After listing the many blessings America had enjoyed Lincoln said: "No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the most high God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people."

Thanksgiving is a national holiday established by our government specifically to give thanks to God for the blessing we have received during the previous year. Yet, the trend is to distort Thanksgiving – and Christmas as well.

For the latter, the anti-bias handbook suggests three options:

- 1) Integrate December holidays from several cultural groups into one non-religious celebration;
- 2) Do December holidays other than Christmas;
- 3) Don't do December holidays at all in the classroom.

Putting Christ back in Christmas

In the midst of these attacks on our culture I am happy to report good news: many parents and teachers are beginning to gently restore traditional holidays to their schools. The movement is just beginning but it is growing and gaining momentum.

As a former public school teacher I know that the best way to restore the holidays to the classroom is to convince educators that it is not only legal to do so but is the right thing to do, as well. It is not enough to simply change the school district's policy; we must help the teacher see the holidays as important cultural lessons.

Four years ago I wrote "A Gift For Teacher" – an eight-page

Christmas card that parents can give to their children's teachers. It expresses, in a nonthreatening way, how public school teachers can legally teach about Christ's birth, and that the ACLU even lost a landmark case when it tried to stop a school district from having a very permissive policy for teaching about religious holidays.

We added a card for Thanksgiving, in which a talking turkey explains the history of Thanksgiving and why it is a national holiday. The card includes sample lesson plans that are constitutionally sound. We also added a card for

Halloween discouraging teachers from emphasizing the occult, and a card for Easter encouraging educators to teach accurately about the Resurrection. Over the last three years parents and teachers from across the country have ordered more than 80,000 cards! Our goal, now, is to inform every public school teacher, administrator, and school board member in America with the truth about how religious holidays can be taught.

Positive results

Bev Remillard, a mother of two, in Laguna Hills, California, used the card as a way to open a dialogue with her children's teachers. "The card was a tool for expressing to the teachers what I felt," she said. "It made it easier for me to approach them knowing I had documentation to back me up, and the card's tone was not threatening."

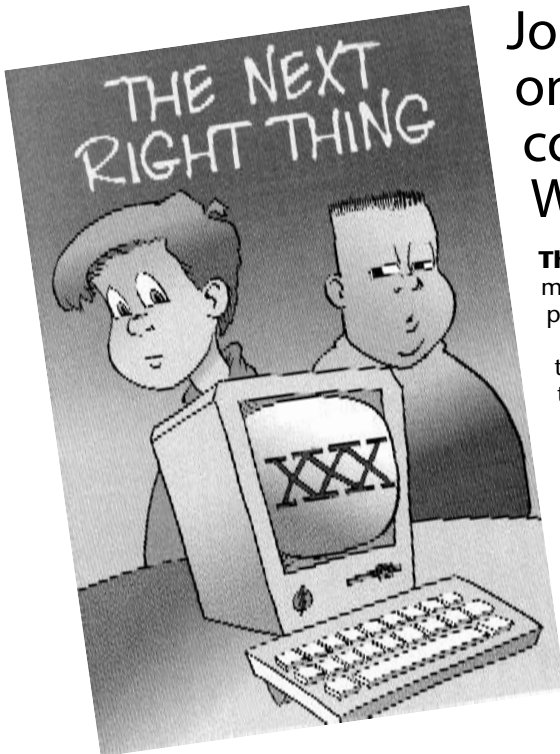
A teacher wrote, "Before I received my copy of the card, someone else had posted it in the teachers lounge under the cap-

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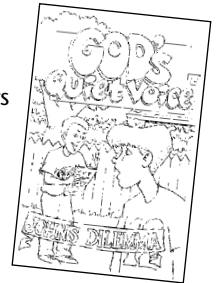
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House abortion debate closes with condemnation of culture of death

By HON. HENRY HYDE (R-IL), U.S. House of Representatives

On September 19, Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL) closed the House of Representatives floor debate on the override of President Clinton's veto of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban. The following is excerpted from his speech.

Mr. Speaker: In his classic novel *Crime and Punishment*, Dostoyevsky has his murderous protagonist Raskolnikov complain that "Man can get used to anything, the beast!"

That we are even *debating* this issue – that we have to argue about the legality of an abortionist plunging a pair of scissors into the back of the neck of a tiny child whose trunk, arms, and legs have already been born, and then suctioning out his brains – only confirms Dostoyevsky's harsh truth.

We were told in committee by an attending nurse that the little arms and legs stop flailing and suddenly stiffen as the scissors is plunged in. People who say "I feel your pain" can't be referring to that little infant.

What kind of people have we become, that this "procedure" is even a matter for debate! Can't we draw the line at torture? And if we can't, what's become of us? We are incensed at ethnic cleansing. How then can we tolerate *infant cleansing*?

There is no argument here about when a human life begins. The child who is destroyed is certainly alive, certainly human, and certainly brutally destroyed.

...The supporters of abortion-on-demand have exercised their capacity for self-deception by detaching themselves from any sympathy whatsoever for the unborn child – and in so doing they separate themselves from the instinct for justice that gave birth to our country.

...There is no moral, nor, for that matter, medical justification for this barbaric assault on a partially-born infant. Dr. Pamela Smith, Director of Medical Education in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Chicago's Mt. Sinai Hospital testified to that.

The abortionist who is a principal perpetrator of these atrocities, Dr. Martin Haskell, has conceded that at least 80% of the partial-birth abortions he performs are entirely elective, and he admits to over 1,000 of the abortions.

While we are told about some extreme cases of malformed babies, (as though life is only for the privileged, the planned and the perfect), Dr. James McMahon listed nine such abortions he performed because the baby had a cleft lip.

Many other physicians, who care about both mother *and* the unborn child, have made it clear that this procedure is never a medical necessity, but merely a "convenience" for those who choose to abort late in pregnancy, when it becomes physically difficult to dismember the unborn child in the womb.

...In one of his memoirs, Dwight D. Eisenhower, wrote about the loss of 1.2 million lives in World War II. He said: "The loss of lives that might have otherwise been creatively lived – scars the mind of the civilized world."

Mr. Speaker, our souls have been scarred by one-and-a-half million abortions in this country *every year!* Our souls have so much scar tissue there isn't room for any more.

What do we mean by "human dignity" if we subject innocent children to brutal execution, when they are almost born?

We all hope and pray for "death and dignity" – what is "dignified" about a death caused by having a scissors stabbed into your neck so that your brains can be suctioned out?

We have had long and bitter debates in this House about "assault weapons" – those scissors and that suction machine are "assault weapons," worse than an AK-47 – you might miss with an AK-47 – an abortionist never misses with his assault weapon.

It isn't just the babies that are dying for the lethal sin of being unwanted. We are dying, and not from the darkness, but from the cold: the coldness of self-brutalization that chills our sensibilities and allows us to think that this unspeakable act is an act of "compassion."

If you vote to uphold this veto – if you vote to maintain the legality of a "procedure" that is revolting to even the most hardened heart – then please don't ever use the word "compassion" again.

...By upholding this tragic veto, you join the network of complicity in supporting what is essentially a crime against humanity – for that little almost born infant, struggling to live *is* a member of the human family. Partial Birth

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Abortion is a lethal assault against the very idea of human rights, and destroys, along with a defenseless little baby, the moral foundation of our democracy. Democracy isn't after all, a mere *process* – it assigns fundamental values to each human being – the first of which is the unalienable right to life.

One of the great errors of modern politics is the unavailing attempt to separate our private consciences from our public acts. It can't be done. At the end of the 20th century, is the crowning achievement of our democracy to treat the weak, the powerless, the unwanted *as things* to be disposed of? If so, we haven't elevated justice – we have disgraced it.

This isn't a debate about sectarian religious doctrine nor about policy options – this is a debate about our understanding of human dignity – what it means to be human. Our moment in history is marked by mortal conflict between a culture of death and a culture of life.

I am not in the least embarrassed to say that I believe that one day each of us will be called upon to render an account for what we have done, and what we have failed to do, in our lifetime.

And while I believe in a merciful God, I would be terrified at the thought of having to explain, at the final judgment, why I stood unmoved while Herod's slaughter of the innocents was being reenacted here in my own country.

This debate has been about an unspeakable horror. And while the details are graphic and grisly, it has been helpful for all of us to recognize the full brutality of what goes on in America's abortuaries, day in and day out, week after week, year and year. We're not talking about abstractions here. We are talking about life and death at their most elemental. And we ought to face the truth of what we oppose, or support, stripped of all euphemisms.

...Let their innocence appeal to what President Lincoln called "the better angels of our nature."

Prove Raskolnikov wrong. This is something we will never get used to. Make it clear, once again, that there is justice for *all* – even for the most defenseless in this our land.



Ellen...from page 1

ever of the homosexual plot developments on **Ellen**. Speaking on the CNN program **Larry King Live**, Eisner said "I don't know whether she is or isn't; she is working on her material." Somewhere somebody is mistaken. Either *Newsweek*, which has a solid reputation in journalism, printed something it can't substantiate, or Eisner is saying one thing privately to his employees and another to the general public. One thing became clear during the CNN stint: don't look for Eisner, if he is indeed oblivious to the whole **Ellen** scenario, to do anything to stop it because he apparently feels homosexuality in the lead role is nothing to worry about because Americans don't care. Eisner concludes, "I don't think it's that serious of a public policy issue." Quite a cavalier attitude considering a *U.S. News and World Report* survey showing that more than half of America worries that media portrayals of gays have had a negative influence on society.

Arthur Imperato, who manages the career of series star Ellen DeGeneres, told *TV Guide* that the revelation that the character Ellen Morgan is homosexual should not be a shock. "If you look hard at the whole series, there are a lot of elements over the years that could be laying the groundwork for that story line." Those elements become even more apparent during the initial episodes of the fall season. Just minutes into the season premiere, the first overt reference to homosexuality appeared. The title character is watching a sales presentation from a real estate agent.

During the slide show, the following dialogue takes place.

Realtor (displaying female doll in front of slide of house): "This could be you walking up to your new home."

Realtor (displaying male doll next to female doll): "And here is your husband coming home from work."

Ellen: "I think that puppet's in the wrong show."

Another installment cited by *TV Guide* has the title character emerging from a closet saying, "Yeah, there's plenty of room, but it's not very comfortable." That line is an obvious reference to the homosexual 'coming out of the closet,' a phrase used when a homosexual reveals his sexual orientation. Advocates in the homosexual community are waiting anxiously to see if the ABC show delivers the latest slap at traditional family values. "Millions of viewers feel Ellen Morgan is a friend, and this would help normalize homosexuality for millions of viewers," said Alan Klein of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

Pro-family groups also wait for signs that **Ellen** is going with the story line because the advanced warning about the planned story provides a line in the sand of sorts. Companies that spend their promotion dollars on the show can't feign ignorance about where their dollars are headed. "If Touchstone Television is in fact doing this, advertisers will have to make a choice. Either withdraw their support of the show or reveal their true allegiances to themes which gnaw at traditional family values," said Dr. Don Wildmon, AFA founder.

According to reports from *The Hollywood Reporter*, two companies have already made their anti-family feelings apparent. Computer industry giants Microsoft and Intel said they would continue spending the estimated \$170,000 for each 30-second commercial in the situation comedy. The article added J.C. Penney, Toyota, Pepsi-Cola and Coca-Cola are all adopting a wait and see attitude before altering their advertising plans.

The season premiere of the show may provide some impetus for companies to avoid wasting their money on **Ellen**. During a time when the series generated considerable publicity about the lead role's sexual orientation, the season opening episode garnered a record low rating. Nielsen numbers show the September 18 premiere garnered an 8.9 rating – two full rating points behind the season premieres of its CBS competition, which won the time slot. Ellen's record low also represents a 28% drop from the season opening episode of

last year.

In politics, leaking an idea to the public before actually implementing it is called "floating a trial balloon." Currently TV viewers are seeing the entertainment equivalent of the trial balloon. If nothing is said about the sexual orientation of the character, Disney will go through with the plan. If enough people who want to salvage what little decency is left on television speak out to all the players in the game, then Touchstone will in all likelihood leave the **Ellen** character alone. At least that's the theory studio rivals are adopting. "If the public supports this, they can move ahead with the storyline. If not, they can just shelve their plans and say it was all a rumor," said one TV exec in the *TV Guide* account of the controversy. Already, homosexual advocacy groups are in the middle of an organized letter writing and electronic mail



campaign designed to persuade the show's producers to follow through with the outing of **Ellen**. That means those who don't want to see homosexuality embraced week in and week out on network television must equal and exceed the pro homosexual show of support. "If the firestorm of religious right protest continues, I imagine the idea won't be around very long," speculated former **Ellen** executive producer Warren Bell in *Entertainment Weekly*. There's no guarantee that writing and calling will keep **Ellen** from taking this path, but if the letters and phone calls don't come out, the character most assuredly will.

See TV Reviews on page 5 for the top advertisers on **Ellen**.



Disney Channel...from page 1

The Walt Disney Company's Disney Channel pay television service has seen a 37% drop in the number of subscribers in the past four months. Hollywood Reporter says subscribers have dropped from a high of 8,000,000 in June to a current level of 5,000,000.

"We are dealing with more than coincidence here," said Donald Wildmon, president of the American Family As-

sociation. "It's significant that during the four months the Disney Channel lost paying subscribers, the Southern Baptists questioned Disney's moral climate and the Assemblies of God and Freewill Baptists voted to join the AFA in boycotting the company."

Part of the exodus of people paying for the Disney Channel can be explained by the fact that Disney has converted the service to a regular cable channel in some areas. "Disney realized that given a choice, many families concerned with the company's anti-family policies and practices were likely to cancel their service in support of the boycott. By including the Disney Channel as a basic cable channel, Disney knows that families are less likely to disconnect."

An American...from page 1

guitar, or harmonica. One day, he took a calendar picture of Jesus walking on water, laid it on the dining room table, and began to copy it. That drawing had such an impact on Mitchell, only three, that he remembers it vividly: "Dad just made lines on paper, and it became beautiful and worthwhile. I never forgot that."

From then on, Mitchell wanted to draw. There was no money for art supplies, so he drew on paper and cardboard liners saved from clothing packages.

Attending church camp at age 15, Mitchell met and fell hard for a green-eyed beauty named Linda. He told her that one day, he was going to be a great artist and people would pay thousands of dollars for his paintings. Somehow, he sold her on himself and his dream. "I married her when she was 17 and I was 18," he whispers tenderly. "Everybody said it wouldn't last. But it did. We've been married 27 years."

Mitchell first attended Art Academy in Cincinnati, then Eastern Kentucky University. "The lean years really began when I was drafted," he says in retrospect. "I was drafted and making \$83 a month. We couldn't make it; we got rid of everything we had. We lived in an unfurnished apartment and slept on the floor with two babies." (Mitchell, Jr., and Michelle had been born by this time.)

Coming out of the army, Mitchell was optimistic and eager to launch his art career. "That sounds great," he chuckles, "but it was more like pushing a leaky boat into a pond than launching a ship!" They returned to Berea, opened a studio for several months and couldn't sell enough to pay the rent.

Misty – their third child – had joined the family, Mitchell was 30 years old, he'd been pursuing this dream for his whole lifetime, and there was nothing. Sometimes

he'd overhear Linda's friends advise her, "You ought to just leave this guy. All he ever does is draw pictures. He's a grown man, he ought to get a job!"

Countless times, he and Linda would lie awake at night, and he'd say to her, "You know, I need to quit this ridiculous dream. This is crazy. It's not going anywhere."

Her response was always the same: "Tell me again what you told me when we first met at youth camp."

Career – from fizzle to sizzle

At one point, feeling frustrated and defeated, Mitchell returned to Eastern Kentucky to study business on the GI bill, worked construction, and painted at night. Still by 1978, he was earning less than \$5,000 a year as an artist. In 1980, when it looked like his dream would never come true, Linda suggested they hang his paintings in a room at home and let people come to them. The first customers literally let down the gaps in pasture fences to reach them. In six months, they had built a business. For the next decade, his reputation and success as an artist grew steadily.

After business began to boom, the Tolles' faith was sorely tested. Mitchell, Linda and Mitchell, Jr. were suddenly working 80 hours a week; then Michelle (now 18) disappeared, and Linda's brother got cancer. "Finally," Mitchell says, "it dawned on us that Satan...had us on the ropes and it was an all out attack. It wasn't circumstantial at all, it was totally spiritual, it was only evidenced in the circumstances. Once it occurred to us how to pray, it was almost like God just rushed in with reinforcements!"

His voice breaks and tears flow as he explains: "Michelle called. I hadn't talked to her for three months. She called and said, 'Daddy, it's Michelle. Can I come home?'" She was hungry, alone, and pregnant with Alex (the first Tolle grandchild). The boy who she thought loved her had offered to pay for an abortion.

"I dealt with it very hard," he admits. "But the joy on the other side, is Alex and the relationship I have with him, and the husband God sent to my daughter and the two children they've had since!"

The artist on art

Intricate details, brilliant and colorful colors, shadow and light dance in graceful, balanced cadence across each Tolle creation, despite the fact that the artist is legally blind in one eye and color blind in the other. Tolle won't even bring up the "handicap" unless someone else does so first. "The common thread that runs through my work," he says, "is that I'm im-

acted by people I meet, people I develop a relationship with. I may paint a subject 20 or 30 times. I get into their lives, and then I paint their barn, the way they store their RC bottles, the way they hang their license plates on the side of the barn, their rabbit cage, the well beside their home, their straw hat and their coveralls."

His delicate penciled lines preserve stone bridges, fading barns and country landscapes. In more colorful moods, he captures the brilliance of tubs full of red geraniums or the lacy petals of a single purple iris.

With a laugh, Mitchell speculates that, because of the elitism in much of the secular art world, critics think he paints his moving, virtuous images because "I'm a Christian and just doesn't know any better!" One leading museum curator actually pronounced him a sentimentalist and declared his problem is that he loves his subjects too much – that's what's wrong with his work.

Tolle says art impacts our culture two ways. First, it fills our minds with images, our heads with lyrics of songs. He believes those images and ideas impact us in subtle, yet strong ways. "Also," he says, "art impacts us in a very different way. It actually speaks to us from the past. Things that we've preserved in our museums give us an understanding of the culture that lived before us. We can know about early Americans as we examine the furniture that they made and the things that were preserved from that time."

"I think I have a tremendous responsibility," Tolle confesses. "Never before in history have we been exactly where we are today. The same generation that was interested in free love and open sex and total ignorance of morality, are now parents and grandparents." Tolle's work clearly has a lot of appeal for this generation.

"The Bible makes it clear that in the darkness, a little light is a lot of light," reflects Tolle. "I think the anointing of God is present in our lives if we love him and are called according to his purpose. So when I do a drawing of a child, it isn't just a drawing of a child. It actually possesses light. You can take that into a child's room or into a home where they used to have KISS or AC/DC posters, or NFL posters, and they take that down and they put up that image, and we've brought light into that home."

Last summer people from more than 70 nations visited Tolle's Berea gallery. Humbled and awed by the power of the God he serves, he relaxes in his comfortable conference room and thinks aloud, "It just goes to show – when you dream,

and your hold to each other, and you trust God....”

He muses only for a moment, then with obvious joy and purpose, American Artist Mitchell Tolle returns to his studio, living his dream, using his gifts, creating images that will carry a little of God’s light into a dark world.



The tree...from page 2

This is Wriley, she’s nine now. She’s the clean, neat, tidy one. We almost lost her when she was born. She had to be flown to Jackson and stayed in the hospital for a week. Everybody around here prayed. God healed her little body, though.

This is Wesley. Can you say hello, Wes?

“Hey.”

Wesley is seven. He has a room here and one at the emergency room at the hospital. He’s on a first name basis with the staff there. See these four missing front teeth. We had an ice storm last February, he went down hill on a sled and met the back end of a four-wheeler face first. I didn’t think the doctors could put his lip back together, but they did. We’re also thankful those weren’t his permanent teeth. That ER visit was a little more traumatic than the one when he got a crayon lodged up his nose, age two. Or the time he pulled our friend’s glass fishbowl off the counter and sliced his leg open, or the time – just two months ago – when it took 60 stitches (inside and out) to repair the leg (the other one) he cut open on the playground at school. Have I missed any, Al?

Everybody ready to go?

“Dad, you forgot Walker.”

Oh, yeah. This is Walker and he’s three. Walker – he’s just now coming into his own, if you know what I mean. He wants to do everything the other kids do except sleep in his own bed. He’s Mister Brave until it comes bed time. Every morning about four, you can hear the patter of his little footsteps on the carpet. Climbs up by himself, though. Got to give him that.

Anyway, I know you just got here, but we’re supposed to meet Mamma and them – that’s southern for *family* – at their church for a candlelight Communion service. It’s a small church, about 50 people. Then we’re going over to their house for mom’s traditional Christmas Eve lasagna. The *best* lasagna this side of Rome, I’m tellin’ you. It’s hard for me to concentrate in church just thinking about it.

“Tim, let me get Walker a jacket and why don’t ya’ll go on to the van.”

O.K. Let’s go, little angels. My kids are near perfect. Was that your experience?

After the Communion service, like I said, we’ll go eat at Mom’s, then everyone will gather in the living room, dad will read the Christmas story from the Bible – both accounts – and then we’ll pray and exchange gifts. Now, it will be crowded, so I hope you don’t mind being stepped on. My sister Donna and brother-in-law Neal have two little boys, and with our family, my other sister Angie, my brother Mark, Mom and Dad and my grandmother – well, you get the picture.

And we have been known to get a little mushy. So I hope you don’t mind hugging and sharing about what the Lord’s done for you. And I’ve lost three grandparents the last three years, so I’m sure their names will come up often. Anyway, after that, mom’s hot spice tea will be ready. Man, that smells great! We’ll get us some tea and watch the kids play with their toys. Dad will have a fire going, I’m sure.

Al usually helps wash dishes and clean up. But if you’ll hang with me, pretend to be spending quality time with the kids, you can avoid that work detail.

Tomorrow morning, after Santa comes, we’ll go out to Alison’s parents and spend some time with the Hardins. Jim and Brenda always have something good to eat and a great fireplace. It’s out of town a little in the pine trees, so if you like peace an quiet – with the exception of the kids running around, obviously – you’ll get it. Alison’s sister Leslie and her husband Wes just had a new baby and you can meet them. Man, I’m so glad you drove all this way to be with us. I’ve always wanted to have you over.

Now, what is taking Al so long? I know what happened, Gina or Linda called. We may as well go back inside. They can talk, my Christmas friend. They can talk.



What to do...from page 18

tion: Do you know your rights? Nativity pictures have come out of the bottom of drawers where they have been hiding for years!”

Many churches have used the cards to canvas their school districts. For example, Hope Church in Wilton, Connecticut, placed a large quantity of cards in the church foyer for parents to give to their children’s teachers. Using the cards, members have had an effective outreach to several school districts in their area.

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“**W** health and power are addictive,” explains financial analyst Austin Pryor in an editorial on the American Association of Retired Persons. “AARP occupies plush headquarters at an annual rent of almost \$17 million.... It has a staff of 1,600 with salaries totaling almost \$50 million a year.” *Forbes* magazine has also documented in recent years the excesses of AARP in everything from their financial empire, abandonment of their cause, and their lobbying presence in Washington to their overindulgence in far-left social causes, e.g. promoting the homosexual activist agenda.

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Dr. Melvin, former executive director of National Association of Evangelicals, says that’s quite a change from AARP which, he points out, has long been on a carefully calculated path of political correctness and liberal leanings.

For example, the May/June issue of AARP’s *Modern Maturity* magazine validated the lesbian life-style in a feature story about Al and Shelby Soto, their daughter Janey and her three children, and Janey’s lesbian lover. Janey is in a custody battle with her ex-husband for the couple’s three children.

“We spoke positively about Janey’s life-style,” explains Grandma Shelby, “and I think that helped [family and friends] to be more supportive.”

The AARP story refers to Janey’s “new partner, Suzanne”



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without reference to how many partners she has had or how often she has “new” partners. Though it purports to be about the retired parents, the subtle tone of the story is strong in its tacit endorsement of lesbianism.

In stark contrast, CAP lists among its core values: “To remain faithful to the basic tenets of historic Christianity, to support and advance traditional values, and to adhere to biblical principles in all business matters and relationships. As word spreads, CAP is growing at a phenomenal rate, especially among Christian retirees.

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