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## Focus on the Family joins boycott of Disney compa-

### ■ Disney Chairman Michael Eisner speaks out

Focus on the Family (FOF) President Dr. James C. Dobson announced that his ministry will join other Christian organizations who are boycotting The Walt Disney Co.

FOF is one of the most respected and influential Christian pro-family organizations. The Colorado-based ministry offers numerous publications and produces a national radio broadcast heard on nearly 2,000 radio outlets, with an estimated U.S. listening audience of 3.5 million a week.

"It has become clear that the Disney organization has utter disdain for those who hold traditional moral principles and conservative family values," said Dr. Dobson in a press release. "Year after year, its leaders have insulted this large segment of the population by producing films, television and music that contradict cherished beliefs. For this reason, Focus on the Family now vigorously supports a boycott against anything that bears the Disney name and recommends that families, especially those of the Christian faith, no longer trust or patronize their products and programming."

FOF joins American Family Association, Assemblies of God, The Catholic League, Catholics United for the Faith, Inc., King for America, Citizens for a Better America, Concerned Women for America, Free Will Baptists, Congregational Holiness Church, and the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in calling for a boycott.

In addition, the Presbyterian Church in America, The Church of God of Cleveland, Tennessee, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Association of Independent Methodists, the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and Church of the Nazarene have all formally expressed concern to Disney about its direction.

"We won't bankrupt Disney, given their enormous resources, and we may not even

damage them financially," Dobson said. "But we can certainly let our constituency know that Disney is no longer friendly to the family and call attention to the immoral material they are now producing. That is what we intend to do."

FOF is encouraging supporters to contact Disney and let the company know how they feel. In addition, it was suggested that boycotters also indicate in writing how much money they will *not* be spending on Disney products over the next year.

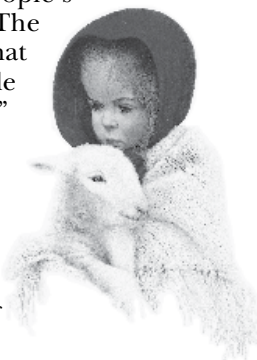
An SBC spokesman said the members of  
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## Tolle print brings light into dark-

American artist Mitchell Tolle's painting *Grace and the Lamb* (see p. 12) is the second in his series offered through a unique partnership with AFA. Tolle's art creates images which glorify the beauty of God's creation and celebrate the family.

"Bringing light into a world of darkness is at the very heart of everything we do at AFA," said Don Wildmon. "This Mitchell Tolle painting is truly a beacon of light."

Tolle's paintings of children bring the light of God into people's lives in a new way. "The Bible makes it clear that in the darkness, a little light is a lot of light," the artist says. "When God came to earth, in all His infinite wisdom, He came as a child. I think that was a tender revelation of the substance of



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that denomination will be asked to go one step further: to specifically withhold at least \$100 during the coming year.


"If a million Southern Baptists sign such a pledge, that would mean a minimum of \$100 million that would be lost," said Richard Land, president of SBC's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission.

### DISNEY CHAIRMAN RESPONDS

Meanwhile, Disney's Michael Eisner told *Business Week* that he was unconcerned about the SBC boycott effort. "I'm sorry if [the **Ellen** coming out episode] offends the Baptists," Eisner said. "I may not be as religious as some, but... I grew up believing that tolerance was the basis of all religions. I think that's



what's missing here – tolerance."

The new Disney/ABC show for this fall, **Nothing Sacred**, has angered Catholics with its foul-mouthed, liberal priest who admits he hates God. Yet this doesn't concern Eisner either. Calling the Catholics protesting the new series "non-big-time," Eisner said their reaction was "aggravating," since he claimed the show has been approved by 

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# Disney "leading the pack" in pro-homosexual movies

There no longer seems to be any argument about whether The Walt Disney Co. is out in front of the entertainment industry's open-armed embrace of the homosexual agenda.

One of those who is thankful for Disney's red-carpet treatment is gay actor Rupert Everett, who starred as Julia Robert's homosexual best buddy in **My Best Friend's Wedding**. According to the New York Post, Disney has bought Everett's pitch for another movie with a strong homosexual theme.

Entitled **Martha and Arthur**, the film tentatively pairs Everett with Roberts once again, this time as big Hollywood stars with the ideal marriage – and one big secret.

"It's a story about a mirage, because their actual life is completely different," Everett said. "He's gay and she has a lover. It's a marriage of convenience."


That Disney would buy into a film with a plot sympathetic to the gay lifestyle should surprise no one. Disney-affiliated Storyline Entertainment produced the controversial 1995 made-for-TV movie **Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story**. Focusing on the true-life struggle of a lesbian Army officer to avoid discharge over her homosexuality, the movie was a one-sided piece of pure Hollywood propaganda.

According to an article in the homosexual magazine *The Advocate*, **Serving in Silence** was a co-production effort between Barbra Streisand's film company and two homosexual producers, Craig Zadan and Neil Meron.

"We've always found Disney more than willing to let us present gay stories," Meron said. "People get the company's traditional American family image mixed up with what is in fact a very inclusive, forward-thinking company."

Zadan insisted in *The Advocate* piece that Disney not only enthusiastically supported **Serving in Silence**, but is just as receptive to another Storyline production, the upcoming made-for-TV movie **What Makes a Family**. That movie is about a lesbian couple raising a baby.

Homosexual themed movies on network television are controversial, Zadan admits, but cable has been pushing the envelope for years. Now the networks

are catching up with more "progressive" programming, he said, "and as 

## Disney movies, videos to boycott

(a partial list)

- 101 Dalmatians
- Air Bud
- Aladdin
- American Werewolf in Paris
- Bambi
- Beauty and the Beast
- Con Air
- Cop Land
- D3: The Mighty Ducks
- The English Patient
- Emma
- Evita
- Everyone Says I Love You
- Firelight
- George of the Jungle
- G.I. Jane
- Hercules
- The House of Yes
- The Hunchback of Notre Dame
- James and the Giant Peach
- Jungle2Jungle
- Little City
- The Little Mermaid
- The Lion King
- Love Serenade
- Marvin's Room
- Mimic
- Mouth to Mouth
- Mr. Holland's Opus
- Mrs. Brown
- Nightwatch
- Nothing to Lose
- Phantoms
- Phenomenon
- Playing God
- Pocahontas
- The Preacher's Wife
- Ransom
- The Rescuers Down Under
- The Rock
- Rocket Man
- Scream
- Seven Notes in Black
- Sling Blade
- Shall We Dance
- She's So Lovely
- Talk of Angels
- That Darn Cat
- A Thousand Acres
- Trainspotting
- Up Close and Personal

# Christians called to prayer for persecuted believers

Religious persecution, particularly against Christians, is a terrible reality of the late twentieth century. The persecution of Christians is brutal in many countries. And it is intensifying, according to Empower America, a Washington, D.C. group directed by William J. Bennett, Jack Kemp and others.

Adding tragedy to the circumstances is that the undeniable facts of persecution have been largely ignored by the secular media. Hence the theme for this year's observance – "Shatter the Silence." Earlier this year, some secular

media – including *Insight* magazine, CNN News and USA Today – began to

report on some of the human rights atrocities that have been commonplace in China, Pakistan, Sudan, and other nations.

November 16 has been designated as International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) by World Evangelical Fellowship (WEF), which initiated the observance only last year.

WEF's Steve Haas, U. S. coordinator for the event, says the goal is to make churchgoers aware of the persecution of Christians in 60 countries. This year, 50,000 congregations in 115 countries are expected to participate.

"We are not talking about persecution as many think of it in America (i.e. biased or unfavorable press coverage)," said Peter Wehner, director of policy for Empower America. "We are talking about imprisonment, slavery, starvation, torture, murder."

This year's IDOP observance actually begins September 28 with a 52-day season of prayer for persecuted brothers and sisters.

For those who still wish to schedule an IDOP observance in their church, an IDOP resource kit including a three-part video, a magazine and a prayer map is available. To order the \$15 kit, call 1-888-LETS-PRAY or access the World Wide Web site: [www.persecutechurch.org](http://www.persecutechurch.org).



# Survey: *Journal* readers activists, see information as critical

## READER PROFILE

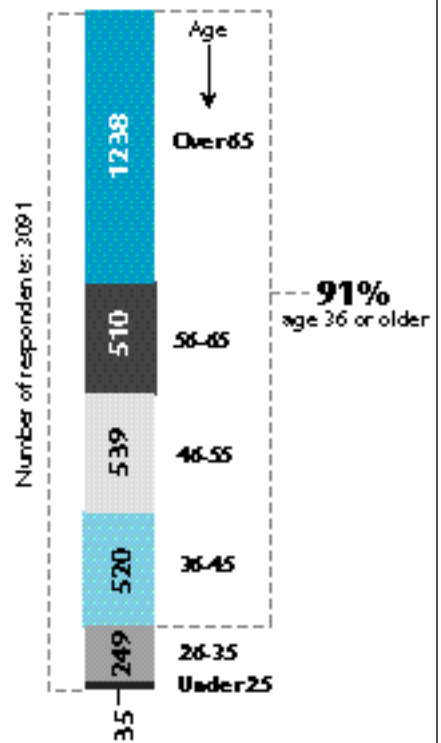
### ➤ Issues seen as "critical"

1. Family
2. Pornography
3. Homosexual agenda
4. Pro-life
5. Government/Legislative
6. Television
7. Church/religion
8. Education
9. General culture

### ➤ Most read *AFA Journal* articles

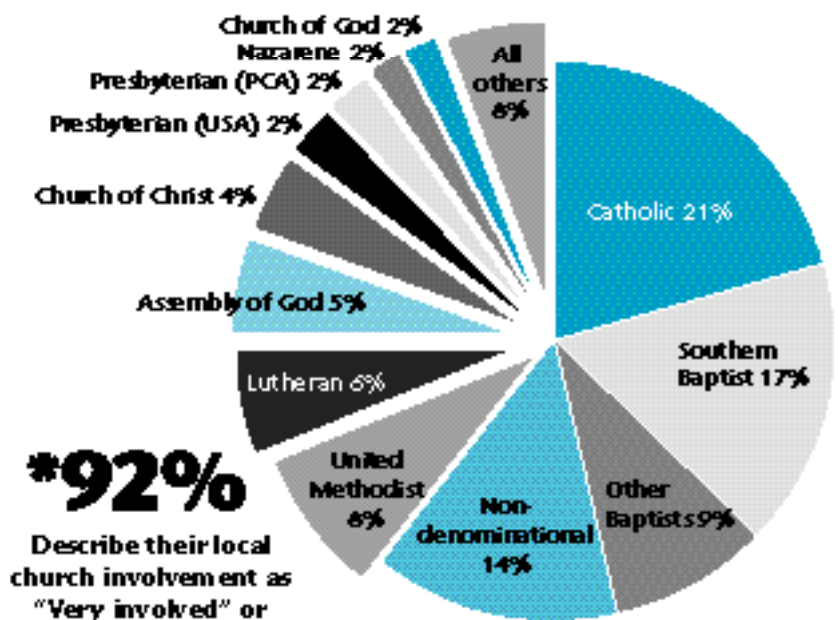
1. Front page
2. News of Interest
3. Don Wildmont's column
4. Christians and Society Today
5. Features
6. Tim Wildmont's column
7. Television reviews

➤ 96% of respondents say they "Sometimes" or "always" take action based on information in the *AFA Journal*.



➤ Female 57%; Male 43%  
 ➤ Lay persons 86%; Clergy 14%

## RELIGIOUS GROUP AFFILIATION\*



Results taken from AFA reader survey, March, 1997

# Do you know what your money is supporting?

BY DON WILDMON  
AFA President

I guess I hit a nerve, for some the wrong nerve, in last month's column. In that column I cited the efforts of many at the very top positions in many of the old-line churches to take their denominations down a liberal path.

Some of our readers didn't appreciate that column. What I proposed was that local churches cut out funding for those groups and individuals within their denominations who advocate the radical homosexual agenda – including the ordination of homosexuals, the acceptance of homosexuality as a normal and non-sinful activity, and even the approval of homosexual "marriage."

Most of the national leadership in these denominations is funded by donations from local churches. Many of the leaders, because of their position and influence, are in a position to influence the direction of the denomination to a far greater degree than the person sitting in the pew who gives

the money to pay their salaries and fund their agenda.

What I proposed was that local churches carefully examine how the money they provide their denominations is being used, and to cut off the funding where it is being used to promote an agenda clearly contradicting the scriptures.

I see absolutely nothing wrong with that proposal. It creates more involvement by members of the local church, which I think is a good idea. It will cause churches and individuals to be better stewards of God's money, which I think is a good idea. It will mean that funds are used to the maximum benefit possible for those most in need, which I think is a good idea. It will mean that those who want to use their position in their denomination to promote the homosexual agenda would have to raise their own money, which I think is a good idea. It would allow the various denominations to more fully and carefully explain what their members are being asked to support, and how those who received the money use it. And, yes, I think that is a good idea.

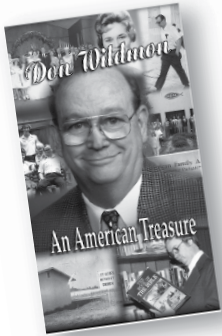
In many denominations local churches and individuals have been supporting, often unquestioned, whatever their leaders asked of them. Some are left with the opinion that if they fail to fully support whatever is asked of them, they aren't good members or loyal local churches. That is hardly the case.

It is best for people to do their own thinking and to base their decisions to support or not to support based on what they find. This approach should not be a threat to any leader. It simply makes better stewards of those who are both giving and receiving the funds.

The basic question is: Do you know how your funds are being used? If not, why not?



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### Paul Weyrich and the Catholic bishops

A number of readers wrote *AFA Journal* about Paul Weyrich's comments on Catholic bishops in his story on Disney in the August *AFA Journal*. Mr. Weyrich responds:

We should rejoice in the fact that the Knights of Columbus are in consort with the Southern Baptists and that at least one major Catholic newspaper has supported the boycott. I stand by the general point which I made, however. In general when it comes to urging its members to boycott Disney on moral grounds, Catholic leaders are few and far between.

I am a lifelong Catholic. I expect more of the Catholic Church precisely because of the investment many of us have made in this Church. Since Vatican II, the Catholic Church has stressed that those not in the hierarchy should speak out on relevant issues. In doing so, I was just following what the Church leaders

# The gnats are swarming around

BY TIM WILDMON

*AFA Vice-President*

Do you ever wonder why there are so many Christian denominations? I have, a little, although I don't spend a lot of time on it.

Jesus prayed that his followers would be one even as He and the Father are one. I'm not sure I understand the full meaning of that particular prayer, but I find it impossible to believe that (as long as human beings have independent thinking capabilities) there will ever be complete unity in the Christian church. And I don't think Jesus would have asked his Heavenly Father for us to do the impossible, so I've got to believe what Jesus meant basically was that Christians must have a spirit of love, charity and grace even when they have sincere and strongly held differences. My guess is you have theological or doctrinal differences among good people in your own local church, whatever the denomination. I know that's the case in my church.

I was raised in the United Methodist Church, but now attend an independent evangelical church and on matters of doctrine – although I have evolved and migrated somewhat – I am basically aligned with what the Southern Baptist Church believes. However, I have friends, colleagues and family in a variety of different denominations and when I talk with them, most are very articulate and convincing about why they believe the way they do. I like to pick their brains and see if they can defend what they confess. Almost every time, I'm surprised. One day I lean Presbyterian and the next day I tilt charismatic. No wait a minute, I like what the Episcopalians say about this and what John Wesley said about that. I remember talking over several doctrinal issues with a Catholic friend. I threw him a few Protestant hardballs just knowing I'd have him stumped since the Pope was nowhere around and it was just him and me. I don't remember all the details, but I do remember thinking he had some very reasonable answers to my questions. He even cited several biblical references to back up his explanations.

I try to listen, learn and understand whenever I talk about religion with others, even if they're not Christian. This doesn't threaten my faith in Jesus Christ, but it does serve to challenge my presuppositions and make me a better student of the Bible.

With all the different branches of the Christian tree – and I am certainly one who believes that doctrine is important and that we should all search and study the Holy Scriptures to know what is true and right – it really blesses my heart when I see Christians of different stripes working together on a common project in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Recently Northeast Mississippi hosted a Franklin Graham crusade in my hometown. It was a great community effort and a wonderful evangelistic outreach.

On a national scale, I have been absolutely thrilled to see the many denominations and pro-family organizations coming together in one voice of moral objection to the mighty Disney corporation. Disney, as has been well documented



in the *AFA Journal* for over three years now, is the leading company in America pushing the homosexual social agenda in addition to many other immoral and occultic products and practices.

This summer the Southern Baptist Convention got national attention as their messengers voted for a boycott, joining the AFA. Last year the Assemblies of God did the same. Others boycotting include The Catholic League, Catholics United for the Faith, Congregational

Holiness Church and Free Will Baptists.

In addition, The Church of God of Cleveland, Tennessee, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Association of Independent Methodists, Presbyterian Church in America, General Association of Regular Baptists and Church of the Nazarene have all formally expressed concern over the direction of the Disney company.

Also, pro-family groups including Concerned Women for America (Beverly LaHaye), King for America (Alveda King), Christian Financial Concepts (Larry Burkett) and Focus on the Family (Dr. James Dobson) have all endorsed the boycott of Disney.

Why this togetherness? Number one, there is a mountain of evidence against Disney. They are truly out of the closet. (In fact, they've busted the door down.)

And secondly, the Disney company has chosen to spurn these denominations and organizations because Disney thinks it is too big to be impacted financially. Basically, that's what it comes down to. One Disney executive called our movement, "A gnat on an elephant." Dumbo no doubt.

Well, we shall see. Granted this is the biggest challenge the traditional values movement has ever taken on. There's no doubt about it. However, I can't remember the last time so many Christians joined together in a concentrated effort to boycott one company.

Will it work? In time, I think so. How long before Michael Eisner and Disney come to their senses? For their sake, I hope soon. You see, it has been AFA's experience that boycotts can – and often do – snowball. Not always, but many times this is the case. And once people's buying habits change because you attack their fundamental moral beliefs so often, it is very, very difficult to get them back in good graces even if you do stop producing offensive material.

Because AFA has been a leader for 20 years in the effort to restore the moral value system that made America great, it is indeed refreshing to see such a unified stand in the Christian community. Let's work to see that the boycott is successful. And let's pray – as only those who trust and follow Jesus Christ can – that God might change the hearts of those in leadership at Disney. What a great, great testimony that would be, my brothers and sisters.



Sources cited for *News of Interest* indicate source of basic information only.

## CULTURE

### Civil duty apathy abounds

In a section entitled "Democracy In-action," *Time* magazine said a new study indicates that, among democracies, the U.S. has one of the worst voting records in the world.

According to the report, an average of only 44.1% of those eligible to vote in national legislative elections have done so this decade, ranking the U.S. 139th out of 163. Malta claimed the top spot, with a voter turnout rate of 96.2%. Other democracies that fared better than the U.S.: Sweden, 83.2%; Spain, 77.6%; Britain, 75.4%; Germany, 72.7%; Canada, 63.9%; France, 61.3%; and Japan, 56.6%.

*Time*, 8/4/97

### U.S., Canada lack moral compass

The moral confusion that seems to be endemic in Western Civilization appears to be boundless, producing more and more situations that only a few years ago would have seemed too absurd to be true.

In Florida, U.S. Republican Congressman Cliff Stearns has asked the legislature of his home state to establish clear dress code guidelines after a male government worker in Florida began going to work dressed as a woman.

The worker, Dale T. Robb, goes by the name of Sabrina Marle Theodora Robb, and is employed at the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) in Ocala, Florida. The AHCA employee handbook does not have a dress code per se, but does say that employees are to "dress appropriately for the office and for contact with the public."

Stearns, a resident of Ocala, said he has received numerous complaints from his constituency there. "It sends wrong signals to our children and people of this county if we tolerate these cultural values," he said.

Robb's boss at AHCA, however, said he is an excellent worker, dependable, thorough, and a great asset to his department.

Meanwhile, America's northern neighbors are allowing women to go "topless" in their country. According to *World* magazine, the Ontario Court of Appeals ruled in December that a col-

## EDUCATION

### Channel One – captive audience in the classroom

An Alabama-based child advocacy group has joined a growing number of educators, researchers and parents who think school systems should pull the plug on Channel One. Channel One is the controversial infotainment TV program that over 40% of middle and high school students (eight million) are forced to watch daily.

Obligation, Inc., and other critics contend that Channel One:

- ▶ Features news, entertainment and advertising content that many parents would not allow in their homes;
- ▶ Is educationally unimportant and simply exists to deliver a captive youth audience to advertisers. The program exploits school children and promotes materialistic values;
- ▶ Wastes classroom time. Over the span of a school year, a typical student will lose a week's worth of instruction watching Channel One;
- ▶ Is a bad deal for taxpayers.

### THE DEAL

Channel One offers a "seductive package of equipment" to school systems, according to Pat Ellis, who heads Obligation's Channel One Project. School systems get a TV in each classroom, two video tape recorders and a satellite dish. The school keeps the equipment as long as their students watch 90% of the programs. School officials can refuse to show up to 10% of the programs because of objectionable editorial content or disagreeable ads. However, according to Phyllis Schlafly of Eagle Forum, "Teachers and parents have no practical way to view the program before the students see it."

K-III, the company that owns Channel One, demands \$200,000 per 30-second ad for their captive teen audience, a rate comparable to network prime-time. Frequent advertisers include junk food companies, movie studios, video games and athletic shoe manufacturers.

Despite Channel One's claim to teach current events, only 20% of the program is concerned with "recent political, economic, social and cultural stories," according to researchers at Vassar College. The rest is devoted to sports, weather disasters, ads, contests, Hollywood gossip, music and banter.

The Vassar study found that with few exceptions the program presents a "narrow range" of sources and focuses on the "individual personalities" of Channel One's young anchors and reporters instead of "issues and events." The study also found that Channel One "spends a significant amount of its daily program essentially talking about itself." The program's production style has been described as "relentlessly hip," and "MTVish."

Groups who oppose Channel One include Eagle Forum, National Education Association, National PTA, National Association of State Boards of Education, American Association of School Administrators, Association of Secondary School Principals, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Association of Elementary School Principals, American Federation of Teachers, Consumers Union, and Action for Children's Television.

Obligation cites numerous examples of content on Channel One:

- ▶ Ads for a trashy teen magazine called *Mouth-2-Mouth*;
- ▶ Ads for **New York Undercover**, an intense prime-time TV adult drama;
- ▶ Ads for daytime soap operas (K-III Communications publishes the magazines *Soap Opera Digest* and *Soap Opera Weekly*.);
- ▶ Ads for the vulgar movie **Down Periscope**;
- ▶ The use of music from death-rock band Marilyn Manson;
- ▶ Questionable content on Channel One's Internet website.

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lege coed had as much right to remove shirt and undergarments as a man did, and that appearing topless in public did not violate "community standards." Because the decision was by a Canadian federal court, other provinces in that country are heeding the ruling.

Women are taking advantage of the more lax moral climate. *World* reports that Canadians "feel they are drowning in a sea of nudity." For example: in several cities strippers are sunning themselves in topless fashion outside their clubs; drivers not only have to tolerate squeegee girls at intersections, but topless ones at that; and parents are complaining because they can't take their children to parks due to the half-clad females there.

Canadians – two-thirds of whom say the toplessness does violate community standards – are demanding that the nation's parliament prohibit or at least restrict public toplessness.

*World*, 7/12-19/97;

Star-Banner (Ocala, Florida), 7/5/97

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Upcoming mainstream movie features men kissing

When an Oscar-winner thanks his homosexual teacher (Kevin Kline) for being an inspiration, the teacher is inadvertently "outed" the same week he was to marry a woman. The resulting chaos is the subject of a Paramount film entitled **In & Out**, currently in production.

While that may not be an unusual plot nowadays, the movie contains a graphic French kiss between Kline and a tabloid TV reporter played by Tom Selleck. In the scene, which occurs following an argument between the two on the side of the road, Kline also wraps his legs around Selleck.

That scene made studio executives so nervous that they were going to edit it out. But, according to *Mr. Showbiz*, a test audience "went wild" over the scene, and Paramount decided to keep it.

Premiere, 9/97; *Mr. Showbiz*, 8/11/97

### Unique study confirms media link to violence

Researchers in Great Britain claim to have established the first official link between crime and violence that occurs on television and movie screens, according to the *London Times*.

The two-year study compared the reactions of normal youths with those of both violent and non-violent offenders after watching violent films. The offenders had been convicted of a wide range of crimes. The resulting report, entitled *The Effect of Video Violence on Young Offenders*, demonstrated that screen violence caused violent individuals to frequently act out what they saw. Dr. Kevin Browne, a forensic pathologist at Birmingham (England) University and co-author of the report, said violent offenders reacted differently to movies and videos: they remembered more details of brutal acts they viewed and identified more closely with the on-screen perpetrators.

Previous studies had merely focused on the viewing habits of young people, but Browne believes his study is the first to examine the response to on-screen violence.

"Between 3% and 10% of young people grow up in violent homes, either as victims or witnesses," Browne said. "Videos cannot create aggressive people but they will make aggressive people commit violent acts more frequently."

A chilling confirmation of that study occurred on this side of the Atlantic, when the violence-filled movie **Natural Born Killers** was implicated in a murder in New York state last January.

According to *USA Today*, William Sodders, 21, was charged with killing James Halverson, a firefighter who was jogging on a high school track, because Sodders was fascinated by the violence in the movie. The accused had stolen a 9mm handgun and had allegedly selected Halverson at random. Sodders has pleaded innocent to the charges.

*London Times*, 8/17/97; *USA Today*, 8/15/97

### New cable cartoon spews profanity, blasphemy

### New TV season promises to be "gayest" yet

The now infamous "coming out" episode of Ellen DeGeneres' sitcom character closed out a year in television that set a new record for the most homosexual characters in prime-time TV. This year, however, will go even further.

According to the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), this fall's network prime-time lineup will increase the number of openly homosexual characters by almost a third – from 23 to 30. GLAAD's entertainment director, Chastity Bono, was ecstatic that television was in the "forefront" of normalizing homosexuality.

"This historic number of [homosexual] characters signals America's increasing appreciation of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community as part of their own lives," Bono said.

The season-long hype surrounding DeGeneres' show, **Ellen**, seems to have paid off for the actress. She and the sitcom combined to receive five nominations for the 1997 Primetime Emmy Awards, including DeGeneres for Best Lead Actress in a Comedy Series; Best Guest Actress in a Comedy Series (Laura Dern); and Best Writing for a Comedy Series. DeGeneres also received a nomination for Best Guest Actress in a Comedy Series for her appearance on **The Larry Sanders Show**, in which DeGeneres' lesbianism was a source of humor. The Emmys were scheduled to be awarded on September 14.

At least one celebrity, however, appeared to have grown a little less comfortable with the subject of homosexuality. In a public statement, talk show superstar Oprah Winfrey vehemently denied a persistent rumor that she is a lesbian.

The rumor began when syndicated gossip columnist Liz Smith said she had a secret: one of America's biggest TV stars was thinking about coming out of the closet. Smith said the star was "an icon and role model to millions."

In her statement, Winfrey insisted, "I am not in the closet. I am not coming out of the closet. I am not gay."

The irony was not lost on anyone since Winfrey was instrumental in promoting DeGeneres' lesbianism. Winfrey had a critical cameo appearance in the coming out episode. Her talkshow was also the only non-ABC show to interview DeGeneres after she publicly admitted to being a homosexual.

*Daily Variety*, 6/5/97, 7/25/97, 8/14/97; *USA Today*, 8/18/97

Comedy Central is airing a cartoon series, entitled **South Park**, that gives new meaning to the word “raunch.” The cartoon features construction-paper childhood buddies who live in a town in Colorado called South Park, who curse in revolting fashion, and regularly discuss such things as sex toys, alien anal probes, and cattle mutilations.

At least one reviewer, Matt Roush, panned the new series, saying in USA Today, “There isn’t enough soap to wash these dudes’ mouths out.”

Ray Richmond of *Daily Variety* calls **South Park** “the cartoon from hell: ‘Peanuts’ meets **A Clockwork Orange**.” But that’s good, according to Richmond, who says **South Park** is “gloriously subversive art” even though it is “blasphemous, juvenile, preposterous, mean-spirited, defiant and proudly politically incorrect.”

But it is the blasphemous nature of these cartoon degenerates that may incite the loudest howls of protest. In fact, **South Park** originated from an animated short, **The Spirit of Christmas**, in which Jesus and Santa Claus come to blows – a la “Mortal Kombat” – over the true meaning of Christmas. After the children stop the fight by reasoning with the two antagonists, Jesus apologizes for being a “bas - - - d.”

And the conclusion reached by these children about Christmas? “[I]t doesn’t matter if you’re Christian or Jewish or Atheist or Hindu,” says Stan. “Christmas is still about one very important thing... presents.”

Debbie Liebling, the Comedy Channel’s West Coast vice president of development and production, explained why **South Park**’s creators, Trey Parker and Matt Stone, signed up with the channel. “With us they were going to have the creative freedom they really wanted,” she said. “What was most important to them was that we not homogenize the product and to let them go as far as they can.”

Parker and Stone have taken **South Park** far enough to receive a TV-MA rating, for mature audiences only. The series will be aired at 10 p.m. (ET).

*Daily Variety*, 8/11/97; *USA Today*, 8/13/97; *Time*, 8/18/97

## GOVERNMENT

### NEA the focus of NBC scrutiny

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) came under unusual media scrutiny in a July edition of NBC’s **Dateline**. In his segment, “Picture Imperfect,” Josh Mankiewicz questioned NEA chairwoman Jane Alexander about the controversial subject matter of some NEA grant recipients.

One of those recipients wrote a 1997 book called *S&M*, on the subject of sadomasochism. In defending the work, Alexander said, “This has a number of letters from very prestigious writers in America, saying that this is an important collection.... Not all things are to my taste, not all things are to other people’s taste.”

When Mankiewicz asked if the NEA controversy was simply about people’s different tastes in art, Alexander said, “Yes.”

Alexander also raised the standard rationale for the NEA’s existence – that it provides needed money for the small towns that want art, but couldn’t have it without government help. But **Dateline** poked a hole in that defense.

Researchers for the show analyzed a computer database covering every NEA grant given in the last decade, and found that one-third of the grants went to only five cities – New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Chicago. New York City alone, said **Dateline**, received more money than 29 states combined; that is, 33% of the NEA’s money went to cities with 6% of the total U.S. population.

NBC Dateline, 7/15/97

## HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA

### Provincetown presents a picture of things to come

To view the future as homosexual activists see it, one may look to Provincetown, Massachusetts. The Washington Times reports the school board there has decreed that pre-schoolers will be presented a positive image of homosexuality. The board also called for hiring preferences for gays.

The school board unanimously adopted a seven-point plan pushed by Jeannine Christina, a lesbian mother and head of the Provincetown PTA, as an “anti-bias” proposal.

One high school teacher and homosexual activist who backed the plan said the goal was to change the school curriculum, which is taught from the point

of view of “white Europeans...who are also very heterosexual, very Christian, very male.”

Children will also be force-fed homosexual propaganda. Teachers’ manuals that will be used in classes, for example, state that “[t]eaching children to be critical of oppression is teaching true morality,” including the oppression of homosexuals. Provincetown will also bring representatives from the gay activist group Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays to speak in kindergarten classes, and children will be taught that families can be headed by either heterosexual or homosexual parents.

The plan also calls for schools to “search for, hire and retain a diverse staff, including sexual minorities,” language that conservatives consider to be a euphemism for a homosexual quota system.

“We are on a trailblazing path,” bragged school superintendent Susan Fleming. “The whole question is making gays and lesbians, whether through visuals or examples or acknowledging different family structures,...visible.”

Fleming also said that schools were an appropriate place to effect change in society at large. “Schools often play out what’s happening in the community... We are going to be a change agent,” she said.

Washington Times, 8/21/97

### APA hinders psychologists who help homosexuals

At its meeting in Chicago the American Psychological Association (APA) took the first steps towards fulfilling a major goal for gay activists: silencing those who attempt to help homosexuals leave that lifestyle.

The controversy centers around “reparative therapy,” a therapeutic approach that focuses on a patient’s childhood, relationships to parents, and any early sexual experiences that might relate to sexual orientation. Forces within the APA, the American Psychiatric Association, and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) want reparative therapy banned, even if a patient requests it. The Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns of the NASW, for example, has issued a statement saying, “Efforts to convert people through irresponsible therapies...can

be more accurately called brainwashing, shaming or coercion.”

While the APA stopped short of declaring “reparative therapy” an unethical practice for psychologists, it did take steps to hedge in those who use it. According to Focus on the Family, the APA passed a resolution requiring psychologists to tell a patient that homosexuality is not an illness, and that therapy might be harmful to the patient. It also required psychologists to ensure that patients were not being “coerced” into therapy by family or church members.

While not legally binding, some observers warn that the APA resolution could be used in lawsuits brought against psychologists who try to help homosexuals out of their lifestyle.

An outspoken proponent for this radical step is Dr. Richard Isay, professor of clinical psychiatry at Cornell University Medical School. He considers reparative therapy a sham, rooted in homophobia. In a letter to the New York Times, Isay said that “homophobia... is a psychological abnormality” that was comparable to insanity.

But other mental health professionals say reparative therapy is very successful in helping homosexuals get free of a destructive lifestyle. In his book, *Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth*, Dr. Jeffrey Satinover says that 80 years of research “suggests strongly that homosexuality is quite changeable.”

In a recent Washington Times article on the subject, psychologists Stanton Jones and Mark Yarhouse of Wheaton College said, “[E]very study ever performed on conversion from homosexual to heterosexual orientation has produced some successes.... Those ‘success’ rates have ranged between 33% and 50-60%.”

Michael Johnston, an ex-homosexual who heads Kerusso Ministries in an effort to help gays leave the lifestyle, said the APA resolution would be used by homosexual activists to confuse young people. “It is young people who will end up paying the price if we Americans don’t turn around and start telling the truth about the deadly spiritual, emotional and physical consequences of homosexuality,” Johnston said.

Family Issues Alert, 8/20/97; USA Today, 8/15/97; Washington Times, 4/1/97

## PORNOGRAPHY

# Corporations helping gay cause

## Pro-gay project finds American Airlines’ support

A controversial project that vilifies Christian groups who disagree with the homosexual agenda received financial support from American Airlines, which continues its enthusiastic normalization of the homosexual lifestyle.

The project, called “Hostile Climate,” is a self-proclaimed “state by state report on anti-gay activity,” and is produced by the ultra left-wing group, People for the American Way (PAW). The report thanks American Airlines, calling it “the official airline of the Hostile Climate project.”

PAW’s report says there has been “a proliferation of web sites devoted to hate and anti-gay rhetoric,” naming American Family Association in a list with well-known white supremacist and neo-Nazi groups. PAW cites the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation as the source of that list.

Hostile Climate, July, 1997 edition

## American Express underwrites Lesbian & Gay History Month

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) said it was proud to welcome American Express Financial Advisors as primary corporate sponsor for the fourth annual Lesbian & Gay History Month.

With this year’s theme of “Charting the Future, Reclaiming the Past,” GLAAD designated October as the month to “highlight the often ignored contributions of gay figures and the community in history.”

According to the GLAAD web site, Lesbian & Gay History Month was started when Rodney Wilson, a high school teacher in Missouri, became frustrated by the dearth of references to homosexuals in school textbooks. In January, 1994, Wilson organized teachers and community leaders to try to educate the public about accomplishments made by gays and lesbians. October was selected in commemoration of the first two marches by homosexuals on Washington in October, 1979 and 1987.

“Lesbian & Gay History Month is a unique approach to celebrate the many accomplishments of the gay and lesbian community,” said Marie Tobin, American Express Financial Advisors’ Community Relations Program Manager. “American Express Financial Advisors applauds this effort to educate the public and its goal of nurturing an inclusive society.”

American Express is joined by other pro-homosexual groups, including the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Bisexual Network of the U.S. (BiNet USA), the Human Rights Campaign, Parents, Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), and LEAGUE at AT&T.

GLAAD website, August 7, 1997

## Shell Oil extends benefits to homosexual live-ins

The Shell Oil Company announced that it would be extending its benefit package to include the domestic partners of employees. The company joins the growing number of public and private employees – more than 450 so far – that have done so.

In a company statement, Shell calls domestic partnerships a “spouse-like relationship,” and it justified the coverage change by saying it “reflects the value we place on all our employees and is designed to better align our benefit package with the needs of a diverse workforce.”

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## MEDIA

**Newspapers publish pro-homosexual cartoon strip**

The comics section of more than 1,700 newspapers was the site of a four-day promotion of homosexuality in August, when the cartoon strip, "For Better or For Worse" focused on the love life of a young gay man. Cartoonist Lynn Johnston's popular syndicated strip centers on the daily life and relationships of the Pattersons, a middle class family.

The controversial strip sequence examined the emotional struggle of Lawrence, when his boyfriend considers moving to Paris to study piano. That relationship is portrayed as being as normal as a boy-girl relationship, referring to "falling in love" and "allowing someone to enter your heart." The final panel of the four-day strip makes a strong propaganda pitch: not only is the homosexual lifestyle not "evil" or "weird," it is no more immoral than a person who prefers not eating the crust on a sandwich.

Johnston created a similar controversy in 1993, when teenage character Michael Patterson discovered that his friend Lawrence was a homosexual. The gay character has remained a regular since that first "outing," Johnston said in 1993 that she presented the positive portrayal of the homosexual lifestyle because of personal sympathies: her brother-in-law is a homosexual.

Almost all of the newspapers that regularly run "For Better or For Worse" had no qualms with running the controversial strip, even though it would appear in the comics section which normally attracts the attention of children. Fewer than 40 daily papers refused to run the four-day storyline.

In a press release, The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) criticized those who opposed the content of the strip as being "small-minded bigots" and "radical religious groups," full of "hate and intolerance."

But Don Jackson, president of the Christian Family Network, said, "The comic page, read by all family members including the very young, is one place in the newspaper that should be safe from unhealthy agendas.... This page should not be used as an indoctrination tool for the homosexual lifestyle."

According to Focus on the Family, however, Johnston was critical of parents who were concerned that children needed to be protected from the ideas in the strip. Instead, she insisted, parents should be teaching their children about acceptance.

Family Issues Alert, 8/20/97; AP, 8/14/97; GLAAD web site, 8/18/97



insists that is sufficient protection for children. But Vonder Haar said that passwords will be granted using a less-than-foolproof method: "a filter will prompt users to affirm that they are at least 18 years old." Vonder Haar also said the password system will allow CompuServe "to promote its adult areas more extensively" by making more people aware of their existence.

But Internet porn extends far beyond one online service provider, and parents continue to grow anxious as web sites – with names like *Busty Babes*, *hotsex* or *RetroRaunch* – continue to proliferate. CyberErotica, for example, is one of the Internet's largest sex sites, according to a USA Today cover story. CyberErotica offers more than 10,000 sexually explicit images, and updates that smutfest with 1,000 new pictures a week. More than 250,000 people visit the site daily.

Many porn sites require a paid membership, but some allow a limited number of free images to tease prospective clients. Children could stumble upon such sites, or succumb to the temptation to visit.

"Children have free access to that material," says Donna Rice Hughes of Enough Is Enough, an anti-porn group. "They are being harmed."

And hooked, Hughes adds. "If pornographers can hook adolescents, they know they'll have an ongoing base for life," she said.

Meanwhile, President Clinton has called for a voluntary labeling system for the Internet which will allow parents to block sites that are objectionable. The President and Vice President Al Gore have been trying to create an effective strategy in dealing with obscene material on web sites, especially after the Supreme Court struck down the relevant parts of the Communications Decency Act, passed last year. The high court ruled that the new law violated the First Amendment.

"The Internet community must work to make these labels as common as food safety labels are today," the President said, addressing representatives of the computer network industry at a July meeting in Washington, D.C. The meeting has led to the scheduling of a summit on family issues in October.

According to *Daily Variety*, Clinton made the comments in response to a decision by software company Netscape

**CompuServe serves up porn**

The granddaddy of online services may have turned into a dirty old man, as CompuServe Corp. became the first major access provider in the U.S. to shuffle adult-oriented and pornographic web sites into a single online community.

"The new community brings together a variety of sexually oriented forums long considered CompuServe's dirty little secret," said Steven Vonder Haar in *Inter@ctive Week*, adding that the

move "may boost the availability of pornographic material on its mainstream online service."

Vonder Haar said the CompuServe forums, which will operate under names like "Erotica," "Strippers" and "Nudist Frontiers," are intended to boost the company's sagging bottom line. CompuServe has reported losses for each of the last five quarters.

User passwords are required to access the porn sites, and the company

Communications, which makes a popular web browser, to use new technology that would help parents block out porn sites on their home computers. Microsoft's Explorer browser already uses similar technology.

Daily Variety, 7/17/97; USA Today, 8/20/97;

Inter@ctive Week, 7/28/97

### War against porn requires clear community standards

In battling to have pornography removed from communities around the nation, those fighting for decency are discovering that their own community standards are being used against them.

Prosecutors rely on a three-pronged test established by the Supreme Court (*Miller v. California*, 1973) to determine what is legally obscene. One of those parts says that for a work to be declared obscene, the average person, applying "contemporary community standards," would find that the work, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest.

Pornographers are beginning to use that part of the obscenity test against cities, as they find ways to prove just how low community standards really are. According to *Morality in Media*, one Cleveland-area pornographer used a survey by a noted sociologist to have obscenity charges dropped against several retailers. Apparently the judge felt the community standards were so low based upon the survey results that pornography could not possibly be considered offensive.

Retired FBI agent Bill Kelly agreed. Noting the lack of success in prosecuting porn distributors in South Florida, Kelly said it was not because police and district attorneys were not trying.

"It is because no judge contacted by the police, and shown suspected hardcore obscene materials, has agreed to issue the necessary prior judicial determination of obscenity," he said, "without which the police cannot make an arrest, and without which the prosecutor cannot prosecute."

*Morality in Media* suggests that communities have their standards on the record and clearly defined in their laws, in order to aid law enforcement officials in the prosecution of pornographers.

*Morality in Media*, May-June/97

## NPR on religion: Is it a form of insanity?

"Religious fervor is sometimes a byproduct of mental illness," said the voice. "There can be a thin line between an intense, mystical experience and a psychotic breakdown." The voice belonged to Jacki Lyden, co-host of *All Things Considered*, a regular news feature on National Public Radio (NPR). The segment, which was broadcast July 28, was entitled "Madness and Religion." NPR is a private, non-profit corporation, which receives federal taxpayer money through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The program suggested that religion can be beneficial as long as it is used as a mechanism for coping with life. Stephen Rittenberg, editor of the *Journal of Clinical Psychoanalysis*, said on the program he believes religion is for people who are trying to cope with fears of helplessness and vulnerability. But the broadcast consistently made the point that a useful religious experience did not involve too deep or passionate an experience. Thus the promotional spot for the program was about "the wavering boundary between *intense religiosity* and insanity." (Emphasis added.)

Reporter Lynn Neary made no attempt to define what "intense religiosity" was. But she primed the pump by speaking about people "whose message and manner of conveying it seems too extreme." In one soundbite, a man is heard on the street ranting about abortion, followed by two unidentified individuals who reach a verdict: "He's not normal."

The man then proceeds to be even more politically incorrect on another subject – homosexuality. Immediately following the man's exclamations that AIDS is a judgment from God upon homosexuals, Neary says, "It's a common assumption that intense religiosity is somehow crazy."

Such individuals, in fact, are lumped together by Neary with the "mental patient who thinks he is God" and "the cult member who follows a charismatic leader to his death."

Neary briefly softened the rhetoric by saying that the line between genuine religious experience and madness is not easy to draw. However, David Wolfe, a professor of psychology at Wheaton College, then picks up the original skepticism toward deeply held religious beliefs. He said many intellectuals have analyzed Jesus and concluded that He was "disturbed in some way."

Attacks on the Christian faith then follow at a brisk pace. According to one of the influential writers on the subject, it has always been "the sick soul who was capable of the most genuine religious experience."

The views of Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis, are stated to have had a major impact on modern psychiatry. Freud, says one expert on the program, believed that many "religious rituals resemble superficially the rituals of obsessional neurotics."

Rittenberg said that not everyone in his field accepted Freud's views. Nevertheless, he added that mental illness was often marked by "extreme religiosity," again without defining such a phrase.

Yet another expert, sociology professor Michael Carroll of the University of Western Ontario, Canada, said many religious experiences are based on "apparitions" or "hallucinations," often resulting from great stress in the life of the individual.

Neary said that, while those in the mental health field are beginning to appreciate religious experiences a bit more, those experiences are still viewed as a dangerous, double-edged sword: "An intense spiritual experience, [experts] say, has the potential to transform a person's life for the better. If mishandled, it also has the potential to end in tragedy."

NPR programming has caused controversy in the past on the subject of religion. In 1995, NPR was forced to issue an apology after commentator Andrei Codrescu ridiculed the Christian belief of Christ's Return. Codrescu apologized "for the language, but not for what I said."

NPR transcript of "Religion & Madness," 7/28/97; AP, 12/23/95

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## AFA endorses powerful Internet porn fil-

A new software filtering system endorsed by American Family Association (AFA) will allow families to navigate safely through the porn-infested waters of the Internet.

AFA is recommending X-STOP: The Pornography Filter. The new software from the California-based company Log-on Data is receiving high acclaim in the computer industry. X-STOP runs on personal computers as well as school and library networks.

"Indecent and obscene Internet sites exist by tens of thousands today because of the current U. S. Justice Department's reluctance to enforce federal obscenity laws," said AFA President Donald E. Wildmon. "The most degrading and violent pornography is available to anyone connected to the Internet, including children. Therefore, we recommend the X-STOP filter because it has real muscle in protecting our children and employees in the

working environment from pornography on the Internet."

For blocking internet pornography, X-STOP employs Direct Address Blocking (DAB). DAB is a technology that uses an industry-leading library of blocked Internet addresses instead of word-based filtering.

However, X-STOP works on more than just web browsers. The foul word filter operates on word processors, e-mail systems, and any application that allows the user to

type text.

Once installed, X-STOP is automatically loaded each time the computer is turned on. X-STOP monitors activity on the computer to guard against pornographic and offensive material. When a prohibited event occurs, X-STOP covers the computer screen and requires a password to continue.

X-STOP is available for all Windows and Macintosh computers. A system for entire school districts or organizations is also available.

For more information about X-STOP including how to purchase visit AFA's website at [www.afa.net](http://www.afa.net) or call X-STOP at 714-734-9299.



## Campaign to fight sex businesses

Sexually oriented businesses are the target of a new national campaign announced recently by National Family Legal Foundation of Scottsdale, Arizona.

The National COPE (Community Ordinances Protect Everyone) Campaign is designed to improve the quality of life for Americans. "Every American has the right to be safe and feel safe - and laws are designed to protect that right," said NFLF Executive Vice President Mike Montgomery. "We are asking citizens to help us secure the safety of children and families through strong local ordinances that protect communities from dangers associated with sexually oriented businesses."

Bruce Green, General Counsel for the AFA Law Center, is excited about the COPE campaign. "This proactive effort by the National Family Legal Foundation has our full support," said

Green. "We have agreed to provide our legal support for those cities that go through the extensive review, revision and implementation process of the National COPE Campaign. If they get sued, we'll be there to defend them."

For more information, call 1-888-313-COPE (toll free), or visit the COPE website at [www.nflf.com](http://www.nflf.com).

## On record

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Entertainment Today, 7/25/97

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# New study fails to debunk value of spanking

For centuries parents have followed the Biblical wisdom: do not spare the rod in disciplining children. Now a new study claims that spanking actually causes children to lie, cheat, rebel and turn violent. Some confused parents want to know who's right.

Sociologist Murray Straus of the University of New Hampshire has published the results of the study in the journal *Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine*, according to *Time*. Straus and his fellow researchers report that "when parents use corporal punishment to reduce [antisocial behavior], the long-term effect tends to be the opposite." As a corollary, the researchers also claim that decreasing the amount of spanking in society will actually reduce the amount of violence.

But Straus and his cohorts are taking flak from others in the field. Drs. Den Trumbull and S. DuBose Ravenel, both pediatricians who advocate spanking children in appropriate fashion, disputed both the methodology and results of the Straus study.

For one thing, said Ravenel, the Straus research only studied children ages 6 to 9 years old, and then extrapolated the conclusions about children of all ages. The real truth, said Trumbull, was that studies indicate that spanking is most effective between the ages of 18 months and 6 years old. Thus the use of older children in the Straus study would automatically skew the results.

Another serious flaw: Straus only surveyed young mothers, ages 14 to 21. But that age group is generally seen as a group that is at higher risk for inappropriate spanking.

And the study also failed to identify the context in which the children were spanked. In fact, Trumbull suggested that the details of the families surveyed by Straus et. al. seemed to indicate that they were in many ways already dysfunctional.

Moreover, Ravenel told *Family Issues Alert* that Straus was "essentially ignoring all the evidence opposed to his and claiming there is none."

Ravenel states there are significant research results that contradict Straus – eight previous studies that present positive results for spanking

that is part of a combination of discipline methods used by parents. And according to *Time*, recent polls demonstrate that more than two-thirds of pediatricians ap-

proved of parents spanking children in certain situations.

Family Issues Alert, 8/20/97; Time, 8/25/97

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# BOYCOTT DIS-

What would cause Christians to boycott the Walt Disney Company – the maker of some of the most enduring, wholesome, family entertainment products?

The facts in the case against the Magic Kingdom are unchallenged. In recent years Disney has established a record of products, policies and practices that insults the very families to whom it has traditionally catered.

Below is a partial list of Disney's anti-family activities. For more information and monthly updates about why Christian groups such as American Family Association, Southern Baptist Convention, Concerned Women for America, Focus on the Family and others are promoting the Disney boycott, call American Family Association at 1-800-FAMILIES.

*Priest* (Miramax) is a pro-homosexual movie which depicts five Catholic priests as dysfunctionals and blames their problems on Church teachings.

The president of Miramax Films, a wholly-owned Disney subsidiary, admitted that his company thrives on racy, often violent promotion for its movies.

After reading the script to *Dogma*, a movie that asserts that Christian beliefs are little more than mythology, Miramax principal Harvey Weinstein said, "Love it! We'll release it on Good Friday."

Other objectionable films from Disney subsidiaries: *Chasing Amy* (lesbianism), *Pulp Fiction* (sex, violence), *Color of Night* (sex), *Clerks* (graphic language), *Chicks in White Satan* (lesbianism), *Lie Down with Dogs* (homosexuality), *The House of Yes* (incest).

Danzig, an occultic rock band, is signed to a Disney record label. Their music is laced with satanic themes.

Chairman Michael Eisner and The Walt Disney Company are both donors to People For the American Way, a group whose stated goal is to "monitor and counter the divisive agenda of the Religious Right."

Disney hired a convicted child molester to direct its movie *Powder*.

Disney signed Martin Scorsese, director of *The Last Temptation of Christ*, *Casino*, *Taxi Driver* and many other hard-edged films to a 4-year-contract.

Disney/Miramax originally purchased and intended to distribute *Kids*, a pornographic movie about early teen sex and drug abuse. Miramax later formed an independent company to distribute the film. It was rated NC-17 (formerly X) by the MPAA.

During the first weekend in June for the past seven years at the Orlando, Florida, theme park, Disney hosted a huge homosexual celebration called "Gay Day at the Magic Kingdom that Walt Built." Patrons, including many families, have no prior warning that the event is taking place.

Disney company executives, including Chairman Michael Eisner, are on the board of trustees of Hollywood Supports, a powerful homosexual advocacy group whose focus is to promote the gay agenda in the workplace.

Disney has extended company benefits to live-in partners of homosexual employees. The policy does not cover unmarried heterosexual couples who live together.

The May, 1995, issue of *Buzz* magazine reported that a homosexual rights activist said that she was once told by Disney Chairman Michael Eisner that "as many as 40% of the company's 63,000 employees might be gay." The cover story also reported that Disney has the "largest lesbian and gay employees organization in the entertainment industry." *Buzz* named several openly homosexual Disney executives.

Eisner approved the storyline of the Disney/ABC series *Ellen* in

which the lead character declares that she is a lesbian. Disney/ABC leads the TV networks in the number of prime-time gay characters.

Disney supports *Out*, a homosexual magazine, with advertising.

Disney-owned Hyperion Press has published at least three books which promote homosexuality, including one aimed at teens.

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## PepsiCo, Nissan top NYPD Blue spon-

Nissan and PepsiCo both placed ads on all three episodes of ABC's **NYPD Blue** reviewed below. Nissan has often appeared on the series, but PepsiCo had not been a regular until this month. Its subsidiary Taco Bell is the offending sponsor. All of these episodes are repeats.

### ■ August 12 P11 S

Dialogue included at least 10 crude euphemisms for genitalia, masturbation and other sexual situations. In the teaser, a nude woman's body is discovered, with viewers treated to more nudity than the series had shown before. One scene featured a suspect's collection of porn tapes and nude pinups.

### ■ August 19 H P8

Det. Medavoy is the dinner guest of Abby, a lesbian police officer, and her live-in lover. The women are considering asking Medavoy to provide sperm for them to have a baby.

### ■ August 26 P8 S

Typical profanity and gutter language occur. An

advisory of "partial nudity" misleads, as the episode includes a room full of totally nude male and female mod-

els. Though no genitalia are shown, there is much skin revealed, for an extended length of time.

## McDonald's cited as top sitcom sleaze merchant

Among the offensive sitcom episodes reviewed this month, McDonald's is the sole advertiser that appeared in every episode reviewed below. All are repeats.

### ■ Drew Carey Show P3 S

ABC, 8/13 – When series star Drew's high school band teacher dies, the whole episode revolves around his memories of having sex with her when he was 16. It turns out that she had sex with many of her young students.

### ■ Ellen AC H

ABC, 7/30 – Ellen and homosexual friend Peter attend a New Age retreat to discover themselves. Peter basks in his homosexual preference. Another character calls religion a fad, but Peter defends eastern religions.

### ■ Roseanne H P8 S SA

ABC, 8/19 – The politically correct view of teen sex prevails, as teenager DJ dates Heather, who carries condoms in her school backpack. Homosexual lovers Leon and Scott enjoy an evening of drunken laughter with Beverly (series star Roseanne's mother) and her lesbian lover.

### ■ Spin City H P8 S SA

ABC, 8/13 – Danielle comes on to Michael, New York deputy mayor and series star. He reflects on their college days when he cheated off her papers in ethics class. Coworkers Carter (homosexual) and Stuart (straight) get drunk and wake up in bed together. Stuart is afraid they had sex.

### August 19 H P1 S SA

Carter is pleased that his former sex partner, Spence, wants to see him, but devastated that Spence is engaged – to a woman! Carter shocks Michael, the series star, by kissing him in front of Spence in an attempt to make Spence think he's in a sexual relationship, too. This episode includes an excess of alcohol consumption.

### ■ The Simpsons H P4 PC

Fox, 8/24 – Homer Simpson is horrified to learn that the family's new friend

### KEY TO TV REVIEW CODES

- 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 commendation.)
- **TV network ratings are indicated in black.**

John is homosexual. Homer – and his equally ignorant, redneck drinking buddies – are portrayed as irrational, unenlightened, pathetic homophobic. Characters on

the politically correct side of the issue are patient, tolerant and reasonable. Finally, Homer sees the error of his ways. He tells his son, “Any way you choose to live your life is O.K. with me.”

## General Motors, Unilever support adult movies in family time

Sexual themes, perversion and violence are mainstays in the movies brought to family time hours by General Motors and Unilever, both of whom appeared on all of the following summer movies.

### ■ Judith Krantz's Dazzle

H P21 S

CBS, 8/10 & 8/12 – This two-part repeat focuses on tensions in the Kilkullen family when the father dies, leaving his 60,000-acre California ranch to three daughters. One story-line follows one of the daughters in a lesbian relationship.

### ■ French Silk

AC P11 S

ABC, 8/17 – ABC advertised this movie repeat in the lead-in teaser by boasting, “Adultery, passion, even murder!” The illicit sex games of cop Roger Cassidy and Claire, a lingerie designer,

are the focus. An adulterous couple (one a Congressman) round out the action. TV evangelist Jackson Byrd leads an anti-porn crusade against Claire’s explicit catalogues. Cassidy and Claire speculate that Byrd’s young wife is having sex with Byrd’s son. Claire is Byrd’s illegitimate daughter.

### ■ Intensity

P26 S V

Fox, 8/5 & 8/6 – Edgler Vess is the antagonist of this bizarre two-part movie. A serial killer, Vess thrives on the “intensity” of murder, reveling in the smell and feel of his dead victims. Chyna, an unstable young woman, witnesses as he murders her best friend’s family. She pursues him, is held captive by him, and battles his killer dogs to escape, after having seen them literally devour another of Vess’ prisoners.

## PepsiCo, McDonald's serve up tabloid tales

The following recent drama episodes continue to push the limits of prime-time decency. All three boasted ad support from Pepsi and McDonald’s.

### ■ Pacific Palisades

P15 S

Fox, 7/30 – Self-serving hedonists fill this episode. Rachel wants her step-father for herself, so she plants nude pictures of herself in his briefcase to imply that

they had an affair. Adulterers Robert and Jessica have sex to celebrate his filing for divorce. Laura and her mom discuss the practice of seducing rich, older men in order to marry them.

### ■ Roar

AC P3 S V

Fox, 8/18 – The Christianized Roman Empire of A.D. 400 is the scene of conflict between Romans and Celts. A scroll containing an actual letter from Jesus Christ to

## Wal-Mart supports prime-time family-friendly fare

Among recent positive shows reviewed, Wal-Mart ads showed up in all three cases. These episodes are repeats.

### ■ Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman

+

CBS, 8/16 – Dr. Quinn’s Uncle Theodore, a concert pianist, shows up unannounced, on his way to California. He takes young Brian under his wing, tempting him to leave the uncouth West for New York and a concert pianist’s career. Old family tensions and resentments surface, but find resolution during the episode.

### ■ Hangin' With Mr. Copper

+

ABC, 8/2 – This episode focuses on how young people should behave themselves when dating. Treating people with respect, being honest in relationships and being unselfish are the themes. One little girl is upset because her mom tells her she’s too young to date, and Vanessa tells her, “Cool girls don’t date – they wait.”

### ■ Touched by an Angel

+

CBS, 8/17 – When police pursue a stolen car, the driver is 15-year-old Jason, who’s been stealing cars since he was 12. At a juvenile center, he is assigned to work with handicapped children. The angels and the love



His brother James is being protected by Christians. Meanwhile, brutal Roman officials – and presumably the historic church – are trying to suppress the New Age “truth” of the scroll, in which Jesus tells James, “There is no greater truth than the one that is in you.”

### August 25

AC S

Monotheism and some the message of Christ is proclaimed. But Jesus is killed

on the cross by a Roman soldier who thrusts a spear into His side. (The Bible says Christ voluntarily surrendered His life by the time the soldier speared Him.) God is seen as unwilling to forgive this soldier, though he pleads for it, and he is cursed: he can never die. “Christ has betrayed me, so I will destroy Him,” the soldier says bitterly, and promises to spend his time on earth profaning God.

*There they go again...*

# The NEA grants for 1997

BY LAURENCE JARVIK

*Editor's note: The following is excerpted. The complete article with end notes is available upon request.*

The National Endowment for the Arts has announced 736 grants amounting to \$67 million for fiscal 1997. The grants represent 79% of the agency's funds for the year.

Despite insistence from the NEA and its defenders that the agency has changed in response to demands for reform from the people, it is clear from the 1997 grant awards that the agency is still funding offensive "art" and the institutions perpetrating it. NEA Chairman Jane Alexander has told Members of Congress that she has altered the agency's priorities, and has testified to this effect before both House and Senate oversight subcommittees as recently as a May 13, 1997, hearing chaired by Congressman Pete Hoekstra (R-MI), but the record shows otherwise.

According to Judith Miller of The New York Times, 85% of this year's grantees are past recipients of NEA largesse. Clearly, the status quo, not reform, prevails at the agency.

As in years past, the agency has funded several projects that many taxpayers would find offensive on grounds moral, political or both. Among this year's awardees are:

**American Conservatory Theatre Foundation, San Francisco**  
"The Golem, by playwright Tony Kushner" **\$60,000**

Kushner is an activist, left-of-center playwright who has said that art should be used to "punish Republicans." He is personally wealthy from the royalties on his hit Broadway play, "Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes," which won a Pulitzer prize and received an NEA subsidy.

**Circuit Network, San Francisco, California** **\$15,000**  
"original multimedia work by Guillermo Gomez-Pena ..."

Gomez-Pena's work includes a jello Jesus figure that was eaten by party guests. [A]t the Corcoran [his] show featured dead chickens, body bags, and blood. Its World Wide Web site included items featuring what The Washington Post called "racial sexual fantasies."

**Discalced, Inc., New York** **\$150,000** "to support Mark Morris' conception, choreography, and direction ..."

Morris is an established New York choreographer whose work promotes homosexual themes and features nudity. He did a transgendered version of "The Nutcracker Suite" called "The Hard Nut."

**Film Society of Lincoln Center, Inc., New York** **\$60,000**

"to support four major film exhibition series..."

At its New Directors film festival, the Film Society of

Lincoln Center this year presented **Sick**, the story of masochist Bob Flanagan, who nails his sexual organs to a board.

**International Center of Photography, New York** **\$100,000**  
"Weegee"

A collection of old tabloid newspaper photos featuring prostitutes and dead bodies, among other things.

**New York Foundation for the Arts (3 grants)** **\$315,000**  
"media arts"

Funded projects include a documentary promoting late arts impresario Joseph Papp, a one-time member of the Communist Party, who rejected NEA decency requirements.

**Ridiculous Theatrical Company, Inc.** **\$30,000**  
"to support the production of 'The Grand Tarot ...'"

This outfit has done shows featuring cross-dressing and drag performances.

**Whitney Museum of American Art, New York** **\$400,000**

This year's Biennial coincides with "video art" featuring excrement in an exhibit called "Santa's Workshop" in which elves are portrayed having sex. The Whitney also hosted an exhibition in 1993 featuring "abject art," which the exhibit's program describes as "a body of work which incorporates or suggests abject materials such as dirt, hair, excrement, dead animals, menstrual blood, and rotting food...."

## ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE ELITE

Many of this year's grants are awarded to institutions that cater to well-to-do clientele. Other grants are awarded for project development; taxpayers relieve the producers of risk while allowing them to reap the rewards of profit. Some funds go to college projects, while many taxpayers cannot afford college for their own children.

**Bard College, Annandale, New York** **\$15,000**  
"publication costs and related expenses, including authors fees, for two theme issues of conjunctions"

This is a publication at an elite college which has among the highest tuition fees in the country.

**Big Apple Circus (NY School for Circus Arts)** **\$75,000**  
"tour of a circus show"

This elitist alternative to Ringling Brothers, patronized by stars and millionaires, takes place at upscale Lincoln Center.

**Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, New York \$200,000**  
“Next Wave Festival”

The Brooklyn Academy of Music has played host to avant-garde performances (sometimes sexually-oriented and sometimes with homosexual themes). It attracts an audience of socially prominent New York millionaires and international jet-setters.

**Cabin Creek Center for Work and Environmental Studies, Inc., New York \$50,000**

“post-production costs for **Woodstock 1994**, a feature-length documentary film”

The original Woodstock film made millions.

**City of San Antonio, Texas \$70,000**

“artists fees for four one-week residencies”

This is \$17,500 per week per artist.

**Dancing in the Street, Inc., New York \$18,000**  
“Dances for Wave Hill”

Among the most exclusive “sites” in New York City, Wave Hill is a palatial estate in Riverdale, on the Westchester County line. It is not near any subway stops.

**Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts \$150,000**

Harvard has the largest endowment of any university in America.

**La Jolla Playhouse, La Jolla, California \$40,000**  
“development and production”

La Jolla is one of California’s most exclusive areas.

**Metropolitan Opera Association, Inc. \$350,000**

“five new productions ...”

The richest Opera House in the United States, the Met has an annual budget of \$133 million. Stagehands at the Met make as much as \$100,000.

**Sundance Institute for Film and Television \$200,000**

“Film Festival, Directing and Screen writing Labs, Producer’s Conference”

The Sundance Institute was founded by millionaire actor Robert Redford.

**BACK-SCRATCHING?**

A few grantees this year are in positions to promote the NEA, its interests, and its funded work:

**Atlanta Art Papers, Atlanta, Georgia \$20,000**  
“Artists Collaborating with Communities,” etc.

This is a payment for the publication of articles highlighting the NEA’s efforts to build community.

**Chicago New Art Association, Chicago \$22,500**  
“to support the exhibition review section of the New Art Examiner...”

The New Art Examiner reviews NEA-funded works.

Several of this year’s grants are given for projects that fall under the purview of other government agencies and could be funded by them; a few grants are even given directly

# There’s a major LEAGUE difference in AT&T and LifeLine long

When AT&T talks about LEAGUE, they are not talking baseball. At the communications giant, LEAGUE means Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgendered United Employees – a group that has the enthusiastic support of the company. LEAGUE calls AT&T “THE company without closets!”

LifeLine is in a different league. LifeLine is the Christian long distance company that was formed to fund God’s work. In fact, when you join the LifeLine team, 10% of your long distance bill can be given back to American Family Association.

It’s easy to sign up. Simply make a free phone call to 1-800-990-0109 and tell the operator you want 10% of your long distance billing to go to AFA. The switch over is free and there is no loss of service.

Then the next time AT&T calls to pitch their service, tell them you’ve caught a new vision – LifeLine.



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## AFA Pornography Awareness Week – October 26-November 2

# Turn the tables on Internet, porn

**BY BOB FRANK**

*No-Debt Living newsletter*

It's safe to say that we have been blessed (and plagued) with advances in research and technology – television, digital and cellular telephones, medical technology and more. But with those blessings come responsibilities.

One of the latest advances in electronic/computer wizardry is the Internet. This breakthrough provides nearly instant access to oceans of useful and not-so-useful information, both Christian and secular. However, like television, the Internet also provides easy access to the worst pornographic trash imaginable. Advertisements for this morally corrupt garbage spill quietly and anonymously into millions of E-mail accounts every day, via a process known as “spamming.”

For those of you who aren't familiar with the Internet, spamming is the junk mail of the electronic age. Open up your electronic mailbox, via your computer, and there it is. Loads of ads promote everything from cheap gasoline credit cards, to vacations, weight-loss programs and more.

If that were the extent of it, there would be little to complain about. Pornographers, however, have plunged junk mail practices to all-time depths. When a porn dealer sends you a message, the return E-mail address is usually bogus, so you can't fire back a message that says, “Take me off your list.”

Even if the pornographer's return address is active, the problem just gets worse if the recipient sends back a message. The spammers have computer robots that treat any return message as an opportunity to identify a new active E-mail address. Then the robots put the address of the person complaining on more and more spam lists.

### BE AWARE AND FLEE

The sad thing is, people who are not well-grounded in the scripture and who have not learned to immediately flee from this stuff (I Corinthians 6:18,

10:11-14 and II Timothy 2:22) are often sucked into its addictive web.

### DOCTOR SEES INTENSE ADDICTION

One person who has seen this trend firsthand is Dr. Thomas Harrison, an associate professor at the University of Utah and a private practitioner in psychotherapy, who has specialized in treating addicts of pornography for 25 years.

Each month, for the past several months, Harrison's private practice, which is limited in size, has been adding three new patients, all hooked by pornography on the Internet. This type of pornography, he said, is “intensely addicting,” because it provokes an “adrenaline-dopamine” rush or high.

“It's a very profound addicting response because you don't have to go out on the street, you don't have to buy anything, you don't have to go anywhere. You can get it at work, in an airplane, at home, anywhere you can connect with the Internet,” Harrison said.

“In a normal relationship, you can't do that. To achieve that response with a partner, you have to be kind, polite and gentle; and you have to show a sense of caring and love. With Internet pornography, you don't have to do anything other than pay your computer bill and your Internet server.”

Harrison compared the risk of porn addiction to II Timothy 3:1-9. The first few verses of that passage state:

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

The world would have you think Internet pornography is all freedom of speech and the press. It has nothing

to do with freedom of speech or the press. This is full-blown, in-your-face pornography, and the Bill of Rights, as authored by this nation's founders, was never intended to protect such garbage. Furthermore, we as Christians should not sit idly by as Satan and the world build another stronghold from which to launch enemy missiles that will cripple or destroy the morals of our young people, as well as adults. (Ephesians 6:10-11; II Kings 23:1-25; Proverbs 5:1-10; 7:6-27)

Studies have shown that the vast majority of sexual offenders begin their deviant behavior with off-the-rack pornography, then progress to violent acts. Like an addiction to drugs, pornography is often progressive, leading the victims to deeper and darker levels.

### WHERE ARE WOMEN'S GROUPS?!

What's amazing is that women's groups across the nation are not crying out vehemently and persistently to local, state and federal government officials to put an end to pornography, regardless of whether it's sold on the Internet, in the supermarket, in porn shops or in the mail. After all, women and children are nearly always the target of rape and sexual violence.

If various women's groups united and rallied behind this effort – as they did in the early 1900s when they were seeking the right to vote – the war against pornography could be won in a relatively short time, on the local, state and national level. But the attack must be multilevel.

First and foremost, this battle must be bathed in prayer, as participants seek the wisdom and blessing of God. Without His empowerment and guidance, it will never happen. With His blessing and power, nothing will stop it.

Federal, state and local representatives must be targeted, but so must prosecutors, law enforcement officials, chambers of commerce, media executives and, most of all, other citizens on a grassroots level. In addition, people must be willing to use their time, skills

and finances in related efforts.

Every Christian in the nation could and should be involved to one degree or another – whether it’s praying once a week, making donations to lobbying groups, calling elected officials, or boycotting pornography dealers. Let’s face it, folks, this should be a winnable war.

**TURNING THE TABLES**

This month I had the pleasure of downloading the website of a local Christian group that is using the Internet to turn the tables on pornographers. That website is the homepage for the Hardin McNairy County American Family Association, found at [www.public.usit.net/shank/hmcafa](http://www.public.usit.net/shank/hmcafa).

In essence, a handful of local folks are using a non-profit webpage site to provide local citizens with a list of local porn dealers and recruit their help in the war against pornography. The cost to maintain this website is probably under \$30 per month.

These people have taken the resources that God has provided and have begun using them to His honor and glory. Other creative, inexpensive means have also been used effectively throughout the nation by people willing to become involved.

**IF YOU’RE CONCERNED**

If you are concerned about the impact of pornography upon your family and/or society, you need to pray about this issue, let the Lord lead you and then get involved in some way.

- Here are a few things you can do:
- Pray with your family, church friends, or local citizens to develop a strategy to fight porn in your area.
  - Subscribe to the *AFA Journal*, P.O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803. Donation: \$15 per year. Website: [www.afa.net](http://www.afa.net). The *AFA Journal* will keep you up to date on antipornography efforts, as well as on movies and TV programming.
  - Protect yourself and your family on the Internet by installing software to screen out pornography. There are several of these programs on the market with the most effective being an AFA-endorsed product called X-STOP. (See story on page 14.)
  - Establish a system in the workplace that screens out pornography on the Internet. (X-STOP works here, too.) Studies have shown that the majority

of people visiting pornography sites do so during regular working hours. Chances are, your employer would be interested in knowing how to economically stop this trend in your organization.

- Whenever there is legislation concerning pornography, get informed and contact your elected officials, via phone, fax or mail.
- Set up a table near the entrance to a local pornographer’s business and hand out cookies and Christian tracts

to people (provided you are on public property). This mild approach has driven more than one local porn shop out of business.

- Work with local Christian business people and consumers to develop strategies to get rid of pornography sales outlets in your area.
- Use the Internet to set up a local “Hall of Shame” webpage.
- Complain to your local Internet server, AOL, Compuserve, Prodigy

*Continued* ➤

## Pornography Awareness Week October 26-November 2

Pornography Awareness Week was started over a decade ago by American Family Association to help communities combat the rise of pornography.

Don Wildmon, AFA President, says “We can’t afford to wait any longer on government to do their job in enforcing obscenity laws. We must become educated and involved in the pornography issue. Our society has already suffered too much because of the silence and apathy of the Christian community on the issue of pornography.”

Here are ways you can participate in the 1997 Pornography Awareness Week:

- Pray for the success of this national campaign.
- Avoid retailers who rent pornography and let them know why.
- Support retailers who support the family by not carrying porn.
- Voice your concern to others and work toward a common goal.
- Form a local AFA Affiliate as an effective means to confront the problem. Contact the AFA Affiliate department by calling David Miller at 601-844-5036, Ext. 314.
- Order the AFA Pornography Awareness Week Information Packet.
- Encourage family members and friends who are addicted to pornography to call the AFA Outreach Division at 601-844-5128.

The 1997 Pornography Awareness Week Information Packet includes: a White Ribbon Against Pornography (you can reorder more), samples of anti-porn billboards which can be ordered, some facts about pornography, a sample proclamation for use by elected officials, a press release, picket information, a church bulletin insert, an Outreach brochure on how to deal with pornography addiction, information on how to form an AFA Local Affiliate, and a petition to President Clinton to fulfill his 1992 campaign pledge to “aggressively enforce” the federal obscenity laws.

The cost is \$3 per packet. Include payment with order. Shipping is included. Order from AFA Resources, P. O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo,

and others about the pornographic junk E-mail you are receiving.

- ▶ Ask local business owners who carry pornographic material (grocery stores, gasoline stations, convenience stores, etc.) to eliminate those products from their shelves.

The bottom line is this: Whenever God provides us with skills, blessings and resources, we, as good Christian stewards, should be looking for ways to use those resources to His honor and glory to further the kingdom of God. The war against pornography is a winnable war and each of us needs to get involved. The price of our apathy has already been too dear.

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## New video gives history of Bi-

The rich legacy of the written Word of God is the subject of **The Forbidden Book**, a recent video release from New Liberty Videos. It is a fascinating account of how the Bible has been preserved through the years.

Brian Barkley, producer for the project, says, "This video relates how the Bible captured for all time the cultural richness of several civilizations and cata-

pulted humanity into the greatest era of discovery and spiritual enlightenment it had ever experienced."

**The Forbidden Book**, is available for \$19.95 plus \$3 shipping and handling. Order by check from New Liberty Videos, P. O. Box 25662, Shawnee Mission, KS 66225-5662; order by credit card from 1-800-578-4409.

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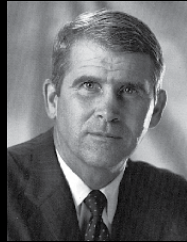
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Confirmed speakers: (l to r, top to bottom) Gary Bauer, Oliver North, Steve Forbes, Bay Buchanan, John Ashcroft, Phyllis Schlafly, (not pictured) Fred Barnes, Cal Thomas, Mike Farris, Rabbi Daniel Lapin, Rep. Helen Chenoweth, Sen. Robert Smith and more.

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# How to stay on the straight and narrow

## Faithful & True

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed."

JAMES 5:16 (NIV)

Close relationships with healthy Christians who have made the journey of recovery from sexual sin are vital in finding freedom from lust.

When our workshop graduates return home, many find it difficult to locate Christ-centered support groups where they feel safe to discuss their sexual sin and temptations. To meet their need AFA OutReach has developed a network of safe-haven accountability groups which we call Faithful & True Groups.

While prayer, Bible study and church attendance are certainly essential to recovery, many may also find small Christ-centered support groups to be a powerful and effective instrument in the healing process.

Faithful & True is for men and women who are ready to be honest, and to be held accountable about their sexual sin.

If you are struggling with sexual fantasies, pornography, masturbation, adultery, prostitution, voyeurism, exhibitionism, phone sex or other such temptations, Faithful & True can help you stay on the straight and narrow road of purity.

### **START YOUR OWN. WE'LL HELP.**

Call 601-844-5128 today. Request our Faithful & True brochure or go ahead and get started with the Faithful & True Starter Kit (\$35) which includes a workbook, leader's guide, press release information and more.

Other Faithful & True resources include a seven-part audio cassette series (\$25) and a very helpful workbook written by AFA workshop leader Mark Laaser (\$10).

Note: Faithful & True Groups define sexual wholeness as the ability to be sexual only as an expression of emotional and spiritual intimacy in a heterosexual Christian marriage.

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