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Network TV hits new

■ Fewer viewers, more sex

So what's on the tube tonight? Let's see, the new fall season is under way, and featured on prime-time network television are...bestiality, adultery, fornication, homosexuality, and pedophilia. There are endless jokes about all sorts of sexual situations and perversions. What's going on?

What's going on is simple: network TV is being produced by people who want more sex – not less – for a culture that is still not sure it wants sex on the tube at all.

The result is a schizophrenic culture where nobody is happy. Hollywood writers and producers feel constrained by whatever remains of society's standards of decency, while many adults – especially parents – feel assaulted by filthy shows that have little or no entertainment

value.

Nevertheless, Hollywood wants more, and that's what counts. Fox Entertainment President Doug Herzog said, "I think we need to keep pushing the envelope, I think we need to be relevant and keep on exploring and experimenting. That's what the audience expects from Fox, and I think that's what the audience demands in general right now from network television."

Herzog could not be more wrong. Besides the cancellation of **Manchester Prep**, other vulgar Fox shows appear to be in trouble. **Action**, also controversial because of its bawdy content, has gotten poor ratings, as has the smutty prime-time cartoon **Family Guy**. The audience demand for smut may be lower than Herzog thinks.

"This is the show for you"

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Judge halts suit against AFA of Ala-

A federal district court in Birmingham, Alabama, issued an injunction prohibiting the continued prosecution of a state lawsuit brought by Greene County, Alabama, against AFA of Alabama and other pro-family groups and individuals for their successful opposition to video poker legislation in Alabama last April.

According to Brian Fahling, senior trial attorney for the American Family Association Center for Law & Policy (CLP), which represented AFA of Alabama, the federal injunction was critical to protecting the First Amendment rights of the defendants. (See *AFA Journal*, 10/99.)

Fahling said the state lawsuit filed in late August by Greene County Commission, Greene County Board of Education, and Greene Track, Inc., against AFA of Alabama and others was "without question the most bizarre and disturbing lawsuit" he had ever seen. "They wanted over \$300 million dollars in damages simply because our clients and others exercised their First Amendment rights to defeat video-poker legislation."

Stephen Crampton, CLP chief counsel, said the lawsuit looked like an attempt to intimidate opponents of an Alabama state lottery.

The federal court sensed the same thing. In its opinion ordering the preliminary injunction, the court stated that because of "the close proximity of the October [state] lottery vote, and the overall dubious tenor of the complaint, the Greene County lawsuit fairly reeks of bad faith and harassing intentions on the part of the Greene County plaintiffs."

"It is incredible that government officials joined with a gambling interest to go after family groups merely for seeking to protect the families of Alabama from the evils of gambling," Crampton said. "The lawsuit by the Greene County government and School Board certainly did not reflect the will and character of the citizens of Greene County."

That seemed to be the case. The October lottery referendum was defeated following a massive grassroots effort by AFA of Alabama, churches and other pro-family groups. (See related story

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Thanks for the angry letters, phone calls, E-

BY DONALD E. WILDMON • AFA President

In the October issue of the *AFA Journal*, I wrote a column saying that the church needs to end its “adultery-phobia.” In the column I used all the arguments that the homosexual activists use in defending their agenda. Even the term “adultery-phobia” was a take-off on the homosexuals’ use of the word homophobia.

The column was satire and my intent was to show that if we accept the argument of the radical homosexuals, their argument could and would be used in the future to push acceptance of adultery – and any other perversion.

In the column itself I referred to the fact that the year was 2050, not the 1990s. It never, ever dawned on me or the *AFA Journal* staff that anyone would take the column literally.

Let me reassure you that for more than 22 years your AFA has fought for Biblical morality, and we will continue to do so. If you read the column and have any doubt about it, let me say again that the column was satire intended to show the fallacy of arguments from homosexual activists.

Many *AFA Journal* readers contacted us either by phone, letter or e-mail. Were they ever angry! Did their anger make me angry? Absolutely not! In fact, I thank God they were angry enough to contact me. Anger is an emotion given by God to be used for a constructive purpose. In fact, I get angry because many Christians don’t get angry at things which should make us angry.

I think that if I had taken the reference to the year being 2050 and placed it at the end of the column, readers would have understood my point. But God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform, as William Cowper wrote in his poem that we now sing as a hymn. Perhaps the column did more good in the manner in which it was written than it would have if I had done a better job in using satire.

Nevertheless, let me apologize for the confusion. And let me again thank those who became angry enough to write. And to those who became angry but didn’t contact me, I wish you had. I just don’t like apathy.

Should I ever write anything like that in the future, rest assured that I will leave no doubt that it is satire. But this time I made a mistake, one that makes me appreciate our readers so very much.

I was especially impressed that so many who contacted me were ministers. Thank God for these people! Their members should thank God for them. They care. They are involved. I thank God they cared enough to get involved and take a stand.

This is one time I got chewed out real good – and it made me very happy. Thanks!

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expectation seems to be that viewers are leering perverts who enjoy ribald dialogue. Some shows, like ABC's **Norm**, for example, seem to revel in their inherent lewdness. Introducing the September 29 episode with a little pre-show chit-chat, series star Norm MacDonald told potential viewers, "So, if you like dirty, this is the show for you."

At least he was honest. Besides the usual sitcom humor about the main character's sex life, this show kept up a constant barrage of jokes about the sex life of Norm's dog, including remarks about doggie porn and dogs engaging in sadomasochistic sex.

Particularly vulgar on all networks this season has been the consistent use of male genitalia as a theme or source of humor. Of the 80 shows AFA reviewed for the start of the new season, 33 used the male sex organ in their dialogue.

There is an attitude in Hollywood that's driving this drivel. It appears that networks are laboring under the assumption – without a shred of evidence, and much evidence to the contrary (*AFA Journal*, 5/98) – that people want bucketloads of sex and vulgarity flooding their living rooms. And sometimes the networks seem shocked to discover otherwise.

For example, Fox's new teen drama **Manchester Prep** stirred controversy in the early summer. The series was to focus on the sex-obsessed teens at an elite New York prep school. In the opening scene of **Prep's** pilot, a teenage girl leers at and comments on her stepbrother's genitalia as he's taking a shower. In another scene, a teenaged girl on horseback is taught by a friend how to use the saddle in order to sexually climax.

The controversy created by **Prep** was so intense – apparently taking the network by surprise – that Fox canceled the series before a single episode aired.

Pushing the envelope

So why do network executives give the greenlight to such raw sexual depictions? The networks' penchant for pornographic TV appears to come, at least in part from Hollywood's prevailing rule of thumb that sex always sells. In fact, **Prep's** executive producer Roger Kumble defended the series during the controversy, saying, "I'm trying to create a popular show for the network. So sex does play a part."

AFA taps C&W as long distance car-

AFA has switched its recommendation for long-distance telephone service to Cable and Wireless USA (C&W), a \$1.2 billion telecommunications giant which has made a pro-family policy one of its guiding principles.

AFA President Donald E. Wildmon said C&W had everything the ministry was looking for. In a letter to supporters, Wildmon said, "AFA has long advocated support for companies which support traditional family values. But at the same time we recognize that those companies need to give good service and value for your money. That is the reason I would like to recommend Cable and Wireless USA as your long-distance carrier."

AFA supporters who switch to C&W will receive a flat rate of 8.9 cents per minute (state-to-state calls), all day, every day, with no minimum monthly fee. The company bills in increments of six seconds – not one minute like some long distance carriers – so customers are more likely to pay only for the time they actually talk.

The company also offers customers calling cards, prepaid phone cards, international calling and toll-free services. Better rates and better service are the main reasons Wildmon cited for changing to C&W from LifeLine, the company which AFA has used for several years.

In addition, C&W will give back to AFA 10% of what its supporters paid for out-of-state long distance service each month. "By using C&W for long distance calls, AFA supporters will be supporting the ministry financially, but not paying extra long distance costs to cover the contribution," Wildmon said.

C&W has solid pro-family credentials. The company has resisted pressure from homosexual activists to provide same-sex domestic partner benefits, in contrast to AT&T, MCI and Sprint.

Earlier this year C&W also took a stand against pornography when it refused a deal that would have allowed *Playboy* to offer pre-paid phone cards featuring photos of *Playboy* centerfolds. C&W's internal review processes brought to light the deal, which had been brokered by an outside agent.

The company has a pro-family policy stating that the "family is the basic building block of our nation and that we all must have a strong value system to ensure a safe and productive society." That corporate policy also states that C&W refuses to "support causes that demean or otherwise encourage the corruption of family values."

Those guidelines aren't simply public relations window-dressing. Referring to the *Playboy* incident, C&W's CEO Rich Yalen said, "This just isn't the kind of business that we want to do."

A pro-family policy does not mean customers will have to sacrifice quality service. C&W is the American branch of a 126-year-old British telecommunications company that serves over 17 million customers. C&W has been the largest long distance company in the U.S. serving businesses exclusively, and has earned *Fortune* magazine's top rating for customer service. C&W only recently decided to offer its services to families for residential use in the U.S.

No AFA supporters will be switched automatically. Wildmon said AFA supporters can switch to C&W by calling **1-800-256-3908**.

Most surveys, however, demonstrate clearly that parents, at least, are not eager for more sex on the tube. Rather, they are embarrassed, red-faced adults, who frequently find themselves frantically reaching for the remote control in order to protect their children from a profanity-laced, sex-saturated TV landscape.

Unfortunately, many in Hollywood just don't get it. Not only are many producers of

network TV enjoying this inverted Renaissance, but the principal actors and actresses want even more. The unbridled sexuality, for example, is just fine with Camryn Manheim, the award-winning actress of the legal drama **The Practice** (ABC). She said, "I'm all against censorship, so whatever's pushing the limits is all right by me."

Michael Boatman of the sitcom **Spin**
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Homosexual activists “getting tough” with their oppo-

■ Third in a series: could hate crime laws be used to suppress opposition?

By ED VITAGLIANO, *AFA Journal News Editor*

“At a later stage of the media campaign for gay rights...it will be time to get tough with remaining opponents. To be blunt, they must be vilified...[W]e intend to make the antigays look so nasty that average Americans will want to dissociate themselves from such types.”

Vilify nasty “antigay” opponents? That sentiment, as shocking as it may be to most Christians, is part of a strategy guide for the homosexual movement which appeared in a 1984 article for the homosexual magazine *Christopher Street*. Entitled “Waging Peace” and written by activists Marshall K. Kirk and Erastes Pill, the work is Machiavellian in its proposals for “transforming the social values of straight America.”

Unbeknownst to many Americans, the battle in this country over hate crimes is being waged by homosexual activists in the context of the Kirk and Pill blueprint. Those who oppose *any* facet of the homosexual movement are being verbally savaged, with the issue of hate crimes being used as an instrument of bludgeoning.

Enforcing tolerance

Like any argument which lacks a self-evident basis from nature or God’s Word, the use of the hate crime debate to vilify opponents of the “gay” rights movement is based upon a rickety two-step equation.

The first presupposition in this construct is that any publicly-expressed view which presents homosexuality in a negative light is *prima facie* “hate speech.” The belief that homosexuality is unnatural, immoral and unhealthy is immediately condemned as hateful.

Following the savage murder of Wyoming college student Matthew Shepard in October, 1998, the airwaves were filled with diatribes against those opposed to the homosexual movement. On the steps of the U.S. Capitol, for example, lesbian actress

Ellen DeGeneres ranted against the “evil, idiotic” people whose views about homosexuality are nothing less than “hate.”

The Log Cabin Republicans, a homosexual rights group within the GOP, said this year it will back Republicans into the corner during the next election over the issue of intolerance toward homosexuals and lesbians. According to *U.S. News & World Report*, the group will demand that each GOP candidate sign a pledge indicating they will fight intolerance against homosexuals. “They are not going to get a pass on this,” said Log Cabin spokesman Kevin Ivers. “They are going to have to enforce tolerance or they are bigots.”

This single choice – support us or be labeled hate-filled bigots – is merely an attempt to intimidate opponents into silence. And to be sure, what crusader for an underdog cause like homosexual rights wouldn’t like to frame the discussion in such a manner?

AFA President Donald E. Wildmon said, “The homosexual movement rests on one lie stacked upon another, and their only hope for winning this battle of the culture war is to keep opponents from revealing the truth. Calling the earnestly held views of the opposition ‘hate’ and ‘bigotry’ is simply an attempt to end all reasonable public debate on the subject.”

Creating a hostile environment

Once opposition to the homosexual movement has been tarred and feathered as hate speech, the second supporting pillar for this shaky house of cards is that hate speech leads to “hate crimes.” Thus, every crime committed against homosexuals because of their sexual orientation is caused, directly or indirectly, by the hateful views of those who oppose the homosexual movement.

Immediately following the Wyoming

murder, Tracey Conaty, communications director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), said, “When anti-gay rhetoric escalates, so does anti-gay violence. Hate crimes are a result of that intolerance.... The right wing is creating the most hostile atmosphere for [homosexuals] in recent memory. Hate violence is a logical extension of these rhetorical, legislative, and electoral attacks.”

In an article about hate crimes for *U.S. News & World Report*, columnist John Leo said the “political advantage” of using this line of reasoning “is that you can discredit principled opposition without bothering to engage it.... Seen through the lens of ‘bias’ (often no more than disagreement with the value system of the cultural left),” those in opposition to the homosexual movement, and those who kill homosexuals “start to merge in the minds of rational people.”

Linking Christians to hate crimes

While activists blame a homophobic society in general for hate crimes, Christians in particular are seen as the fountainhead of hate.

Matthew Shepard’s murder, for example, came after the controversial “Truth in Love” newspaper ad campaign during the summer of 1998. Initiated by Coral Ridge Ministries’ Center for Reclaiming America and sponsored by a number of Christian organizations, the newspaper ads were a message of hope for homosexuals who wanted to leave the lifestyle.

Activists, however, saw the ads differently. “These campaigns to change gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people are so clearly not about compassion. They foster fear, misunderstanding, and intolerance. They foster an atmosphere of hostility that can lead to hate attacks such as the one against Matthew Shepard,” said Kerry

Lobel, executive director of NGLTF.

In an official letter, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors officially denounced pro-family groups who had been involved in the Reclaiming America ad campaign.

“What happened to Matthew Shepard is in part due to the message being espoused by your groups that gays and lesbians are not worthy of the most basic equal rights and treatment,” the letter said. “It is not an exaggeration to say that there is a direct correlation between these acts of discrimination, such as when gays and lesbians are called sinful and when major religious organizations say they can change if they tried, and the horrible crimes committed against gays and lesbians.”

The ads, however, did not run in Wyoming newspapers. As conservative columnist Mona Charen pointed out, no one “has produced one iota of evidence that those two creeps [who killed Matthew Shepard] ever saw or read the advertisements in question. Further, even if they had seen them, it would be hard to imagine how something as innocuous as suggesting that counseling may help homosexuals become straight could even in the most twisted mind translate into ‘Go kill gays.’”

When your strategy is simply to vilify nasty “antigay” opponents, however, such lapses in logic rarely matter.

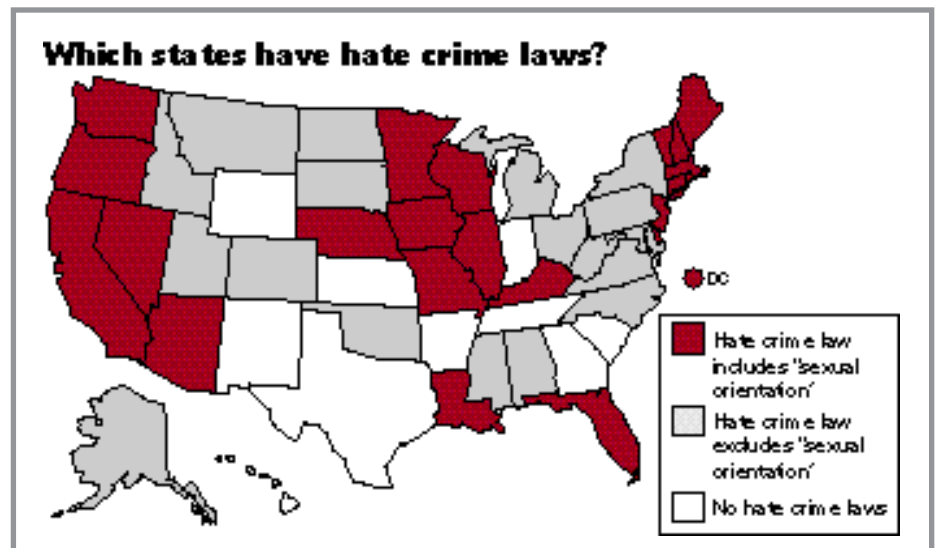
“It must end now”

If Christians say publicly that homosexuality is an aberrant lifestyle and a sin, and if that is a form of hate speech that, in turn, causes hate crimes against homosexuals, what is the solution?

Part of the remedy, activists insist, is for legislatures on the federal and state level to pass hate crime legislation. By punishing the perpetrators of violence against homosexuals, such crime will decrease over time. (See *AFA Journal*, 7/99, 10/99.)

Conservatives, however, have discerned a much more disturbing sentiment behind the call for hate crime laws: the only real solution is an end to “hate speech” itself. After all, it only requires a short step from the belief that, since certain words (“homosexuality is wrong”) lead to illegal acts (assaulting homosexuals), those words themselves should be illegal.

On a very basic level, hate crime laws already target speech. Wildmon said, “In a robbery, the only criminal difference between saying, ‘Give me your wallet,’ and



‘Give me your wallet, *you queer*,’ are two words. Words are what would add the additional penalties required by hate crime legislation. And that, to me, is a clear indication that hate crime laws are about hate speech, not crime.”

Homosexual activists, however, want to go beyond criminalizing the words used during the commission of a crime to banning what they consider hateful words altogether.

Author Gore Vidal said in *The Advocate*, a homosexual magazine, that those who believe – and even worse, publicly proclaim – that homosexuality is immoral or a sin “should be charged with incitement to violence and to murder, specifically in the case of Matthew Shepard.”

Once again, Christians appear to be a special target in homosexual literature. In an article for *The Advocate* examining the root causes of hatred toward homosexuals, Brendan Lemon wrote, “Hatred is also, unfortunately, grounded in Judeo-Christian religious teaching. Virtually all the messages that gay-positive educators strive to undo with children and adult offenders emanate from religious institutions.”

Lemon, who admits to being one of many “crusaders against homophobia,” pulled no punches about what needs to happen for the homosexual movement to achieve its goals, referring to “the Judeo-Christian institutions that need to die if we are to advance.”

That homosexual activists ultimately intend to silence their opponents – using hate crime legislation as one instrument in the process of ideological subjugation – has been made clearer since the Shepard

murder.

Following the publication of the Reclaiming America ads, Joan Garry, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, said, “The rhetoric of ‘hope and healing’ being used by religious political extremists, and their conviction that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people need to be ‘changed,’ fosters a climate of intolerance which puts people in harm’s way. It must end now.”

How is it that the convictions of religious people “must end now”? Those who sympathize with the homosexual agenda first insist that people who hold such views should keep their mouths shut. For example, a statement issued by the American Jewish Congress after the Shepard murder said, “It is not enough for public figures to refrain from active participation in such atrocities; they must also refrain from provocative words which can be used to provide a cover of respectability for flagrant bigotry.”

However, perhaps because of the confidence resulting in an almost decade-long string of victories for their agenda, homosexual activists seem all too willing to provide the ultimate solution to “hate speech.”

Ronni Sanlo, a homosexual activist at UCLA and a self-proclaimed “strong believer” in free speech, said, “Opinions are protected under the First Amendment, but when negative opinions come out of a person’s fist, mouth, or pen to intentionally hurt others, *that’s when their opinions should no longer be protected.*” (Emphasis added.)

The opinions of those who oppose

news of interest

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AFA/ACTIVISM

Newspaper ad chastens Minnesota governor

AFA joined six Minnesota churches in sponsoring a newspaper ad asking Gov. Jesse Ventura for an apology, after remarks he made that insulted Christianity and people of faith.

In an interview with *Playboy*, the Minnesota chief executive said, "Organized religion is a sham and a crutch for weak-minded people who need strength in numbers."

The outcry was immediate, as religious people across the nation and in Ventura's own state took exception to his comments. Even the governor himself appeared to be chagrined, telling a middle-school student later that the *Playboy* interview was the most embarrassing thing that had happened to him since he took office in January.

A CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll reported that the governor's popularity had dropped sharply following the controversy. Only 37% of respondents in the survey said they had a favorable opinion of Ventura, down from 51% in September before his comments were published. Moreover, the percentage of respondents with an unfavorable opinion of the governor jumped from 25% to 45%.

The ad, which appeared in the Star-Tribune (Minneapolis), was initiated by Brannon Howse, Executive Director of the Family Association of Minnesota, a state affiliate of AFA. In the form of an open letter to Gov. Ventura, the ad said, "[Y]ou have demonstrated great disrespect and expressed disdain towards the hundreds of thousands of citizens of Minnesota who believe in God and who are members of the many and various faith groups among us."

The ad also made note of numerous religious historical figures in history who have had a positive impact on civilization, as well as the countless people alive today who help the poor and helpless because of

their religious convictions.

Star-Tribune (Minneapolis), 10/3/99; www.jesseventura.com, 10/20/99

CULTURE

Amazon.com selling books that promote pedophilia, incest

The online bookseller Amazon.com has made a conscious decision to put profits ahead of morality, after AFA discovered the company was selling books which clearly endorsed incest and pedophilia.

"In their thirst for ever-expanding profits, some corporations will peek under any slimy rock to look for new customers. This is sickening," said AFA Director of Public Relations Allen Wildmon. "Amazon.com should be ashamed of themselves, but if they had any conscience they would never have done something so reprehensible to begin with."

The Amazon.com website indicated that it was busily selling copies of *Varieties of Man/Boy Love: Modern Western Contexts*, a book which, according to its own advertisement, celebrates "man/boy eroticism."

The publisher of the book is none other than the radical North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA), a group which has long called for an end to laws of consent which protect children from sexually predatory adults. In its quarterly publication, the *NAMBLA Bulletin*, the group said it continues to work to "organize support for boys and men who have or desire consensual sexual and emotional relationships."

Those purchasing *Varieties of Man/Boy Love* from Amazon.com are also encouraged to consider other books on the subject of pedophilia, including *Loving Sander*, a novel about a sexual relationship between a grown man and a 10-year-old boy.

The company also sells books promoting incest, like the book, *Daddy; an erotic memoir*, which is described as "a father's confession of forbidden love." The author of *Daddy*, Raul Schmidt (a pseudonym), says the sexual affair he had with his daughters when they were "barely out of their teens" provided "some of the happiest moments any of us ever knew."

In communicating with a concerned Amazon.com patron, who complained last week about the bookseller's trafficking in books promoting pedophilia, Amazon.com absolved itself of responsibility. "We hope you will understand that our goal of universal access makes it impossible for us to remove items from our catalog – including of course any items which we as individuals dislike," said company spokesman Mark Hazelwood.

"Have we come to the time in America when pedophilia and incest are simply matters that some of us dislike?" Wildmon responded. "I wonder if there is anything that Amazon.com wouldn't sell for a buck?"

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EDUCATION

Educator sues school district over pro-homosexual policy

AFA lawyers filed suit against the State College Area School District, asking the federal court in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to issue an injunction striking the district's recently enacted anti-harassment policy as unconstitutional.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Pennsylvania State University Associate Professor of Education David Warren Saxe, who alleges that the policy is a repudiation of both constitutional law and sound academics.

Pennsylvania's State College Area School District enacted the policy through a unanimous school board vote on August 9, 1999. The policy defines harassment to include "any unwelcome verbal, written or physical conduct which offends, denigrates, or belittles an individual" because of various characteristics, including one's "religion [or] perceived sexual orientation."

Saxe alleged in the suit that the broad definition, coupled with myriad other problems inherent in the policy, restricts free speech and the free exercise of religion. "This is censorship, pure and simple," he said.

Saxe complained that acts as innocuous as reading the Bible aloud, sharing quotes from the founding fathers, and speaking

out regarding significant moral issues of the day could result in termination or expulsion under the anti-harassment policy.

Stephen Crampton, Chief Counsel for the AFA Center for Law and Policy (CLP), said, "The U.S. Supreme Court spoke decisively to the issue of student free speech in its 1969 *Tinker v. Des Moines* decision. That decision established that school officials do not have *carte blanche* authority to censor unwanted expressions, because students do not shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate."

CLP attorney Bryan J. Brown said the policy would certainly chill free speech in the school district. "Students or faculty members wishing to steer clear of the new harassment policy must be certain never to communicate anything that could conceivably offend, denigrate or belittle anyone for any reason whatsoever," he said. "Thus academic inquiry must grind to a halt, while students and faculty pause to comprehend the reigning orthodoxy before daring to openly discuss moral issues."

Disruptive student shielded from expulsion by federal law

What do you do with a student who continually disrupts the school environment – whether on the school bus, in the cafeteria, hallways or classroom? Most adults would advocate discipline up to and including expulsion from school.

Not so fast. In the case of one Alabama student, Lance Landers, his disruptions were excused under federal laws protecting children with disabilities. Landers was declared "emotionally conflicted" and his mother – and her lawyer – said the Gulf Shores, Alabama, school district could not expel him from school.

Landers' offenses were not of the spit-ball-shooting variety. Allegedly attempting to stab a teacher with a sharp pencil, spitting in other students' food, greeting the principal on most mornings with a profane epithet, and threatening to grab the steering wheel from the bus driver and cause a wreck are just a partial list of what the now 15-year-old Landers has been up to during his educational experience.

The latter incident, however, forced the school district to ask a judge to have the boy barred from the entire Alabama public school system. The judge complied.

Lance's mother sued the school district

in response, claiming that her son needs treatment, and that the school violated the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The Landers' lawyer, James Sears, claims the boy is simply the victim of post-Columbine tragedy politics. "He's not some two-headed monster with a tail. He's just a kid with a disability," Sears said.

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FAMILY

Condoms fail to prevent STD

The ever-popular "safe sex" message may be helping to infect millions of unsuspecting Americans, many of them young people, with a dangerous sexually transmitted disease (STD).

A new report released by the Family Research Council (FRC) singles out the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and states that using a condom during sex will not prevent the transmission of the disease. An estimated 24 million women have been infected with HPV, which causes genital warts and is the leading cause of cervical cancer.

CBS breaks another broadcast barrier with expletive on drama

■ AFA asks for FCC investigation for violation of decency

The CBS network helped shove prime-time television a little bit further into the sewer during the October 14 episode of *Chicago Hope*, leading AFA to file an official complaint with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

David Miller, National Field Director for AFA, asserted that CBS violated broadcast laws with the episode by allowing one of the doctors to describe something that went wrong during surgery by saying, "S--t happens."

According to the Associated Press, neither a CBS spokesman nor Harry Bromell, executive producer of the series, could remember a time when censors had allowed the word to be used on television. "It's nothing I haven't tried a couple of times before, except this time, I won," Bromell said.

According to the FCC, it does not independently monitor broadcasts for indecent material. Thus, its enforcement actions are based on documented complaints of indecent broadcasting received from the public. AFA filed its official complaint against CBS-TV affiliate WCBI in Columbus, Mississippi.

The FCC has defined indecency as "language or material that, in context, depicts or describes, in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary standards for the broadcast medium, sexual or excretory organs or activities." Miller argued that this language during prime time meets the FCC's definition.

The courts have said that indecency is protected by the First Amendment and cannot be banned, like obscenity. The same courts have also said, however, that indecency may be restricted. Such restrictions may be utilized to ban the broadcast of indecent material when there is a reasonable risk that children may be in the audience, such as 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Miller said he believes CBS was simply testing the limits of the FCC when they chose to air the vulgarity.

"AFA has been shocked to see what the FCC continues to allow to be broadcast over the public airwaves, particularly with the likes of shock-jock Howard Stern on radio and TV continually pushing the limits of indecency," Miller said. "The FCC has drawn a clear line in saying what is acceptable. We believe CBS should be penalized for crossing it."

CBS defended itself in a statement, saying, "The producers felt strongly that the line was important for artistic truthfulness."

Miller disagreed. "Most people can go to the grocer, cleaners, restaurant, gas station, work, or wherever and never hear that word. But CBS and *Chicago Hope's* producers are so jaded that they think their viewers need that word to get the full impact of what was happening," Miller said. "We don't have to go to the toilet bowl for our vocabulary to understand an evening television show."

NBC buys stake in PAX TV

■ Will family-friendly programming be affected?

Create an entirely new network devoted to positive, family-friendly programming? It was a bold idea when entrepreneur Lowell W. Paxson launched Pax TV in August, 1998. Now, after a year in business, Pax TV seems to be on the verge of being in the black with increasing ad rates, improved visibility, and a broadcast coverage taking in 80% of the Nielsen market. (See *AFA Journal*, 9/99.)

“We are absolutely staying true to our definition of family programming,” Nancy Udell, vice president of publicity for Paxson, told the *AFA Journal*. “And I think we are the only network that actually has this kind of programming. This niche has a long, long future ahead of it.”

In September, General Electric’s NBC-TV coughed up a reported \$415 million to purchase a 32% interest in Paxson Communication, the parent of the TV network. Moreover, if the Federal Communications Commission changes the appropriate federal regulations in early 2002, NBC would be allowed to buy even more of Paxson, perhaps swallowing the company whole.

The current deal is expected to be a boost to both parties. Paxson not only got the cash infusion, but also NBC’s marketing and financial muscle to promote Pax TV and move it up the network food chain. NBC would have an outlet for its own programming, both original shows and reruns.

NBC shows airing on Pax TV? The NBC that proudly calls itself the home of such smutty sitcoms as **Friends**, **Veronica’s Closet**, **Just Shoot Me** and the pro-homosexual vehicle **Will & Grace**? Some fans of Pax TV wonder if NBC will begin shuttling some of its raunchier programming onto the family-friendly network.

“I don’t think that that programming would be Pax fare,” Udell said. “But shows like **Providence**, and things like that which appeal to the entire family” would more likely be the type of NBC show to appear on Pax TV.

Keeping Pax TV’s current focus on serving families, however, was partly up to viewers, she added. “I think the only way to make sure that the kinds of programs that [families] want to see on television air in the future is by watching our programming and supporting our advertising and supporting us by giving us their input,” Udell said.

And after 2002 – if NBC bought a controlling interest in Paxson – who would have control of programming decisions then?

“I’m really not sure. All I can say is that with this NBC deal they’re supportive of this network,” Udell said. “As far as Pax TV is concerned, Pax TV brand is family programming,” and she said that would not change due to the NBC deal.

Udell said she encouraged people to contact Pax TV and express their opinions. Contact: Audience Relations, 1-800-646-7296, or write to Audience Relations, Pax TV, 601 Clearwater Park Rd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401

The FRC report said the disease comes in more than 20 incurable variations, and can infect both men and women.

More than simply highlighting the danger of HPV, however, the FRC report also takes to task the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC does not keep statistics on the disease nor warn people of HPV’s medical consequences, FRC said.

Furthermore, said Rep. Tom Coburn

(R-OK), himself a medical doctor, the CDC seems to be ignoring the message of abstinence when it comes to an STD like HPV. “Why is there not a message out there that says, ‘Here is a condom’s effectiveness, but when it comes to Human Papillomavirus, it has zero effectiveness?’” Coburn said at an FRC news conference, adding, “I give the CDC an ‘F’ when it comes to sexually transmitted diseases. I give the CDC an ‘F’ when it comes to protecting our young

people.”

Responding to the news conference, Gloria Feldt, president of the liberal Planned Parenthood Federation of America, was forced to admit that the abstinence-only message is the only foolproof method of protecting oneself from STDs. Nevertheless, she lashed out at the FRC press conference.

“This effort is solely designed to advance an abstinence-only approach to sex and sexuality,” Feldt said. “This is part of the whole ‘shaming of America’ campaign promoted by people who want to impose their own personal religious and moral agenda on all people.”

Rep. Coburn responded that Feldt’s comments “were shockingly irresponsible and showed a reckless disregard for the health and safety of American women.”

Teen girls’ biggest concern: sex and its consequences

A new study of 2,100 girls ages 11 to 17 revealed that the issue that most concerns them is sex and pregnancy. The research was conducted by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Educational Foundation.

The report indicates that junior and senior high school girls are under tremendous pressure to have sex – and not just from boys. A number of girls in the survey said other girls pressured them to have sex with their boyfriends.

Another major concern was also connected with the sex-saturated culture in which young people are growing up: sexual harassment at school. According to AAUW, “Girls frequently cite incidents of boys as young as 12 or 13 calling girls ‘b--es,’ ‘sluts,’ and ‘whores’ or making crude requests for sex.”

Girls in the study also said they wrestled with the pressure to fit in, not only by having sex, but also by taking drugs and drinking, and in appearance.

“[M]any girls point their fingers at the media for promoting a very narrow, restrictive image of women and girls as skinny, sexually alluring, and popular to the exclusion of more important attributes and values,” AAUW said.

USA Today, 9/15/99; www.aauw.org, 10/8/99

Abstinence education offered

as freedom of choice

Under the guise of a pluralistic society, liberals for years have argued that freedom of choice necessitates everything from a right to abortion to smutty television. Now a group of moms in Osseo, Minnesota, have used that argument to get their public school system to offer an abstinence-based sex education curriculum to students.

According to an article in *World* magazine parents grew concerned about the singular “safer-sex” nature of the school system’s sex-ed message. Some moms felt that Osseo, a large suburb of Minneapolis, needed a message of abstinence instead.

At first, attempts to change the normal “use condoms” sex-ed approach into an abstinence-based curriculum ran into problems. The foes of traditional views on human sexuality had supporters with deep pockets, namely Planned Parenthood and its ilk.

So these moms on a mission decided to create an alternative lesson plan based on abstinence, rather than trying to replace the “safer sex” message. Now it was the traditionalists arguing for freedom of choice, and their message of a more diverse offering for students gained favor in the eyes of the school district. The message from these involved parents was simple: “Right now, you’re only meeting the needs of students who are sexually active. But 51% of our students choose to be abstinent. These kids need support, too. What are you doing to address their needs?”

The school system liked the idea, and agreed to let parents select either sex-ed track for their own children starting this fall. Already almost half of Osseo’s junior high and a third of its senior high students have signed up for the abstinence curriculum.

World, 9/11/99

Unfaithful men threaten women with sexual diseases

Somewhere in the neighborhood of 3.5 million women in the U.S. don’t realize their husbands or partners have been unfaithful, putting those women in danger of contracting sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

The danger was highlighted by a new study, published in *Family Planning Perspectives*. Based on national surveys of women, the study compared the number of women who thought their partners had been faithful to the number of men who

HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA

AFA suit claims Bay City hostile to Christians

The American Family Association, AFA President Don Wildmon, Family Research Council (FRC), and Kerruso Ministries filed suit in federal court against the City and County of San Francisco for official actions allegedly taken by the city which condemned religious institutions and believers for calling homosexuality sinful.

The lawsuit alleges that in a letter sent at the direction of the Board of Supervisors, AFA, FRC and others were condemned as being directly responsible for crimes committed against homosexuals, including the murder of Matthew Shepard. It is also alleged in the lawsuit that the Board passed a resolution encouraging local television stations not to run “Truth in Love” commercials, sponsored by the Christian organizations, which presented the gospel of Jesus Christ and offered help to homosexuals who want to come out of that lifestyle.

Wildmon expressed disappointment but not surprise with the actions of the City of San Francisco. “The city’s actions are but one more reminder of how aggressive and ‘in your face’ the homosexual agenda has become,” he said.

Stephen Crampton, Chief Counsel for AFA Center for Law & Policy (CLP), stated that San Francisco’s actions are “the clearest example of governmental hostility toward religion” that he has seen.

“This fierce rhetoric by San Francisco is an open invitation to homosexuals to commit acts of violence against Christians,” Crampton said.

Brian Fahling, Senior Trial Attorney for CLP, said, “The U.S. Supreme Court has clearly stated that hostility towards religion such as San Francisco has demonstrated is at ‘war with our national tradition as embodied in the First Amendment’s guarantee of the free exercise of religion.’”

Fahling concluded, “It is astonishing how brazen San Francisco was in its denouncement of these Christian ministries. It is not a large step from official public condemnation of a particular religious group and its beliefs – as was done here – to declaring that group and its beliefs unlawful.”

NCOHD given rude greeting in San Francisco by activists

Christian speakers who had come to San Francisco to offer the salvation and deliverance of Jesus Christ to those trapped in the homosexual lifestyle, were met by a small but vocal minority of activists who tried to silence that message of hope.

The annual National Coming Out of Homosexuality Day (NCOHD) is set each year for October 11. That is the same day as National Coming Out Day, a celebration of homosexuality that is meant to encourage homosexuals to “come out of the closet.”

This year AFA, Family Research Council, Kerusso Ministries and Falwell Ministries co-sponsored NCOHD near Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Several speakers addressed the audience, including Michael Johnston, a former homosexual with AIDS; his mother; Yvette Cantu, a former lesbian activist; and Dr. Jerry Falwell. Many homosexuals were in attendance, as were several Christian supporters and the media.

Hecklers continually tried to disrupt the speakers, but were escorted from the auditorium by security. At the close of the event, two homosexual activists hit Johnston on the head and face with blueberry pies. The young men were removed by the police and charged with battery.

After the pie-throwing incident, Johnston, who founded Kerusso Ministries as an outreach to homosexuals, said, “I guess that’s just how they welcome guests in San Francisco, this tolerant, loving city.”

claimed to be monogamous. The difference yielded the estimate of the number of women at risk of contracting STDs.

“A partner who has other partners is more of a risk than a partner who does not,” said Lawrence Finer of the liberal Alan Guttmacher Institute. Finer was the study’s lead author.

USA Today, 10/7/99

More men admitting paternity in out-of-wedlock births

Government statistics for 1998 indicate that the number of men who are admitting they fathered out-of-wedlock children almost tripled over 1992 figures, and experts said the expected social benefits resulting from this trend would be impressive.

According to numbers released by the Department of Health and Human Services, 1.5 million paternities were acknowledged in 1998, compared with 512,000 six years before. According to USA Today, experts attributed this increase to a 1993 law which asked unwed mothers and fathers to declare paternity by signing a hospital form as soon as a baby was born, rather than waiting.

Knowing for sure who a child’s father is has enormous benefits, including an increased likelihood of child support, insurance coverage through the father, and getting the father involved in the child’s everyday life on a more regular basis.

USA Today, 6/22/99

Research: men not always the instigators in domestic violence

Contrary to the feminist contention that men are violent monsters who beat their wives, new research indicates that marital monstrosities come in both genders.

Funded in part by the Justice Department, a number of studies now show that women are as likely to hit their husband or male domestic partner as vice versa.

In a 21-year study by University of Wisconsin-Madison psychology professor Terrie Moffitt, about 27% of women and 34% of men reported they had been physically abused by their partner; 37% of women and 22% of men admitted to perpetrating violence against their partners.

Richard Gelles, a sociologist at the University of Pennsylvania who has co-authored two similar studies, said his

research arrived at the same conclusions. “The domestic violence movement has emphatically tried to ignore the fact women hit men,” Gelles said.

Gelles noted, however, that men are more likely to cause serious physical injury when they strike a woman. “This is not an even playing field,” he said.

USA Today, 7/14/99

Museum guide fired for frank sex talk to children

A trip to the art museum just isn’t what it used to be. When a group of fifth grade girls from Visalia, California, visited the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, they got an earful from the tour guide.

According to the Associated Press, the kids were viewing a sculpture called “Back Seat Dodge ’38,” which portrays a couple of lovers embracing in the back seat. Volunteer guide Stephanie Riseley then embarked on a monologue about sex.

Riseley explained later that she told the girls that “[t]hey can see their own reflections in all the mirrors and they understand what I feel he was trying to express: That you only get one first sexual experience, so think before you act. Make it meaningful, make it special, make it beautiful.”

The museum fired Riseley, and a spokesperson later said, “It’s not our place to teach religion or sex education.”

Riseley, however, is not only contesting the decision, but also demanding that the museum apologize for firing her.

AP, 5/19/99

Massachusetts sets new student drinking regulations

Parents who worry about how much drinking their college-age children are doing need not worry as much in Massachusetts. That state is now requiring its public colleges and universities to let folks know when their underage kids are caught boozing it up on campus.

Federal law has been changed in recent years to allow institutions of higher learning to inform parents when their children violate alcohol and drug abuse policies. Those changes have alleviated concerns that such disclosures violate privacy laws.

Other states have begun a similar crackdown following well-publicized campus problems – including several deaths – re-

sulting from alcohol abuse.

AP, 5/19/99

Study says marriage cools off hot-blooded young men

A study which examined the levels of testosterone in the blood of 1,881 Vietnam veterans adds its voice to the scientific claim that getting married decreases the amount of trouble into which a young man will get himself.

The study found that married men had lower testosterone levels than single men or men who were divorced. “The difference in testosterone levels between married and unmarried men has implications for antisocial behavior,” said researchers Allan Mazur and Joel Michalek in *Social Forces*. Men with lower levels “would be expected to exhibit lower criminality than unmarried men.”

The researchers said they did not discount other factors which might explain the differences in criminality between married and unmarried men. But they said the levels of testosterone certainly contributed to criminal behavior.

The Family in America, New Research, 6/99

RELIGION/ANTI-CHRISTIAN

Lynchburg city school board stands firm for prayer

The Lynchburg (Virginia) City School Board is making a determined stand to continue a long-standing practice of opening its meetings with prayer, despite the threat of legal action by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Stephen M. Crampton, Chief Counsel for the AFA Center for Law and Policy, applauded the decision. “We commend the Lynchburg School Board for not allowing the bullying tactics of the ACLU to dissuade it from doing what it has every right to do,” Crampton said. “All too often, the ACLU’s actions in re-making America into a secular state go unchallenged.”

The school board’s reconsideration of the issue was prompted by warnings from the ACLU that opening in prayer could be considered unconstitutional, based upon a recent decision from the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals concerning a similar

College student jailed for pro-life

It wasn't for grand larceny, possession of cocaine, or assault and battery. In August a Christian college student began serving a six month jail sentence for simply sharing the gospel and speaking the truth about abortion on a high school campus in Lynchburg, Virginia, before school started.

Liberty University student John Reyes, who is represented by the AFA Center for Law & Policy (CLP), went with 150 other college students to the E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg on November 10, 1997. In front of the school, the group prayed, sang, handed out gospel tracts and counseled with students about alternatives to abortion.

School officials told the group to leave immediately. However, according to court records, because school personnel never identified themselves as E.C. Glass officials, the Christians refused to go. When police arrived and asked the protesters to leave, Reyes and the others complied.

Later, however, prosecutors employed an obscure and little-used legal mechanism, obtaining a grand jury indictment against Reyes. He was convicted of trespass, even though some 45 police officers at the scene testified that he and the other demonstrators were well-behaved, orderly and promptly obeyed when asked to leave. (The original indictment contained three counts. On two of them – failure to obtain a permit and disorderly conduct – Reyes was found not guilty.)

Stephen M. Crampton, chief counsel for CLP, said trespass under Virginia law required a specific intent to violate the law, or knowledge that one is on another's property without permission. "John did not violate either aspect of Virginia law. Until the police asked him to move, John thought he was on public property, since he was standing on the street sidewalk," Crampton said.

Remarkably, he added, Reyes' harsh sentence was imposed despite the fact that the police did not arrest or even cite anyone at the scene. Prosecutors said afterward that the convictions and sentence sent the "cor-

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Just prior to his incarceration in Lynchburg, Virginia, John Reyes (holding Bible) is supported by friends (l to r) David and Jeanette Lytle and Pastor Richard Knodel, Jr.

Revival breaks out among inmates

By R. E. KNODEL, JR. Pastor, Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg

As Christian student John Reyes enters his seventh week of incarceration in the Lynchburg City Jail for witnessing at a public high school, all heaven is breaking out! Satan wanted him in jail, and now the devil will simply have to deal with the consequences.

John says that any number of people have urged him to become a "trustee" of the jail, which would enable him to get out of jail a bit earlier. But he said he's been telling them he doesn't want to do that for two reasons. First, he doesn't want to take a trustee position from another inmate who would have children waiting for that inmate's release. (John's not married and has no children.) Second, John said, "Pastor Knodel, I'm having such a great ministry in here with the men, that I don't want to get out of jail a day earlier than necessary!"

My spirit soared to hear such testimony of this dear brother who's incarcerated for Christ and His kingdom! I would have thought that by now he would at least be bored, if not scared and disheartened. But John has taken to this Christian persecution like a duck to water.

And he's inflicting injury on the enemy! Within two weeks of his entry into jail seven men had prayed with him to receive Christ. These were not quickie, superficial prayers, but men who had counseled with John and confessed their misery and great need for forgiveness. One of them who had the street name "Homicide," had intimidated the other men in the cell. But he came, like Nicodemus, late at night and spoke to John of his agony. Since the man's conversion, he has allowed John to disciple him on a regular basis.

John has established both nightly Bible studies and discipleship classes in his 25-man cell. Over a dozen Bibles have been distributed to the men and more have

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Pro-family coalition defeats lottery in Alabama referen-

A state lottery initiative in Alabama failed after a coalition involving AFA, churches and other pro-family groups campaigned hard in opposition. It was a defeat for Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman, who made the creation of a lottery the core issue of his 1998 campaign.

In mid-October Alabama voters slapped down the proposed statewide lottery initiative by a 54% to 46% margin. The grassroots opposition effort overcame a tremendous spending campaign by those favoring the lottery. Government sources said pro-gambling forces spent \$3 million, contrasted to \$1 million spent by opponents.

Pastors in the state are getting much of the credit for helping to defeat the measure. In an article entitled, "Lottery vote shows power of church," The Birmingham News

said, "Alabama churches responded against the lottery with an evangelistic fervor."

"The churches are the ones that flexed their muscles," said Jim Cooper, chairman of Citizens Against Legalized Lottery.

According to The News, churches erected anti-lottery signs, made T-shirts, held rallies and hosted prayer vigils, as well as registered voters and encouraged them to turn out on the day of the referendum.

Church leaders were encouraged by the tremendous impact made by Christians standing together on an important social issue. "Don Siegelman did what others couldn't do: he unified churches across the state," said Baptist pastor Calvin Kelly.

"When churches are focused upon prayer and the Lord, then they have an impact," said the Rev. Harry Reeder III, pastor of Briarwood Presbyterian Church.

Teen mag circumvents parents in advising

Who can a teenage girl trust for sound advice on important issues? Parents? Clergy? Relatives? Try *CosmoGirl!*, the hot new teen magazine that promotes itself as teen confidant.

However, columnist Charles Colson is not a fan of the magazine's approach. "Imagine if strangers approached your 12-year-old daughter and said they wanted to talk with her about her problems at home, at school, and with boys. You'd probably be pretty upset," he said, adding that *CosmoGirl!* does just that. "The way the [magazine's] editors see it, parents are preachy and out of touch with what teenage girls need to hear. And *CosmoGirl!* aims to fill that void."

At the *CosmoGirl!* website, for example, teens are told, "[A]re your parents totally stressing you out? You can look to *Cosmo-Girl!* for realistic advice."

The website promotes its editors as hipster fems that are "young enough to understand... and can tell you the real deal - without being preachy like mom."

The publishers of the new teen magazine also publish *Cosmopolitan*, long known for its sexed-up covers and explicit, shamelessly sex-related article headlines. With a sex advice column from none other than Dr. Ruth, Colson said the new magazine is following in the footsteps of its big sister.

Tim and Mark Wildmon will host an 11-day tour of the Holy Land and Greece. The tour departs New York City on March 15, 2000. For a free brochure about the tour: Holy Land Tour, c/o Tim Wildmon, American Family Association, P. O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803 or 1-888-326-4543 or twildmon@afa.net



AFA of Virginia (Forest 804-525-3197) – Many NASCAR fans were no doubt shocked to learn that one of their favorite race sponsors is also promoting homosexuality.

Approximately 100,000 race fans at the October 3 NASCAR race in Martinsville, Virginia, were greeted by the AFA of Virginia and other pro-family organizations with a campaign to inform America of Anheuser-Busch's attempts to promote homosexuality.

The event featured an airplane flying over the race track for an hour and a half towing a banner reading, "Anheuser-Busch: Stop Promoting Homosexuality." Every roadway leading to the race was lined with signs that read, "Boycott Bud, Busch, Michelob: They Promote Homosexuality, Do You? www.gaybeer.com." Local volunteers passed out thousands of fliers which included a Bud Light ad with two men holding hands. The ad had appeared in a homosexual magazine.

State Director Joe Glover said, "Anheuser-Busch seems to be endorsing sodomy for money." Glover asked the race fans to avoid Anheuser-Busch theme parks and products until the corporation reverses its policies toward "the destructive homosexual agenda." He said, "We're asking a corporate giant to put people and principle above profits. We're urging consumers to tell Anheuser-Busch that they don't patronize companies that promote homosexuality."

Anheuser-Busch recently sponsored the San Francisco Folsom St. Fair, which celebrated violent and degrading sadistic sex acts among homosexuals. The event also included anti-Christian activity, such as men dressed as nuns being beaten while strapped to crosses.

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- ▶ Sea World (CA, FL, TX, OH)
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- ▶ Discovery Cove (Orlando, FL)
- ▶ Water Country USA (Williamsburg, VA)

Churches win prayer rally debate – AFA Center for Law and Policy as-

A group of local pastors and churches won the right to hold an intercessory prayer rally in October, celebrating the closing of the largest provider of abortions in the New Orleans area.

Kathleen Benfield, Director of AFA of New Orleans, and Rev. Bill Shanks, Director of United for Life, were initially frustrated in their efforts to organize the rally due to a noise ordinance requiring a permit for the rally. The permit application process takes about a month.

Benfield contacted the AFA Center for Law & Policy (CLP), who sent a firm letter to the Jefferson Parish attorney informing him of the lack of constitutional protections in the ordinance and threatening to file a federal lawsuit unless the rally was allowed to go forward on short notice. The parish attorney responded quickly, stating that the parish would promptly review and act upon a permit application, thereby ensuring that the rally could be held.

"We are pleased that the parish attorney recognized the constitutional rights of our clients to organize and hold the prayer rally on short notice," said Stephen M. Crampton, Chief Counsel for CLP. "The lengthy delays inherent in the ordinance's procedures render it unconstitutional," Crampton added.

"We certainly hope the parish will take action to amend the constitutional defects in the ordinance," said Michael J. DePrimo, a CLP attorney who assisted in the case. "We take no pleasure in filing lawsuits against

municipalities, but neither can we stand idly by while the First Amendment rights of our clients are infringed," he said.

The prayer rally highlighted the fact that no abortions were performed the entire week that Causeway Medical Suite was closed. Benfield estimated that several hundred babies were saved. The clinic closed its doors two weeks ago, shortly after it became aware of efforts to collect a judgment against it for over \$400,000. However, according to Benfield, another clinic opened last week at the same location, using a similar name, many of the same employees, and the same telephone

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- AC** Anti-Christian
- H** Promotes homosexual agenda
- P** Profanity; the number following the "P" is the number of times profanity is used in the program.
- PC** Politically correct in dealing with an issue identified in the review
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SITCOMS

■ Action H P28 S TVMA-DLS

Fox, 9/16 – This sitcom debut includes discussions and reactions regarding the size of Bob's genitalia, and a gaggle of bikini-clad homosexuals at a Christmas party at Bob's home. About a dozen obscene expressions are bleeped out.

Advertiser: Sony

September 23 H P14 S TV14-DL

In this episode, Peter Dragon, the show's main character, refers to having written gay porn scripts. In anger he threatens to sodomize (with a trophy) a writer who claims to have writer's block. Homosexual movie mogul Bobby conducts business discussions completely naked (blocked from view) with everyone in the meeting staring at his genitals.

Advertiser: GM, MCI, Sony

September 30 H P11 S TVMA-DLSV

Peter allows a homosexual movie star to perform oral sex on him, and even though Fox cut some of the scene it is obvious what is happening. Principals in the show joke about how pimps pick up unsuspecting teenage girls at bus stations and turn them into prostitutes.

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■ Becker AC H P12 TVPG

CBS, 9/20 – In this second season premiere, Jake refers to having casual sex the night before, and the gang makes jokes about the first Amish house of prostitution. Linda goes out with Rus, a guy from Margaret's church, who turns out to be homosexual. Dr. Becker belittles a nun, who responds by calling him an a--.

Advertisers: GM, McDonald's

September 27 P21 PC S TVPG-L

The episode promotes gun control, and Linda overhears Margaret talking on the phone about the size of something which Linda assumes to be a man's genitalia. Dr. Becker and Amanda have casual sex several times within a few days of their first meeting.

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■ Family Guy P15 S TV14-DL

Fox, 9/23 – Sexual jokes abound, making frequent use of genitals and female anatomy as sources of humor. In addition, this show includes implied oral sex, Abraham Lincoln pictured in a state of arousal, and a number of substitutes for the F-word.

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September 30 AC P3 S TVPG-DL

This episode is a blatant swipe at Christianity, Catholicism in particular, when Peter's grandfather Francis comes to visit. He is a judgmental, self-righteous Catholic who rejoices over people going to hell. Jesus cheats at golf to win, and the pope is ridiculed throughout the episode. Francis thinks his wife is on a prayer mission in Las Vegas, but a cut-away shot shows her gambling and boozing it up. The show's demented toddler, Dewey, says, "I love God. He's so deliciously evil."

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■ Freaks and Geeks AC P12 TVPG

NBC, 9/25 – The debut of this series shows Lindsey, one of the main high school characters, refusing to go with the flow in making fun of a special ed student, openly befriending the boy. That fine message, however, is spoiled by a teen referring to his mother's "stupid priest," another teen calling a rock drummer "God," and Lindsey's repudiation of belief in an afterlife.

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■ Just Shoot Me P5 S TVPG

NBC, 9/21 – When Finch and his new bride return from their honeymoon discussing their sexual antics, the stage is set for an entire episode full of sexual humor. Elliot must deal with a bout of impotence, as he is shown in bed discussing his sexual failure with his date. There are numerous jokes about his condition, sexual arousal and pornography.

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■ King of Queens P4 S TVPG

CBS, 10/4 – Carrie's father, in his 70s, is distraught to learn that Carrie and Doug don't have

the TV porn channel. In a boyish staple-shooting contest at work, Doug shoots a heavy duty staple into a testicle, thus providing for a whole show based on genitalia humor.

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■ **Ladies Man H P4 S TVPG-DL**

CBS, 9/27 – This “family sitcom” focuses on Jimmy’s pride in fathering a son, with emphasis on the size of his and his son’s genitalia, and Jimmy’s own childhood masturbation practices. He and the doctor ogle a porn centerfold, friend Gene’s son Rene is homosexual, and Jimmy’s 70-something mother fantasizes about sex with an actor. Some 70 lines (more than three lines every minute) deal with genitalia, sex or porn.

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■ **Norm P6 S SA TV14-D**

ABC, 9/22 – In this second season premiere, series stars Norm and Laurie scam a ticket scalper to get tickets at face value, Norm gets a hooker a job at the social services office where he is serving his probation, and Norm taunts and ridicules a teenage boy for being a virgin. There are numerous jokes about substance abuse and at least 25 sex jokes.

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October 29 H P8 S TV14-DL

This show flaunts its filth, as series star Norm tells viewers prior to the show, “If you like dirty [stuff], this is the show for you.” Norm’s decision to have his dog start breeding kicks off a barrage of crude humor about Norm’s own sex life, prostitution, sado-masochism, pornography, and homosexuality. A term for male genitalia is used in a crude play on words.

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■ **Odd Man Out P3 S TVG**

ABC, 9/24 – The “G” rating was totally inappropriate for this show about 15-year-old Andrew growing up in a house full of women. In disgust a sister tells him that he is just like all men: “You just want to spread your seed and move on.” Laughter accompanies Andrew’s revelation that he has a collection of porn magazines.

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■ **Oh Grow Up H P5 S TVPG-DL**

ABC, 9/29 – Since one of the three lead characters is a homosexual (who left his wife after “discovering” he was “gay”), homosexual jokes are countless. For example, “We gays like to save our sweating for the gay sex,” Ford says

when asked why homosexuals don’t sweat much when it’s hot. Meanwhile, Hunter sleeps with his daughter’s 22-year-old roommate. Fortunately, his daughter is a ’90s girl, explaining to dad that his one night stand is no big deal because “people have sex. It’s natural.”

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■ **Spin City H P2 S SA TVPG-D**

ABC, 9/21 – This third season premiere again focuses on sex, and includes regular main character Carter, a homosexual. Series star Mike wakes up in bed with a gorgeous model, and can’t recall the details of their drunken spree the night before. Mike spends much of the rest of the program trying to convince his regular sex partner that he didn’t have sex with the model.

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■ **Stark Raving Mad P14 S TVPG**

NBC, 9/23 – The debut episode introduces series principals, horror novelist Ian Stark and Henry McNeely, his obsessive-compulsive, paranoid editor. Upon their first meeting, a scene has Stark’s dog trying to have sex with McNeely’s leg.

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■ **Suddenly Susan P2 S TVPG**

NBC, 10/18 – Two regular characters urge Susan (the star) to have casual sex with Oliver, new employee in the office. Susan pants and lusts after him like a junior high schooler enthralled with a rock star. Homosexuality, condoms, casual sex and numerous euphemisms for intercourse fill the dialogue.

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■ **That ’70s Show P10 S SA TVPG-DL**

Fox, 9/28 – The premiere for this second season takes a humorous view of drug abuse, as Stephen’s pot-laced brownies fall into the wrong hands. Stephen says straight folks (non-drug users) are losers. There is also a sexual theme as Fez thinks Jackie wants to touch his genitals and he makes a move on her, though she is the regular sex partner of one of his best friends.

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October 4 P12 S TVPG-DLS

Eric spends the entire episode trying to figure out how to undo Donna’s bra when they’re making out, so finally she just stops wearing one. Hyde meets a girl who’s “easy,” and they have sex on their first date. The teenage characters use a number of euphemisms for sex and male arousal.

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NBC, 10/4 – Truckloads of sexual dialogue fill this show. The so-called humor included jokes about masturbation, male and female genitals, and pornography. There is even a joke about pedophilia. Olive is asking for suggestions about what she can read to a blind teenage boy, and when she asks Josh, “Fifteen-year-old boy?” he answers, “No, thanks.”

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■ **Will & Grace** H P6 S SA TVPG

NBC, 9/21 – During the summer those connected with this show all but promised a romantic kiss between Will and a boyfriend this season, and the producers are wasting no time getting him into the dating scene. Will has a date with a man at his apartment, but he's miles behind flaming homosexual friend Jack, who brags incessantly about his promiscuous lifestyle. Karen's hard-drinking ways are again featured in this episode.

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September 28 H P10 TVPG

Even with this show's reputation for jokes about homosexual promiscuity, this episode crossed the line with humorous references to anal sex. Jack also flirts with blasphemy: after Rosario talks about praying to Mary (the Madonna), he jokes about praying to pop star Madonna.

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■ **Ally McBeal** H P5 S TV14-D

Fox, 10/4 – The show's dysfunctional misfits once again spend an entire episode obsessed with sex, as Ally struggles with not having a boyfriend. Comments abound about sex toys, oral sex, and masturbation, and the cast seems intent on using as many euphemisms as possible for male genitals. One storyline centers on a lesbian wanting to have a baby by artificial insemination.

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■ **Chicago Hope** P12 TV14-L

CBS, 9/14 – Dr. McNeil is called before a review board of his peers for having performed an amputation after his risky, experimental surgery failed to save a high school pitching star's arm. This is the episode that got a lot of publicity for its ground-breaking use of a four-letter word for excrement.

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October 23 P14 S TV14-DL

CBS, 9/23 – The main story is about a priest whose injury by an attacker leaves him impotent. Despite the sleazy story line, the priest is not denigrated, a rarity for prime-time. Though the doctors wonder why a priest would desire sexual arousal, he insists on a surgery that will restore that ability, so that he will have the choice to be celibate.

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■ **Get Real** P29 S TV14-D

Fox, 9/8 – The debut episode of this new family show features a teaser with Mary Green, the mother, in the throes of sexual ecstasy, but it's only a dream about sex with David, her husband's business partner. Then she awakens her 17-year-old son only to discover his girlfriend in bed with him; the girl comes down for breakfast as if all is normal. David's wife kicks him out of the house because of his affair with a young woman, then comes into the Greens' home and bares her breasts at the family dinner table.

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September 22 P9 S TV14-D

Crude references to sex and the male sex drive abound, after 15-year-old Kenny was caught peeking into his neighbor's window in order to glimpse classmate Rebecca naked. Unfortunately, he looked into her mother's window by mistake, got caught, and was ordered by a judge to undergo therapy. The therapist pronounces him just a normal “horny” teen. When Kenny confesses to Rebecca that he had thought of her only as a sex object, Rebecca is flattered, and says, “Next time make sure you get the right window.”

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■ **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit**
H P10 S TV14

NBC, 9/20 – The teaser on this debut episode featured a bloody body lying in the street with 37 stab wounds. The assailant had cut off his victim's genitalia. A second story tells of a man molesting a corpse, and a third is that of a man who exposes himself. In this series “Special Victims Unit” is a euphemism for “sex crimes.”

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■ **Nash Bridges** P12 S TV14-DV

CBS, 9/24 – This premiere episode brings the fifth season up to speed with the subject of the season: men's genitalia. Series regular Evan, a cop, is recovering from having shot his left testicle off,

providing the basis for jokes throughout the hour.

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■ **Now & Again P6 S TVPG-V**

CBS, 9/24 – This debut episode features Michael Wiseman, a man supposedly killed in a subway accident, but recruited to let his brain be implanted in a new mechanical man. Even this futuristic sci-fi follows the pack, featuring a scene in which Wiseman and other series stars gawk at and comment on his new genitalia (not shown on screen).

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■ **Once and Again P10 PC S TV14-S**

ABC, 9/28 – This series debut carried a sex scene showing a man's naked derriere. It was a bizarre demonstration of the havoc caused by the sexual revolution: not only are single adults as well as teens having or contemplating sex outside marriage, but the parents and teens discuss their sex lives with each other. The politically correct mantra about being "responsible" and using condoms during illicit sex is driven home a number of times.

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■ **The Practice P11 PC S TV14-DS**

ABC, 10/17 – This episode featured a man charged with exposing himself to a woman who identifies him in court. His attorney demands that he be allowed to expose himself to the jury so they can see that he cannot possibly be the man the victim described. The judge allows it, and jurors respond with gasps, wide eyes and mouths dropped open as the man drops his pants (not shown on screen).

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■ **Snoops P5 S TVPG-DSV**

ABC, 10/10 – One of the series stars, a female private investigator, has sex with her date standing in the front yard of her apartment. (They remain clothed.) Her co-workers spend a lot of time discussing their promiscuous lifestyles.

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■ **October 17 P7 S TVPG-LS**

A political candidate hires the PIs to find a video tape of him having sex with a woman. The context allows for references to his genitalia. The series male star coaches St. Richard's 8-10 year-old girls' basketball team, and teaches them to use filthy language. Snatches of a porn video are also shown during one scene.

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■ **SNL 25th Anniversary H P19 S V TV14**

NBC, 9/26 – Highlights from the first 25 years of Saturday Night Live were shown during the family hour on NBC. Every form of sexual perversion was a subject of humor – homosexuality, bestiality, incest, prostitution – as well as numerous sexual jokes about various parts of the male and female anatomy. A couple of gory scenes spoofing dismemberment were very bloody.

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■ **Third Watch P32 S V TV14**

NBC, 9/26 – This show about New York City paramedics promises to be no better than the rest of the network dramas – featuring much profanity, a man's naked backside, and a particularly vulgar sequence, in which a woman cop jokes with two male co-workers about the size of their genitals.

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■ **West Wing AC H P13 PC S TV14**

NBC, 9/22 – This D.C. drama takes the same sleazy tack as the rest of prime-time dramas. A presidential staffer falls for a hooker, homosexuality is promoted, the president quotes from the Ten Commandments as an introduction to his insulting denunciation of Christian leaders (because the "Lambs of God," a Christian

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■ **Cosby + TVG**

CBS, 9/29 – This fourth season premiere is another crowd-pleaser. Hilton Lucas dreams he's Alexander Scott, the actual character that Cosby played in the old *I Spy* television show. Cosby's co-star from that series, Robert Culp, plays his old character as well.

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■ **Touched by an Angel + TVG**

CBS, 9/26 – Angels Andrew and Monica take on the cause of Sudanese women and children who have been sold into slavery. They give photos to Sen. Katherine Cooper, trying to persuade her to travel there. However, it is her young son Thomas who sees the photos and ultimately launches a campaign to try to help the victims.

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■ **October 17 + TVG**

CBS, 10/17 – In this episode, the angels visit a migrant labor camp to intervene in the lives of a family whose problems include the father's bad back and a teenage son's dream of studying piano.

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■ **48 Hours Adventures + TVG**

CBS, 9/14 – This special entitled "Race to Freedom" tells the story of Louis Zamperini, son of Italian immigrants, who ran on the U.S. team in the 1936 Olympics in Germany. During World War II, Zamperini was in a plane that went down in the water, survived 47 days in a life raft, then spent time in a Japanese prisoner of war camp. When his wife persuaded him to attend a Billy Graham crusade after the war, he gave his life to the Lord. He then returned to Japan to forgive captors and to witness to his faith.

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AFA founder charges networks with religious discrimination

■ *1981 speech relevant to current television issues*

By **DON WILDMON**, *AFA president*

Editor's Note: In light of recent events, and the increasing hostility toward Christians expressed by the media and other influential entities in our society, we reprint the following article. It is a presentation given by AFA President Donald E. Wildmon to the National Broadcast Association for Community Affairs meeting in Vail, Colorado, eighteen years ago on September 24, 1981.

Years ago we decided that certain forms of discrimination are unacceptable in this country. It was a decision which did not come easy. Discrimination which has become rooted in society is difficult to eradicate.

Our country decided that discrimination based on race, religion or national origin was unacceptable. As a nation we said such discrimination is ugly and unfair and out of place in a democracy.

To our credit, our society has come a long way in helping correct such discrimination. Gradually we are working our way toward a society where racial discrimination is a thing of the past. We are doing the same thing in the area of discrimination because of national origin. And, as a society, we have made strides toward eliminating discrimination because of religion.

But one very important institution in our society still practices religious discrimination. That institution is network television. It takes no genius to notice the treatment religion, religious people, and religious values receive on network television. It is one generally of exclusion. When religious people are depicted, it is too often negative. In the past we have expressed concern about the sex, violence and profanity on television. While our concerns have been valid, they have been too narrowly defined. During the past few weeks I have been looking deeper into the problem of television. It is not a problem of

sex, violence, profanity, etc. These are only symptoms, not the disease. The disease is, basically, one of perspective and values.

The disease is in the value system that dominates and controls network television. That value system is basically one of secular supremacy. It places the secular person over the religious person, and secular values over the religious values.

This secular supremacy value system has practiced discrimination against religious people, culture, values and traditions in their programs. The networks have discriminated against religious people by excluding them from their programs. When religious people are depicted on television, they are too often presented in a negative light.

To my knowledge, there is not a single current continuing series on network television which shows anyone who has a continuing, meaningful relationship to a religious body which is set in a modern day setting. Nor has there been such a series in some time.

Religion on network television is depicted as being something meaningful in the past which is not relevant in today's society. In the 19th century, network television says, religion played an important role as witnessed in **Little House on the Prairie**. Early in this century religion, according to network television, played a partially relevant role as witnessed in **The Waltons**. However, the closer you get to a modern day setting, the less relevant religion becomes to everyday life. This is witnessed in **M.A.S.H.** where religion is depicted as funny and naive and harmless.

Methodically network television has excluded Judeo-Christian religious characters and culture from their programs. All too often, when persons are identified as Christian in programs which air on the networks, they are characters only to scorn, prompt revulsion, and to ridicule.

More than 50,000,000 Americans go to church regularly – but rarely on television! People make decisions based on Christian principles, but rarely on television. People pray, but rarely on television. Every community in America has local churches and synagogues which contribute to the good of their local communities and this country. But they don't exist on television. About the only time one hears the name of God on network television is when His name is used in a profane manner.

The Christian faith has healed the alcoholic, rehabilitated the criminal, rejoined the broken home, helped the teenage drug addict find purpose and meaning in life and undergirded the ethics of business people. But you would never know this by watching network, commercial television.

Recently I was in the office of a very fine Christian gentleman in El Paso. His wall was covered with pictures which I assumed were members of his family. When I asked, he explained that they were his children and grandchildren. I noticed one of a small boy who was very dark skinned. He stood out amid all the white faces. "My son and his wife adopted him," the gentleman explained. "They got him from the adoption agency. They were told by the agency that because he was part black and part Mexican no one wanted him. So they adopted him."

Christians, because of their religious values, adopt children no one else wants. But rarely does network television show that side of Christianity.

Christians have built hospitals, schools, and other institutions of help and compassion. Christians have fought and died for this country and for the freedom of all –including non-Christians. Christians have served at all levels of our government. Our laws are rooted in the Christian concept of justice. But one would never know all this by watching television. See **AFA** on page 20

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The closest network television comes to accurately reflecting Christians in a modern day setting is found in the Xerox commercials! To air **Jesus of Nazareth** or **Peter and Paul** is one thing. To properly depict Christian people, their values and culture in a modern day setting is another.

I cannot remember seeing a program on network television set in a modern setting which depicted a Christian as a warm, compassionate, intelligent or gifted human being. Most of the programs dealing with Christians, Christian values and Christian culture set in a modern setting deal with the occult – **Carrie, The Exorcist, Damien**, etc.

One is left to assume that current television programs result from the value system of the producers and network officials responsible for what is on the air. This value system can best be described as secular supremacist in nature. The secular supremacist believes that the secular man is inherently superior to the religious man. It is a view which seeks to exclude the religious man, or treat him as inferior. It believes that secular values, such as materialism, are superior to religious values, such as humility.

The reason for this patent discrimination against Christians in network programming is stated by Ben Stein in his book *View From Sunset Boulevard*: “By definition, the people who write TV shows and produce them are not at all devout.”

Another look at the situation by Stein reflected on the attitude of Lee Rich, one of the leading producers in Hollywood. “The church has been narrow-minded. It hasn’t grown with the times. It’s been lumbering along and hasn’t taken cognizance of what’s going on in the world. It hasn’t made the changes it’s got to make. The church brought us up to believe that things were the way they made them out to be. As we’ve become wiser and more educated, we’ve started to challenge these implanted beliefs.”

Mr. Rich obviously has all the answers about what is wrong with the church. And he knows quite well the answer to what is wrong despite the fact that he admits he hasn’t been to church in approximately 40 years and has said that he doesn’t know a single person who goes to church!

The attitude toward religious people was further reflected by Gene Mater, VP

of policy, CBS-TV, in a debate with me at Los Angeles earlier this year. Here is the dialogue:

MR. MATER: Again, I think I’ll come back to what I said earlier, Mr. Wildmon. The difference – I think what sets you apart – your organization apart, particularly since you have been linked with the Moral Majority, is the fact that you are, as I say, cloaked in this self-assumed aura of religious respectability. I think that’s what I said before.

WILDMON: You mean if I was not a Christian, it would be okay to complain?

MR. MATER: I didn’t say that at all.

WILDMON: Well, in essence that’s what you said.

MR. MATER: No, I did not say that.

WILDMON: Well, tell me what you did say.

MR. MATER: I’m sure that people in other organizations, just as ACT and other groups, are also Christian. I think it’s the church relationship that’s involved.

WILDMON: If I wasn’t a minister, I’d be okay?

MR. MATER: I didn’t say that either.

Mr. Mater did not explain what he did say. But it was quite clear that the fact that I am a Christian was quite disturbing to him.

The networks are quick to point out incidents of racial discrimination in their news, while practicing equally repugnant religious discrimination in their entertainment programs. One reaches the assumption that there are no Christians, or very few, among that very small group of network officials and producers who determine what we see on television. The value system being depicted on television is basically reflective, not of America as a whole, but of that small group.

All television is educational television. And this small number of people has used television to effectively educate the viewing public to the image and perception they want the public to have toward religious people and religious values. We need to remember that nothing we see on television is there by accident. Everything is there for a purpose.

Network television has taken the religious values of marital fidelity, hard and honest work, the rejection of violence, clean speech, love of God, stewardship, etc., and ridiculed and belittled or ignored them in their programs. Network television

has been quick to present programs such as the one by CBS on Jim Jones. But it has neglected to present programs on people such as Mother Theresa.

No one denies that any Christian and all Christians have their faults and failures. But to continually present Christians, their values and culture in a negative light is a gross injustice.

Network people continually are telling us they are only reflecting life as it is. Such an excuse for religious discrimination is no longer acceptable. What they are reflecting is either life as they perceive it or life as they desire it to be. While crying censorship when the viewing public expresses concern, the networks have carefully censored Christianity out of their programs.

This discrimination against Christians, Christian values and Christian culture in network programming is no longer acceptable. It is repugnant to all fairminded people. It is an insult to people of all religions because, in essence, they are being discriminated against. No longer will those of us who cherish our religious heritage and values accept being treated as non-people or continually in a negative light by the networks.

This ugly, intentional and patent discrimination against Christians must end. Christian people are patient people. It is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. This patience, born of agape love, is not understood by the secular supremacist attitude of the networks. It is interpreted as a sign of weakness.

Our patience is exhausted. We can no longer accept this situation. Christians provide more than three billion dollars a year to network television. What do we get in return? Precious little other than exclusion, scorn and ridicule.

Fred Friendly, professor of broadcast journalism at Columbia University and former president of CBS News, once said: “Broadcasting is going to determine what kind of people we are.” I feel that Mr. Friendly’s statement carries a lot of validity. That being true, the kinds of role models currently being offered us by television are not acceptable. As religious people we are not going to subsidize the discrimination toward religious people which is apparent in too many of the network programs.

Let me say to the networks that they can either stop this discrimination on their

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City (ABC) wants even more: "I don't think that there's actually enough pushing of the envelope, and I would love to see the [broadcast] networks follow the cable networks."

Switching to cable

Like Herzog, however, Boatman's reasoning is faulty. The major lesson the networks could learn from cable is how to attract viewers. *Daily Variety* says broadcast network viewership has dropped 27% since 1984 – while the audience for basic cable has grown an astonishing 583%.

If ad revenue and profitability are any indications, viewers are not sliding over to cable to get more sex, violence and profanity. *Variety* ranked cable's top 20 programs by ad revenue and turned up an assortment of fairly wholesome programming: ESPN, CNN, the Weather Channel, A&E, Nickelodeon, Lifetime and Discovery dominated the lineup. With a few exceptions – World Wrestling Federation on the USA network, the sometimes risque music videos on Country Music TV and frequently risque music videos on MTV – cable seems to be safer than the networks.

A stubborn Hollywood had better le

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own because it is wrong and unacceptable to all fair-minded Americans, or they will eventually stop it because it is economically unattractive. Using Christian money to belittle and demean the Christian faith is not good business.

The networks are free, of course, to continue this ugly discrimination against religious people and values. At the same time, we are free to call to the attention of Christians and other religious groups this discrimination. We are equally free to ask Christians and all fair-minded people to withhold their financial support from advertisers, networks and production companies which continue to practice religious discrimination.

Perhaps what we have in this situation is a very, very small minority of people strategically placed, who are basically anti-religious, certainly non-religious, using their positions to undermine the traditional Judeo-Christian value system and change it to one more reflective of their secular supremacist viewpoint. These people are of the opinion, if their programs are

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rect message" to future protesters.

"What message is that? Is it that Christians who dare to share the gospel at or near government schools will go to jail?" Crampton said. "The harsh sentence meted out against John for simple trespass is unprecedented."

According to court records, Judge Richard S. Miller, who sentenced Reyes, has allowed individuals convicted of grand larceny, possession of cocaine, and assault and battery to serve no jail time. Others convicted of felony hit and run and felony escape, assault and battery received only three months' jail time from Judge Miller.

"Apparently it would have been better had John been selling crack cocaine – presumably he would have received a lighter sentence," said Michael J. DePrimo, staff attorney for CLP.

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been requested! About half of the original seven have left jail since the earlier days, but the Lord has replaced them with others. Nine men, more than a third of the men in the cell, attended the Bible Study last Tuesday. In late September a man named Matt who had been released at 5:30 a.m. walked an hour and a half to our church to join us for worship. He testified that the atmosphere of the cell had "totally changed" since John's arrival.

When our judicial authorities sent John to jail, it was a great discouragement to me. I thought the AFA attorneys had done so much good, but that men's evil had triumphed. But I have come to see the glorious victory of the Lord. Real revival has broken out in our city jail! God has brought about a hunger for His word in the jail.

In this case, men said, "John Reyes deserves to be in jail." But that which they condemned, God has justified by His redemptive work within our jail!

Judge Richard Miller found John Reyes to be especially abhorrent. His penalty for a contrived trespass was much more severe than that for many felony convictions. He intended that John become a "byword" as the Bible says. But God continues to justify that which men, in their wickedness, have condemned!

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OK, you sheep people, listen

BY TIM WILDMON • *American Family Association Vice President*

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire / Jack Frost nipping at your nose / Yuletide carols being sung by a choir, and folks dressed up like Eskimos.

Man, I love that song. Nobody does it like Nat King Cole. I've only had a couple of chestnuts in my 36 years. But they were roasted on an open fire, so I feel good about that. I was 10 years old and visiting my aunt in New York City with my Mama Wildmon, God rest her soul. There's never lived a sweeter lady. * * * * * trip well.

You can imagine the big eyes of a young boy from Mississippi seeing the sights of New York City for the first time. Just the sheer size of the place – six lanes of traffic, the skyscrapers, and all the people – had me mesmerized. Everything was huge. Everything.

When I hear *A Christmas Song* I think about walking the streets of New York in winter. I also think about Thanksgiving and Christmas.

I've written many times here about my affinity for this time of the year. I wonder if we'll celebrate this season in heaven? What about college bowl games? Oh my mind – it does tend to wander.

Most of us experience different thoughts, different feelings, maybe even some varying emotions, depending on what time of the year it is. And I suppose if you took a survey, you would find that many people are tired of being surveyed. But if you were able to ask them about their favorite time of the year, I'm thinking 30% of those responding would say they enjoy the Christmas season best of all. Summer would likely win out, but Christmas would be close.

If there is one scene in history in which I could go back and play a part, I would be a shepherd in the fields when the hosts of angels came bearing the good news of the birth of Jesus. What a night!

Now I know that many of you – especially those who know me well – are laughing out loud at the thought of Tim Wildmon being a shepherd. Quite frankly, I'm laughing too. I would never make it out in the field with animals to care for, even mild-mannered sheep. The question would be, who would die first? The sheep, or me? It could go either way. And unlike the guy in the biblical parable, I'm not going to look for one lost sheep because he couldn't keep up with the rest. I would have made this perfectly clear my first day in the field.

"OK, you sheep people, listen up!" I would say. "First let me say it is not an honor to be here. Let's face it, you smell terrible. Just

awful. In fact, there are going to be times when I'm just going to have to separate from you just to remember what fresh air smells like. Now Shepherd Tim is here because he has to have a paycheck and that's really the only reason. I have no feelings for you. None. Second thing is... Hey you in the back... Yeah, you. Hush your mouth big boy and pay attention or I'll have your tail sheared so fast it'll make your head spin. Do you hear me?! Now, where was I? Oh yeah, second thing you need to understand is that I am your

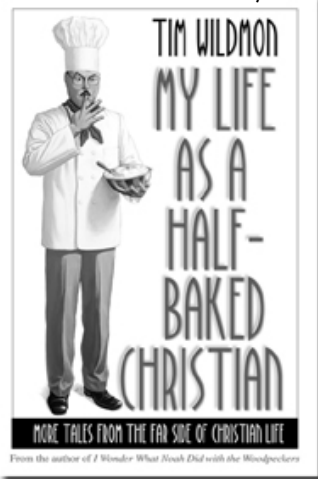
new shepherd, not you're momma. Either you stay up with the pack or you're on your own against the wild beasts. Shepherd Tim is not moved by the sounds of crying sheep who get lost because they don't pay attention. And I'm not gonna spend half my day looking for one of you who wanders off and leaves the other 99 to start cutting up on me. If I found that lost one, five more of you knuckleheads would be gone when I got back. I'd go find the five, get back and 50 of you would feel you too could take off on your own, eat fermented corn cobs, throw wild parties and such. In the words of George Bush, 'Not gonna do it.' So I hope we are all on the same page here. You respect me, I respect you. Everybody's happy. Any questions, sheep people? Anybody? Good, now let's take a break."

Oh, what a sight to behold in those fields the night Christ was born. Imagine how the hearts of those shepherds did race. Luke records it this way:

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flock at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.'"

How grateful I am that the Shepherd of shepherds, unlike Shepherd Tim, still cares enough to go seeking one lost lamb.

And all God's sheep people said, "Amen!"





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