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Kmart chairman asks, AFA ends boycott

American Family Association has officially ended its boycott of Kmart. Donald E. Wildmon, president of AFA, said the five-year boycott was ended at the request of Floyd Hall, the new Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer for Kmart.

Hall wrote Wildmon in early September saying that Kmart had totally divested itself of stock in Waldenbooks and urged AFA to end the boycott. (See page 31.)

AFA had promoted the boycott after Kmart, under the direction of former Chrm. Joseph Antonini, refused to pull pornography from their bookstores. The company's financial fortunes took a tumble after the boycott began. "Our boycott was not totally responsible for the economic woes of Kmart, but it was certainly a major part of their economic decline," Wildmon said.

AFA had distributed approximately 20,000,000 "Boycott Kmart" cards and promoted the boycott through their half-

million membership organization. Wildmon said support from scores of thousands of churches and hundreds of Christian radio stations added to the effectiveness of the boycott.

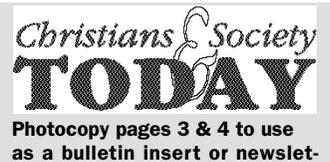
On February 7, Wildmon wrote Chrm. Hall explaining the boycott. Chrm. Hall responded with a short letter on March 1. "As you may have read, we are in the process of selling the majority of the bookstore subsidiary in a public offering. We anticipate that sale being completed later this year, at which time I believe that the concerns you have will no longer be appropriately directed to Kmart, but to the public bookstore company," Hall wrote.

Had the boycott been ineffective, Chrm. Hall would have had no other reason to write again. AFA did not contact Chrm. Hall following his March 1 letter. However, seven months later Chrm. Hall wrote AFA asking that we officially end the boycott. "That was clear proof that the boycott was effective and

contributed in a significant way to the financial problems suffered by Kmart," Wildmon said.

After being assured that Kmart owned no stock whatsoever in Waldenbooks, the boycott was ended.

"It could have been ended years ago, and would have, had it not been for the arrogant attitude of previous Chrm. Antonini. It shows what dedicated and concerned individuals can do when they join together in a concerted boycott," Wildmon concluded.



AFA asks help in monitoring

AFA is beginning a new effort to combat the trash TV talk shows and is asking supporters for help in a monitoring effort. AFA's state directors voted last month to begin a nationwide effort oppos-

Monitoring forms on page 29.

ing the shows. AFA will identify and release a list of the sponsors of the shows such as **Ricki Lake, Geraldo, Sally Jessy Raphael, Donahue**, etc.

A couple of weeks after the state directors voted to take on the trash talk shows, U.S. Senators Joseph Lieberman (D-CT) and Sam Nunn (D-GA), and

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AFA offers Tolle prints

■ A perfect Christmas gift...and it helps AFA.

Through special arrangement with the artist, American Family Association is proud to introduce to our supporters the excellent work of American painter Mitchell D. Tolle on pages 16 and 17 of this *AFA Journal*.

Mitchell, featured in the October *Southern Living* magazine, is a renowned artist and speaker with his studio and gallery located in Berea, Kentucky. On page 16

you will find information on how to purchase his art and at the same time greatly help the work of AFA. Painted Treasures, the company that represents Mitchell, will give 30% of whatever is purchased through AFA to help the work of AFA.

Mitchell was sickly as a child and his father would come home from work during lunch and spend time with him

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Look whose voices remain silent about TV trash

Last month, leaders gathered in a news conference to denounce the talk shows on TV. They loudly and clearly condemned the trend of trash TV. They addressed the talk shows with such trashy topics as "Women Who Marry Their Rapist," "My Daughter Is Living as a Boy," "Get Bigger Breasts or Else," "Housewives vs. Strippers," and "Is There Life After a Career in Porn?"

They denounced such talk shows as "a case study in rot." They announced a campaign to pressure the shows' producers, sponsors and viewers to clean up their acts.

"What is happening today is the pollution of the human environment," one of them said. "There was a time," one said, "when personal failure or marital failure, subliminal desires, perverse tastes, were accompanied by a sense of guilt or embarrassment. Today, these are a ticket to appear on the Sally Jessy Raphael show to be broadcast for children to watch." Another said that trashy TV teaches children that perversion is normal and that shouting matches and emotional cruelty are the way adults solve personal problems.

Well, it is about time that Church leaders addressed the moral rottdown of American society. In fact, it is well past time. With the negative impact the moral meltdown is having on our society, one wonders why these Church leaders didn't address the problem long ago. After all, they have spoken on nearly every other issue from healthcare to South Africa.

What was that you said? These *weren't* Church leaders denouncing trash TV at that press conference? Oh, you must be wrong. What other kind of leaders would venture out in the face of stiff criticism to denounce this filth and announce a campaign to end it?

Would you repeat that? Political leaders you say. Oh, no, you can't be right. But, lo and behold, you are.

Yes, the group was headed by U.S. Senators Joseph Lieberman (D-CT) and Sam Nunn (D-GA), and former Education Secretary William Bennett. They plan to "shame" the producers, sponsors and viewers into cleaning up their act. Their message was timely, their method very workable. But what hurts in all this is that leaders in the religious community – heads of denominations, bishops, superintendents, others in leadership roles – have far too long ignored this moral decline and basically remained silent in the face of it. That is not to say that all of these officials have remained silent or refused to act. But it is to say that the overwhelming majority of them have. And therein lies the problem.

Surely religious bodies have a genuine concern and interest in this moral decline. Surely they should not remain silent in the face of it. And just as surely, their stock will rise when they assume their rightful role in addressing it.

The tragedy is that up to this point the overwhelming response from the religious leaders – and, indeed, entire bodies of religious groups – has been to ignore it.

Will that change before it is too late? Let us hope, and pray, and act, to bring that change into being. And should the Church continue to ignore this situation, then it must be the one to hang its head in shame.

Precious memories: celebrating a legacy of faith and family

There is no other time of year when we think more about our families than the Thanksgiving/Christmas season. We purchase gifts, we cook food, we travel long distances, we mail cards and letters, etc., etc. All for our families. We even hug the necks of the ones that get on our nerves this time of year. (Not that any of my family members get on my nerves, you know.) Yes, Thanksgiving and Christmas are about the goodness and blessings of our Lord first and foremost, but then they're about families gathering together to celebrate that goodness.

Remember that old song, "Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we go..." Well, for 32 years that's exactly what I did on those two holidays. My mom was raised by Bill and Eloise Bennett way out in the country in the northeast corner of Mississippi. Hill country. Cotton and soybean country. And that's where my grandparents lived until earlier this year when my ailing granddaddy had to be moved into a nursing home here in Tupelo. He passed away a couple of months later. My grandmother – who moved with him – lives in a seniors home here. And for the first time in 32 years I won't be getting in a car – either as passenger in one of my parents' many station wagons or as a driver with my own kids – and going to the old house in the country for the holidays. I miss it already.

Ironically my dad's dad (PaPa, that's "Paw Paw" in the south), 91, also passed away over the summer. So it's been a year of great loss in our family. But I thank the Lord I was able to know my two grandfathers for 32 years. I have treasured memories that I will take with me the rest of my life and pass down to my three children. As I've written here before, I am a very nostalgic person. I enjoy talking about memories with my family and friends. Thank God for memories. This year I especially remember Christmas past. If you would permit me a little self-indulgence here, I would like to pay tribute to my two granddads in this column.

We still have the eight millimeter black and white films – no sound, of course – of my granddaddy walking the Shetland pony
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NEA down, but not

Despite repeated promises to zero out the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and its sister agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Republican lawmakers have settled on only a 39% reduction for the coming year's budget.

"We are very disappointed that the Congress did not zero out the NEA this year," said Patrick Trueman, director of governmental affairs for American Family Association. "We are tired of fighting this battle every year. The NEA was in the cross hairs this year and the Republican leadership refused to pull the trigger. It is a failed leadership."

A Senate proposal has asked to add \$11 million to the NEA's funding.

"We have a commitment that NEA begins with a zero appropriation in two years," said freshman Republican Congressman Steve Largent of Oklahoma.

The Washington Times National Weekly Edition, 9/25-10/1/95; The Washington Post, 10/1/95

Panel: history standards need significant revision

The controversial U.S. and world history standards that ignited fireworks last year should be revised, a panel of educators said.

Recommendations included:

➤ Eliminate biased language such as "intrusive European migrants and indigenous people."

➤ Delete classroom teaching examples that ask leading questions such as "Was it right for Lincoln, in his Emancipation Proclamation, to free only those slaves behind Confederate lines?"

Critics of the standards charge that they depicted a pessimistic "politically correct" view of the U.S. and western traditions.

USA Today, 10/12/95

Producer: NYPD opened the door for sex, nudity on television

Darren Star, creator and executive producer of CBS' **Central Park West** told the Los Angeles Times, July 30: "We are going to push the boundaries in terms of sexual situations [and] nudity...but I think **NYPD Blue** pushed them in a very interesting way. I think

CBS airs nudity with no warning

Frontal female nudity marched boldly unannounced into CBS viewers' living rooms in an October 22 segment on the network's **60 Minutes**. The second feature of the hour-long news magazine focused on actress Julie Andrews and her efforts to shed the "prim and proper" image she earned in movies like **Mary Poppins** and **The Sound of Music**.

Andrews told **60 Minutes'** Mike Wallace that she intentionally set out to destroy the image foisted on her by the moral, decent characters she had played. With no forewarning, CBS rolled a clip from

her movie **S.O.B.** in which the actress ripped off the front of her dress, leaving her breasts exposed.

Parents who called AFA about the incident were appalled that CBS would show full female nudity with no advisory or warning at all. A spokesperson for **60 Minutes** told Wyatt Roberts, state director of AFA of Texas, "This is the way our editors chose to express themselves."

Viewers may write Chrm. Laurence Tisch, CBS, 51 W. 52nd Street., 34th Floor, New York, NY 10019 or call 212-975-4321.

Calvin Klein draws rebuke from press, ad industry, FBI

Calvin Klein's recent national advertising campaign using teenage models in sexually suggestive poses, drew the ire of media and advertising industry columnists.

After pressure from American Family Association and others, Klein dropped the ads. The FBI is investigating to determine if child pornography laws could apply. According to a Knight-Ridder News Service report, Klein's "\$300 million house of fashion – built through a steady barrage of sexually charged advertising – has been shaken to its foundations by seething controversy over his use of underage models in provocative ads for CK jeans."

Here are comments:

"Are [the ads] pornographic? In fact, they are much worse. They are a deliberate attempt to invoke the cheap thrill of pornography while preserving 'deniability' to the company."

Jeff Greenfield, Universal Press Syndicate

"Calvin Klein, Inc. and in-house agency CRK have produced the most profoundly disturbing campaign in TV history – with the look, texture and nauseating salaciousness of child pornography...if the out-of-control

monster should destroy its shrinking master, there will be no wails of grief heard from here."

Bob Garfield, Advertising Age, 9/4/95

"Get a load of [Calvin Klein's] feeble rationalization: 'The inspiration of the new jeans campaign was the idea of amateurism and media awareness – and the strength of personality and self-knowledge of young people today. What these people show is that they know how to act, how to control a situation and how to respond in their own way.'

"What a crock!...My own feeling is that Calvin Klein's advertising philosophy is less esoteric: The more you shock, the more publicity you get for your ads."

Rance Crain, Advertising Age, 9/4/95

"By pushing self-obsession, narcissism and contempt for all rules, they [Calvin Klein and other advertisers] strike at the sense of connectedness that any society needs to cohere and to care about its common problems and least fortunate members. It's time to call the corporations and ad agencies on this. They are busy financing our social meltdown."

John Leo, U.S. News & World Report, Aug. 28/Sept. 4, 1995

FRONTLINES

PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

School board apologizes for objectionable school assignment

Officials at Covington High School outside Dayton, Ohio, have apologized to parents and students for an English writing assignment that required sophomores to make a pact with the devil.

The assignment caused quite a controversy in the small southwestern Ohio community. While expressing general support for the school system, many parents were vocal in their objection to the assignment.

In a public statement, the local school board promised that "the context in which the lesson was taught will not be repeated."

CLEAN declares war on pornography

Members of a local anti-pornography organization have declared "total warfare against all pornography in Modesto (California)." Members of Citizens Leading Effective Action Now (CLEAN) have also created a telephone hotline for citizens to call if they spot pornographic magazines in neighborhood stores.

Modesto Bee, 10/4/95

Company responds positively to customer's letter

Recent catalogues from The Sharper Image no longer offer Dr. Ruth's Playboy video tape. The company dropped the tape in response to a letter from an Arizona couple.

When Dave and Pat Richert examined their Spring, 1995, catalogue from The Sharper Image, they were outraged that the company was touting the benefits of a Playboy video tape featuring Dr. Ruth, the well-known sex counselor. They expressed their objections in a letter to The Sharper Image and asked to be removed from the company's mailing list.

Craig Womack, President of The Sharper Image, replied with a personal letter stating that he had believed the tapes taught people how to "love" one another in "an increasingly confused world." The Richerts wrote back to Womack and included a copy of the book *Soft Porn Plays Hardball* by Dr. Judith A. Reisman.

The Richerts report that their most recent catalogue from The Sharper Image is "completely free of any sexually oriented material." To thank The Sharper Image write: Craig P. Womack, The Sharper Image, 650 Davis Street, San Francisco, CA 94111.

Veteran activist tells how to answer objections to obscenity law enforcement

Bill Johnson, Executive Director of AFA of Michigan, offers answers to common objections of local prosecutors who refuse to enforce the obscenity laws.

Objection: The law is difficult to prosecute.

Rebuttal: The law is difficult to prosecute, but as the chief law enforcement official in our county, you are responsible to enforce the law whether it is difficult or not. Of course the law is going to appear particularly difficult to enforce because the vast majority of prosecutors have not attempted to prosecute under the state obscenity statute.

Objection: With a limited staff and budget I can't justify the time and expense of an obscenity trial.

Rebuttal: It doesn't take a great deal of time or money to try an obscenity case once one understands the elements of such a case.

Objection: It is more important to enforce the law against "real" crimes such as murders and drugs, or it's a low priority since pornography is a victimless crime.

Rebuttal: Although the sale of hardcore, illegal pornography does not appear violent on its face, marriages are being destroyed as husbands want their wives to act out that which is portrayed in the perverse sexual video tapes that they rent. Children and women are being sexually abused and victimized as men act out their passions upon innocent ones. Men and boys are being addicted to pornographic video tapes. We can supply more case histories than you are willing to read.

Objection: Obscenity trials have been lost in counties more conservative than ours. How can we hope to win?

Rebuttal: No prosecutor will win against the pornography industry without determination and preparation. The pornography attorney has the experience and the resolve. You need to seek the outside counsel of experienced anti-pornography attorneys. It is important to prosecute obscenity cases even after losing a case. Your skills in this particular area of the law will improve with experience.

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FCA offers drug prevention camp

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is offering a summer camp for athletes and coaches in junior high, senior high and college that focuses on drug education, awareness and prevention. For more information about "One Way 2 Play - Drug Free!" call 816-921-0909 or 615-232-3005.

NCAA clarifies policy, praying OK

College football players who kneel to pray briefly after a touchdown won't be penalized, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) said.

The NCAA clarified its policy (See *AFA Journal*, 9/95) to allow prayer after Liberty University, its football coach Sam Rutigliano and four players sued in U.S. District Court in West Virginia. "Why should you - the NCAA - tell me where I need to pray?"

said Rutigliano, a former National Football League coach.

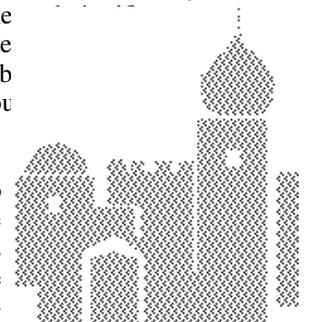
National and International Religion Report, 9/18/95

Wildmon to lead spring tour to Holy Land and Rome

AFA President Donald Wildmon will lead his 20th tour to the Holy Land departing March 18, 1996. The ten-day tour will also visit Rome surrounding site

For a free b Holy Land Tour 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803.

Pastors who desire to serve as tour hosts should write the same address.



How a nation teaches its young: television drowns other voices

A moderate Democrat, Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, has presented a devastating analysis of what the entertainment industry is doing to America's children.

Lieberman had co-sponsored Senate legislation to require that television sets come with an electronic device to enable parents to block certain programs. In response, the industry promised to implement a voluntary rating system. Lieberman alleges that the voluntary ratings aren't working. Young viewers aren't being adequately protected from smut, he said.

"In the past, we have made many exceptions to the First Amendment to protect children," the senator said during a forum on sex and Hollywood. "If the threat the media pose to our children grows more extreme, we may have to consider more restrictions on the way entertainment products are distributed."

Consider what he and others have said about the new fall lineup on network television:

➤ Senator Lieberman termed this fall's network offerings "the rudest, crudest, most offensive new lineup of shows in television history."

➤ Television critic Tom Shales said tuning in the fall lineup is like "inviting a foul-mouthed drunk into your home."

➤ *U.S. News & World Report* said television seems to be dedicated to the idea, "To he-- with kids."

Once-taboo words, expressions and subjects have flooded the family-time viewing hours – not only on the movie channels and the Fox Network but also on the big three networks. The raised middle finger. References to "screwing" and barnyard terms for urination and the anal orifice. Graphic discussions of the characters' sexual urges. Nudity. Breast jokes. Penis jokes.

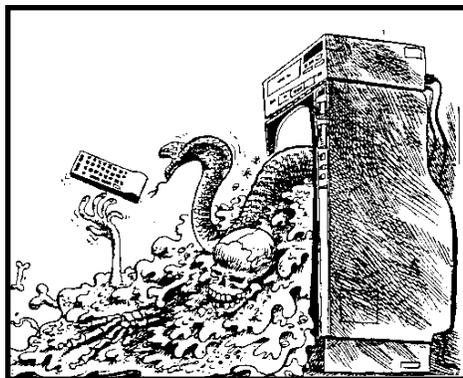
Characters that once won fans with witty, humorous roles now talk about jumping into bed with each other – Corky and Miles on **Murphy Brown**, for example. In an episode of **Beverly Hills 90210**, which is aimed at teenage viewers, a young man asked his new girlfriend, "Want to go to my place and get naked?" Her answer: "So-o-o-o much." The same couple are shown trying to perform a sex act in an airliner's restroom.

Viewed through the TV screen, America looks like a nation in which men are forever rutting, women are usually in heat and virtues such as modesty and politeness have been

From the Omaha World-Herald

replaced with dirty dancing and gutter-level quips.

Many viewers are offended. So why do networks continue to serve it up? Lieber-



man had an explanation. Producers make money from a small portion of the market while offending the majority, he said. "As the networks engage in a Nielsen-rating shootout for the hearts and libidos of the 20- and 30- somethings, it is the seven-somethings, like my daughter, who are caught in the crossfire," he said.

"The tastes of a segment of our society are dictating the culture for everyone. This is not the America most of us know, yet that is the way we are portrayed consistently....the entertainment industry is transforming us

into a culture of caricature."

"In the past," Lieberman said, "we relied on a widely shared set of cultural norms and protocols that we as a civil society enforced to keep material inappropriate for children off the air. Those taboos and social constructs have gradually disintegrated, and with them the standards that we counted on to protect the sensibilities of children."

Reviews of prime-time network programming begin on the next page. Show content is now coded for quick reference.

Life imitates television. Foul-mouthed talk that not long ago would have turned heads and silenced a room is now widely heard, even in mixed company. It's all right, Mom; that's the way people talk on television. People form sexual alliances without giving the relationship a chance to discover love. Much of what they see on television is a procession of lustful couplings. They don't form mature relationships because TV seldom depicts mature relationships.

Children once learned their values from parents, churches and, yes, schools. Now television competes for children's time and loyalty, drowning out other voices.

Senator Lieberman isn't the only person who should be speaking out in horror and disgust.

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New coding for TV reviews

In this month's reviews, AFA is implementing a code system which should save space and allow for more complete program listings. Following each program's title are codes to identify the objectionable content.

KEY TO CODES

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

■ The Adventures of Mary-Kate and Ashley +

ABC special, 8/26 – This series features the Olsen twins who played one child in **Full House**, an ABC family hit. The twins love to play detective, and in this repeat episode they solve a couple of mysteries. No objectionable elements occur.

Advertiser: Warner-Lambert

■ Almost Perfect S P7

CBS, 9/17 – Series lead Kim refers to her 20 years of promiscuity, then meets and picks up Mike at a bar and takes him home intending to have sex. Because a phone call interrupts, they don't have sex until the second episode (9/24). In the third (10/1), Mike asks, "Why don't we go to dinner and a movie. We slept together – I owe you a date."

Advertiser: Ford

■ American Gothic S V P9

CBS 9/22 – In this debut, Sheriff Lucas Buck murders a teenage girl by breaking her neck after her father has bashed her head with a shovel. It is not his first murder, but the frightened citizens are under his control. Sexual double entendre and references to Buck's adultery are included. Subsequent episodes continue sinister, bizarre plot twists.

Advertiser: Warner-Lambert

■ Bless This House S PC P3

CBS, 9/11 – There are many jokes about one woman's promiscuity, frequent joke lines about women's breasts, lesbian jokes and a declaration that Columbus "discovered America and gave the Indians syphilis." Crude language ("crap," "boobs," e.g.) occurs nine times.

Advertiser: Johnson & Johnson

■ Boy Meets World S

ABC, 9/29 – Shawn, 15, lives with Jonathan, one of his teachers. Thinking Jonathan is out of town for the weekend, Shawn takes a date home only to discover Jonathan making out with his date. Jonathan explains that it's all right for him to have illicit sex because he's an adult.

Advertiser: Johnson & Johnson

■ Caroline in the City S P3

NBC, 9/21 – Annie, series regular, picks up a man and brings him home for a night of casual sex. To meet a man, Caroline throws fruit on him from her apartment window, then makes a date with him. He stands her up because his wife won't let him go.

October 5 episode H P9

Caroline and Annie persuade Richard to lie (that he's homosexual) in order to get his paintings in a homosexual gallery showing. Richard later admits his lie, but the homosexual agenda is clearly

promoted. Caroline's boyfriend Dale gets upset that none of the homosexuals find him attractive enough to hit on.

Advertiser: PepsiCo (KFC)

■ Beverly Hills 90210

S P11 SA

Fox, 9/13 – The Hills high schoolers have now hit college with a bang, and illicit sex is a major story element. Series hero Brandon awakens to find an anonymous woman in his bed, offering him sex. Donna (who in past seasons was pro-life and promoted abstinence before marriage) gets drunk and asks Ray to have sex.

Advertiser: Procter & Gamble

■ Can't Hurry Love S P4

CBS, 9/18 – Crude sex jokes, homosexual jokes, breast jokes, condom jokes and more pack the dialogue. References to Roger's promiscuity and his report on sexual positions with his current date are included. In two subsequent episodes, every conversation revolves around or leads to illicit sex.

Advertiser: Warner-Lambert

■ Central Park West S P12

CBS, 9/13 – The series debuted with a softcore porn scene involving Carrie, one of the main characters. Adultery, illicit sex, promiscuity, deceit and disrespect promise to be the continuing threads running through this series.

September 20 S P17

This episode included four skin scenes, two featuring Gil with different women.

Advertiser: Bristol-Myers

■ Courthouse S P19 V

CBS, 9/13 – Camera close-ups feature graphic blood and gore shots as a man sentenced to execution shoots the judge in the forehead, and a cop shoots the criminal. Blood spurts from the dying inmate's chest. A sex scene includes near nudity, and dialogue speaks of genitalia. Profanity includes "a--," "a--hole," and "bas--rd." Additional crude expressions include "whore" and "scumbag."

September 20 S P14

This episode opens with a couple (unmarried, of course) in the shower.

October 18 S P28

Prostitution and pedophilia are the themes. Profanity riddled the script in every conversation.

Advertiser: Warner-Lambert

■ **The Crew** H S P

Fox, eight episodes beginning 8/31 – The series features Paul, a homosexual character in a lead role. He and three co-star friends are flight attendants. The episodes always focus on Paul's sex life as well as the various illicit sexual exploits of other characters. Randy, another main character, is proudly promiscuous. Profanity averages more than five uses per episode.

Advertiser: McDonald's
(on 5 episodes)

■ **Cybill** S P8 SA

CBS, 10/1 – Jeff is revealed to be the father of his second ex-wife's child, via artificial insemination of his sperm which she had kept frozen for years – without his knowledge. This context invites conversation on breast feeding, nipples, penises, vasectomies, etc. Mary Ann, a regular, continues her "funny" role as a practicing alcoholic.

Advertiser: Ford

■ **Dave's World** H P3

CBS, 8/30 – The episode opens with Dave and his mother-in-law spewing insults at each other. Kenny's mother tells him that she knows he's homosexual. She wants to fix him up with the son of a friend, and is disappointed to learn he's straight.

September 13 S P3

Beth strips to enter the shower with her husband Dave. But it's their friend Kenny in the shower. Camera shots include rear nudity as Beth disrobes.

October 11 S P3 SA

Dialogue talks of drunk doctors at a convention, series regular Mia's live-in lover, Kenny's plans to have his "woman" sleep over, and jokes about porn magazines and strip joints.

Advertiser: Bristol-Myers
(episodes 1,2)

■ **Dazzle** H S P21

CBS, 10/15 & 17 movie – This two-parter focuses on tensions in the Kilkullen family when the father dies, leaving his 60,000-acre California ranch to three daughters (by two different wives). A sub-plot involves one of Kilkullen's daughters in a lesbian relationship.

Advertiser: Procter & Gamble

■ **Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman** +

CBS, 9/23 – Dr. Michaela Quinn continues her frontier medical practice in this fourth season premiere. A newcomer opens a bank, and takes advantage of unsuspecting citizens by making loans at high interest rates. Dr. Quinn is instrumental in resolving the conflicts that arise.

Advertiser: Procter & Gamble

■ **The Drew Carey Show**
S P10 SA

ABC 9/13 – Drew and friends crack jokes about drunk drivers, and Kate is shocked and distraught that she's fired after she quits living with the boss. Other jokes talk of penis size and genitalia.

October 4 S P7

Drew fires Susie before he learns she is the boss' mistress, Mimi uses a pencil sharpener to suggest intercourse, and Drew's carpool discuss the boss "doing it" with dozens of employees. Other sexual jokes also occur.

Advertiser: Johnson & Johnson

■ **Dweebs** S P8

CBS, 9/22 – This sitcom debut, about a computer services company, illustrates the new season's obsession with sex. Clear double entendre occurs in dialogue about things "hard or floppy," and a line about spreading "a sheet over his hard thing."

Advertiser: PM/General Foods

■ **Ellen** S P5

ABC, 9/6 – Ellen tells Paige she dreams of having sex with their friend Adam. Some scenes focus on the sex dreams of Ellen and others. The entire episode is about illicit sex. Audrey seduces

Adam, and assumes they now have a "relationship."

October 4 S P3

Ellen's cousin Spencer picks up Karen, a stupid blonde, at a bookclub meeting and takes her home for a night of sex. When Ellen warns Karen (via a message on her answering machine) that Spencer is irresponsible, Karen is angry at Ellen because Karen's husband heard the message.

Advertiser: Johnson & Johnson

■ **ER** S P7

NBC, 8/31 – A nun reveals that she may be pregnant, and two doctors (Doug and Diane, both on duty) make out like teenagers. Doug coaches Diane's son Jake's baseball team; Doug lies in a game, ruling that Jake touched first base when he didn't. Later he tells Jake it was wrong to lie, but they decide not to tell Diane about the incident.

September 21 S V P27

The show included graphic depictions of bloody bodies brought into the emergency room. Dr. Benton appears in a sex scene with the married woman he is seeing.

September 28 S V P13

The episode opens with bloody bodies in the street. In the ER, blood gushes from a body. Dr. Carter has a new sexmate and is unprepared for surgery because he stayed up all night having sex. Benton is trying to accommodate his adulterous affair.

Advertiser: Kellogg

■ **Friends** S P17

NBC, 9/21 – Rachel, despondent over Ross having a new girl friend, has casual sex with Paulo, a former regular sexmate of hers. Monica refers to countless casual sex encounters, Joey boasts of his promiscuity, and Chandler tells about the tailor fondling his genitals.

September 28 H P12

This episode features Carol (Ross's ex-wife) and her lesbian lover. Carol's breastfeeding opens the door for countless crude jokes about women's anatomy.

■ **October 12** H S P15

The homosexual agenda is again a major theme. In addition,

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the whole gang gets involved in the question of when Ross should have sex with his new girlfriend.

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■ **Grace Under Fire** S P2

ABC, 9/6 – Grace, a single mother of three, is frustrated that she and Ben are not having sex, after dating for two whole months. Ben explains that he's celibate by choice; this is clearly abnormal, as proven by Grace and others who believe in casual, illicit sex.

September 13 P6

Grace considers donating eggs so that her infertile friend Nadine can have a baby. The dialogue includes countless jokes about sperm, ovaries, etc.

Advertiser: PepsiCo

■ **Gremlins 2** S V P8

ABC, 9/9 – Violence included a man pushing one of the greenish little monster Gremlins through a paper shredder. The Gremlin's body splashed and spattered all over the man and the office. The hero and heroine live together outside marriage.

Advertiser: Procter & Gamble

■ **Home Court** S

NBC, 9/30 – Judge Sydney Soloman is the single mother of three teens and a pre-teen. Sex talk abounds in this "family" sitcom, including jokes about women's breasts and "getting plowed" (having sex).

Advertiser: McDonald's

■ **Hope & Gloria** S P4

NBC, 9/14 – Gloria's doctor tells her she's pregnant, so she makes plans to marry her ex-husband, father of the child, for the third time. Casual, illicit sex for all single adults is a given.

Advertiser: Procter & Gamble

■ **Hudson Street** S P4

ABC, 9/26 – Jokes focus on women's breasts and crude dialogue with sexual innuendo.

October 3 S P

Officer Rigelski confesses to his cop co-horts that he's celibate. The remainder of the episode is devoted to ridiculing him and revealing what a fool he is.

Advertiser: Ford

■ **The Jeff Foxworthy Show**

S P4 SA

ABC, 9/12 – Jeff gets his thrills from the sex stories of Russ, a young man who works for him. This debut episode had jokes about incest, alcohol abuse and sexual double entendre ("little Yanni" for penis, e.g.).

October 14 S P7 SA

There were references to Jeff's previous drunken exploits, and a castration joke.

Advertiser: Johnson & Johnson

■ **The John Larroquette Show**

S P12

NBC, 9/5 – Carly, the ex-hooker, offers to have sex with John when his fiancée breaks up with him.

September 30 AC S P12

Illicit sex continues to be the main theme, with the love triangle of John, Carly and Catherine the focal point. In another story line, John's friend Chris (a satire of Christ) prays, "In the name of the Father, myself and the Holy Ghost."

Advertiser: PM/General Foods

■ **Law & Order** H P5

NBC, 9/13 – A homosexual city councilman is murdered and the primary suspect, a conservative councilman, goes berserk in the courtroom gay-bashing and creating havoc. The story has much blatant homosexual advocacy propaganda, e.g. a series hero and DA intoning sadly, "Two Americans in five think homosexuality is a sin."

Advertisers: Warner-Lambert, McDonald's

■ **Lethal Weapon 3** S P35 V

ABC, 9/24 – This violent movie boasts hundreds of gunshots, numerous crashes and explosions, and occasional hand-to-hand combat. Heroes Riggs and Murtaugh delight in violence. Sexual innuendo, condom jokes and illicit sex are also a part of the story.

Advertiser: PepsiCo (KFC, Taco Bell)

■ **Melrose Place** H S P

Fox, seven episodes begin-

ning 9/11 – Promoting homosexuality continues a major purpose of the series, with Matt (series regular) fighting a clear case of homophobic discrimination by his supervisor at the hospital. Matt wins, of course. The other characters continue their merry ways, swapping sex partners casually and stabbing best friends in the back for personal gain. Profanities average more than 12 per episode.

Advertiser on all seven: Johnson & Johnson

■ **Misery Loves Company**

S P13

Fox, 10/15 – Illicit sex is the life purpose of Mitch, one of four main players in this sitcom. In this episode, his brother Joe (recently divorced) is seduced by a former film student.

Advertiser: McDonald's

■ **The Monroes** S P11

ABC, 9/12 – John and Kathryn Monroe are an influential Washington, D.C. family. John once had an affair with a foreign spy. Their son Billy, a Congressman, is having sex with his secretary; after one late-night office tryst, he gets locked out of his office and runs about the building naked. Only a paper towel covers his genitals. The Monroes' daughter Greer is having sex with the President.

Advertiser: Johnson & Johnson

■ **Murder One** S P14 V

ABC, five episodes beginning 9/19 – Steven Bochco's new series is predictable, including skin scenes, focusing on illicit sex, and using lots of profanity. The debut episode featured the nude corpse (side shot) of a murdered 15-year-old, the sister of a big name model who is the mistress of Richard Cross, wealthy businessman and suspect in the murder.

Subsequent episodes follow the case and include brief, unclear scenes of a porn video involving two of the characters.

Advertiser: Johnson & Johnson

■ **Murphy Brown** S P1

CBS, 9/11 – Murphy puts Frank, a co-worker and good

friend, in charge of her fiancé's bachelor party, which is later featured in scenes at a strip joint. Miller tells Corky he thinks they should have sex, then repeatedly interrupts Corky and Murphy's conversation to reiterate that he's holding Friday night open to have sex with her.

Advertiser: Johnson & Johnson

■ **The Nanny** S P3

CBS, 9/25 – Series heroine Fran prepares for a date by pulling her neckline down for more cleavage, while her mother pulls her tight skirt up for more leg. The show includes homosexual jokes, Fran's grandmother talking of her illicit sex, and sexual double entendre.

Advertiser: Johnson & Johnson

■ **Ned & Stacey** S P6

Fox, 9/11 – Stacey marries Ned (who needs a wife for business appearances) in order to get a room in his plush apartment.

September 25 S P7

Ned encourages Stacey to continue dating. Stacey hits on a man in a bar, he asks her out, and they have a bed scene on their first date.

Advertiser: Procter & Gamble

■ **New York News** S P14 SA

CBS, 9/28 – Jack and Angela, reporters for a New York tabloid, reminisce about being drunk and having sex on their editor's desk.

October 5 S P10 V

Jack and Angela decide to have sex again. A reporter catches a cross-dressing deputy police commissioner in the ladies room with his wig off. Gossip columnist Nan implies she had sex with Fabio when, in reality, he didn't even show up for their date. A man is beaten after serving prison time for assault.

October 19 H P9

Reporter Tony Amato interviews The Gator, a male pro wrestler who makes sexual advances toward Tony.

Advertiser: S.C. Johnson

■ **New York Undercover** P14 V

Fox, 8/31 – A character named Snake orders a man drawn and

quartered. The act is not shown, but the man's screams are heard above the roaring motorcycle that tears his body apart.

September 21 P45 V

Fraternity hazing shows members beating and kicking pledges; Williams, undercover cop, is beaten and tied to a tree. This episode's 45 profanities set a record for hour-long shows.

September 28 P13 V

A 12-year-old girl runs away to a pedophile she met through computer e-mail. A cop shoots the pedophile as he tries to flee, and cameras focus on his bloody head resting on his steering wheel.

Advertiser: Warner-Lambert

■ **Newsradio** S P9

NBC, 9/19 – Dave and Lisa (he is her boss) discuss doing something new and kinky in their affair. Beth shares the nude photos she took of herself, and dialogue includes hooker jokes.

September 26 S P7

Dave and Lisa are paranoid that co-workers know about their affair. (They began having sex at the office a couple of weeks after meeting.) Sex jokes fill the dialogue.

Advertiser: Procter & Gamble

■ **NYPD Blue** H P18

ABC, 10/24 – In this third season premiere, Det. Martinez, shot while trying to make an arrest, may be paralyzed. Dets. Bobby Simone and Diane Russell (former sex partners) start seeing each other again. Simone also re-establishes contact with Bonita, reporter and former sexmate, to give an unauthorized leak to the press. John, the homosexual precinct secretary, gives Martinez a cross for its "positive energy." A fellow officer promises to have a "good thought" for him.

Advertiser: Warner-Lambert

■ **Picket Fences** S P11

CBS, 9/1 – In this repeat, George, a massage therapist, offers select clients a "little something extra" (sexual favors). Marsha's husband threatens George, and Marsha eventually murders both men by knocking them out and stuffing them in

the freezer.

September 1 S P4

Two sheriff's deputies discuss their illicit sex. One character refers to sex change surgery.

September 8 PC P2

Dr. Jill Brock, series heroine, kills a patient with a lethal dose of morphine. In the trial that follows, she gives a passionate and compassionate defense of "mercy" killing. Judge Bone declares the anti-euthanasia law invalid and the doctor is freed.

Advertiser: AT&T

■ **Partners** S P4

Fox, 9/18 – Bob and Owen are partners in an architectural firm. Bob tells Owen (who's engaged) about having casual sex with Camille.

September 25 S P4

Bob tells Owen about having casual sex with Janet, Owen's college girlfriend. Janet refers to her countless one-night stands.

October 9 S P6

A client's wife talks incessantly about her husband's impotence and hits on numerous men at a party.

Advertiser: McDonald's

■ **Pursuit of Happiness**

H P13

NBC, 9/19 – Alex tells Steve, his law partner, that he's homosexual. Monica, Alex's regular "date" for years, is lesbian.

October 10 H P7

Alex persuades Steve to pose as his date at a wedding where Alex knows he'll see Bill, a former homosexual lover, with his date. Steve's grandma, in her 80s, berates Steve for his homophobia.

Advertiser: Bristol-Myers

■ **Roseanne** H S P19

ABC, 9/5 – The one-hour special repeat had flashbacks to past episodes. Illicit sex, live-in lovers, lesbianism and promiscuity (Jackie's had sex with 60 men.) highlight the "best" the sitcom has offered through the years. Also featured was a lesbian kiss between Roseanne, the series star, and a guest.

September 12 repeat H P6

Leon, Roseanne's business

partner, appears as another character in a fantasy sequence, retaining his own characteristics and with a few lines of homosexual innuendo.

September 19 H P8

Both Leon and lesbian character Nancy appear.

October 17 H P16

Again, both Leon and Nancy are in the story.

Advertiser: Warner-Lambert
(first three episodes)

■ **Seinfeld** H S P3

NBC, 8/31 – This special celebrated 100 episodes of the series with selected scenes from years past promoting the homosexual agenda and illicit sex. One scene has the show's four principal characters (three men and a woman) bet on who can go the longest without masturbating.

September 21 H S P4

George tells Seinfeld he broke up with a woman who beat him at chess because he can't perform sexually after being "completely emasculated." George proposes marriage to Susan, a former sexmate who left him for a lesbian lover.

October 19 P33

George and friends set a new record for profanity in a 30-minute sitcom. The 33 incidents included "bas--d" (15) and "son-of-a-bi--h" (12).

Advertiser: McDonald's
(episodes 1 and 2)

■ **The Simpsons** AC

Fox, 9/10 – This repeat has a minister who willfully deceives his congregation, hiding his daughter's expulsion from boarding school. When she steals money from the church, the minister lets an innocent child (ironically, Bart Simpson) be blamed for the girl's sin.

Advertisers: AT&T, McDonald's

■ **Sisters** H S P11

NBC, 9/23 – The sixth season premiere opens with four of the five sisters discussing their various failed marriages. Also in the episode is Norma, a recurring lesbian character who is pregnant via artificial insemination (sperm compliments of a friend's husband).

Advertiser: Procter & Gamble

■ **Step by Step** +

ABC, 9/1 – Frank and Carol are 40-something parents excitedly preparing for the birth of their seventh child. In a scene featuring an actual sonogram, doctor and parents discuss the living baby in the womb.

Advertisers: PepsiCo,
Procter & Gamble

■ **Tango and Cash** S P36 V

ABC 9/10 – This movie repeat has countless gunblasts and a barrage of profanity. Car crashes and explosions are the norm. One graphic scene features prison inmates who hang the heroes on steel cables, then lower their feet and legs into electrically charged vats of water.

Advertiser: Warner-Lambert

■ **Touched by an Angel** P11

CBS, 9/23 – This second season premiere has a beautiful story with a moral lesson on forgiveness, but uses God's name in vain (as an exclamation) seven times.

September 30 P3

This is another good story marred by profanity.

October 7 P8

This episode again used profanity in an otherwise admirable morality tale on forgiveness.

October 14 P12

A TV news reporter drives a car in a hit-and-run accident. The story follows her agony until she turns herself in.

Advertiser: S. C. Johnson

■ **Trial by Fire** S P9

ABC, 10/1 – This movie is the story of a high school teacher charged with seducing her male students. She is brought to trial after a student commits suicides. Skin scenes occur as the dead boy's friends describe watching him have sex with their teacher.

Advertiser: Procter & Gamble

■ **Wings** S P5

NBC, 9/19 – Brian and Casey awaken following a night of casual sex. (In daily life, they declare their hatred for each other.) Stripping for sex, they throw their clothes at the fireplace and ignite a fire that destroys the house.

Advertiser: AT&T

Disney knee deep in controversy...again

■ Disney director is convicted child molester: company seems unconcerned

The Walt Disney Company seems indifferent to revelations that the director of their new movie **Powder** is a convicted child molester who once videotaped himself having oral sex with a 12-year-old actor.

"What's the point other than you want to make headlines?" said Disney spokesman John Dreyer.

However, William Dworin, in charge of Los Angeles Police Department's unit for sexually exploited children, said pedophiles exhibit a very high tendency to repeat their crimes. In addition, a 1988 California Justice Department study found that almost half of all sex offenders are rearrested; 20% of sex offenders commit another sex crime. Previously convicted sex offenders are more than nine times more likely to commit another sex offense than a person convicted for a nonsexual offense, national statistics show.

The **Powder** story came to light in late October when the molestation victim, Nathan Winters, now 20, went public in protest of Disney's employment of filmmaker Victor Salva.

Salva confessed to having oral sex with Winters in 1987 while directing him in **Clownhouse**, a low budget horror film. Salva served 15 months of a three-year sentence in state prison on five felony counts, including one count of lewd and lascivious conduct, one count of oral copulation with a person under 14 and three counts of procuring a child for pornography. When police raided Salva's house they found homemade pornographic tapes. A prosecutor said Salva appeared to seek jobs where he could work with children. Winters argues that it was in making a movie that Salva molested him and Salva has essentially returned to the scene of the crime.

Some police who investigated the 1987 molestation said they were incredulous that Salva was working again as a movie director. "It just blows me away," said Officer Gary Primavera in Concord, the San Francisco suburb where Salva was arrested. "He has serious signs of being a pedophile."

Winters and five friends picketed the industry screening of **Powder**, handing leaflets about Salva's conviction to hundreds of grim-faced Hollywood executives leaving the theater, the Associated Press reported.

"Please don't spend your money on this movie," the leaflets urged. "It would just go to line the pockets of this child molester." Winters' friends held signs saying "Victor Salva: Writer, Director, Child Molester" and

"Support the Victim, not the Victimizer."

"I can't believe it. It just makes me sick," Winters said. "I'm not going to stand by. He should not be allowed to live his life as if nothing happened."

Roger Birnbaum, whose Caravan Pictures made the film for Disney, defended Salva saying, "He paid for his crime, he paid his debt to society. What happened eight years ago has nothing to do with this movie."

Birnbaum, the producer, said he was tipped about Salva's history halfway through the filming of the movie and confronted him. Told only the basics, Birnbaum chose neither to dismiss Salva nor to inform the entire cast and crew. Instead, he told "key production people."

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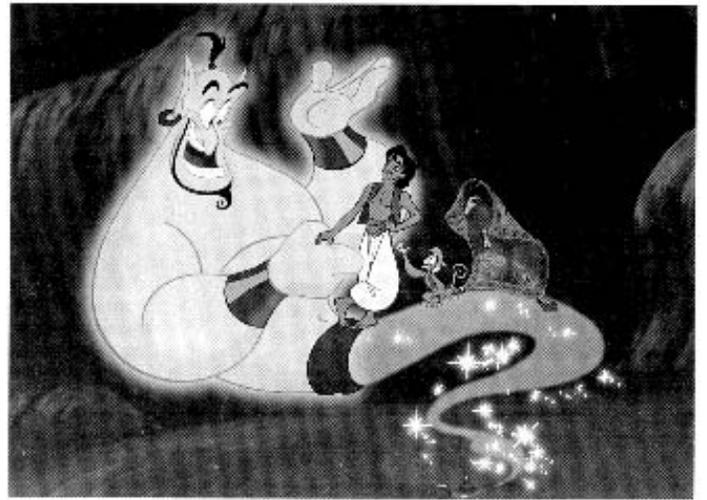
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Dreyer said Disney's corporate office was not aware of Salva's criminal record.

DISNEY'S TROUBLED RECENT PAST

"Despite the fact that Disney manages to maintain its wholesome reputation with the general public, the company's affiliation with a convicted pedophile is not surprising," said Donald E. Wildmon, president of American Family Association. "On several occasions in recent years Disney has proven to be a company committed to the promotion of anti-family values, especially homosexuality."

Wildmon noted that this most recent report concerning the director of **Powder** is remindful of Disney's affiliation with Larry Clark, the director of this year's unrated "kiddie porn" film, **Kids**. Before directing **Kids** Clark was known for his photographs of boy prostitutes and drug addicts. An article in *Gayme*, a pornographic magazine catering to pedophiles and featuring nude and semi-nude photographs of boys, said, "Clark has always



Disney may need a genie to rescue its reputation as more Americans learn of the company's darker side.

been a participant-observer in the scenes he photographed." The *Gayme* feature showed Clark nude showering with two teenage boys in a photograph entitled "Self portrait with teenagers."

A highly publicized movie, **Kids** was originally planned to be distributed by Disney's wholly-owned subsidiary Miramax Films. Reviewers called it "kiddie porn," and "the most controversial American film made in the modern era or maybe ever." (See *AFA Journal*, 5/95; 7/95; 8/95)

Washington Times, 10/25/95

■ Disney gives benefits to homosexual couples

The world's best known family entertainment company, Walt Disney, has extended company health benefits to live-in partners of its homosexual employees. The policy does not apply to unmarried heterosexual couples.

Disney is one of the last major entertainment companies taking the step. The May, 1995, issue of *Buzz* magazine (see *AFA Journal* 6/95) reported that a homosexual rights activist said she was once told by Disney chairman Michael Eisner that "as many as 40% of the company's 63,000 employees might be gay." The story also reported that Disney has the "largest lesbian and gay employees organization in the entertainment industry" and that the perception of Disney as having many homosexual employees is "well founded."

Fifteen Florida lawmakers fired off a letter to Eisner stating that the new policy is a moral and financial mistake. The letter accuses Disney of "belittling the sanctity of

marriage." Disney employs 38,000 in Central Florida.

The Orlando Sentinel, 10/7/95; USA Today, 10/19/95;
Daily Variety, 10/9/95

■ Disney videos attacked for obscene messages

While the Walt Disney Company tries to extinguish numerous wildfires (see related stories), another brush fire threatens Disney's claim to be the nation's family entertainment company. Disney children's videos are under attack from parents who have found insidious sexual images and messages in **The Lion King**, **The Little Mermaid** and **Aladdin**.

A **Lion King** character kicks up dust in one scene, with the rising wisps of dust spelling out S-E-X, according to many parents. Disney says it is a figment of the viewers' imagination.

In **The Little Mermaid**, a scene depicts a priest becoming noticeably aroused while presiding over a wedding ceremony. Also, many parents are concerned about a castle spire on the jacket art of **Little Mermaid**; the spire's resemblance to a phallus is too realistic to be coincidence.

Probably the most debated incident is a scene in **Aladdin** in which many viewers say they hear a voice whisper, "Good teenagers, take off your clothes." Disney declares the line says, "...good tiger, take off and go."

Several Hollywood sources acknowledge it is common practice for animators to be allowed to "signature" their work with a frame of crude or off-color material, according to *Movieguid*e magazine. The practice is outlawed by the Federal Communications Commission for TV advertisers, but no comparable regulation exists for videos.

■ Sex sells, Disney's Miramax admits

The president of Disney/Miramax's marketing department raised the ire of some participants of the Toronto International Film Festival symposium in September when he openly admitted his company thrives on racy, often violent promotion for its movies. He also said Miramax is not averse to spicing up its ads by touting plot twists that may not actually play an important role in the film.

"We spend a lot of time making movies look more provocative than they really are," said Mark Gill. "Our cheap cliché is: 'Sex, betrayal, murder....' You'll see a lot of women with no clothes on their backs in our ads. We'll put a gun in [the ad] if we can. It works. You can scorn me for this. But it works."

Daily Variety, 9/13/95

Corporations lobby for misguided education program

Several U.S. corporations are undermining local control of public education and parental authority by lobbying the Senate to maintain President Clinton's Goals 2000 education program, says the American Family Association. Those companies involved in the lobbying effort, according to a report in *Business Week* (September 25), include TRW, Procter & Gamble, IBM and UPS. Goals 2000 became law last year. However, the House of Representatives has already voted to end future funding for the program.

"The corporations that President Clinton has called upon may have good intentions, but they fail to understand that Goals 2000 puts the federal government in the driver's seat of running and controlling our 110,000 elementary and secondary public schools," said Donald E. Wildmon, AFA president.

Wildmon said that the educational philosophy of Goals 2000 is one of indoctrination, rather than education, and discourages the teaching of basic skills. Goals 2000 mandates "outcome-based education" for states that take part in the \$372 million federal program.

"We applaud these companies for supporting public education. However, programs like Goals 2000 will not produce the kind of intelligent, resourceful business leaders and employees they are looking for," said Wildmon.

"The federalization of the nation's public schools is a giant step toward a managed economy - socialism, in other words. These corporate leaders must understand that it is in their best interest to promote the teaching of academics, rather than attitudes, and to return the control of public schools to local communities and parents," Wildmon said.

Wildmon encouraged concerned citizens to urge their senators to resist the corporations' lobbying efforts and to write the companies involved. The telephone number of the Senate switchboard is 202-224-3121.

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Business Week, 9/25/95

Educator asks if schools are causing the ADHD epidemic

The Blumenfeld Education Letter suggests that the recent epidemic of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) among school age children may be linked to the chaotic atmosphere of many elementary classrooms.

Blumenfeld contends that the techniques of artificially creating behavioral disorganization are well established. "To the extent these methods have been deliberately or inadvertently incorporated in the processes of progressive education should be the subject of research and investigation," he writes. For a full text copy of the article contact: The Blumenfeld Education Letter, P. O. Box 45161, Boise, ID 83711, 208-322-4440.

The Blumenfeld Education Letter, 9/95

Court stops school voucher program

The Wisconsin State Supreme Court issued an injunction in September which temporarily keeps Milwaukee's low income families from using government vouchers for their children's private school education. A spokesperson for the State Department of Public Instruction said these students must return to public schools or get help from private organizations.

The Pastor's Weekly Briefing, 9/15/95

Alabama quits Goals 2000 program

Describing the federal education Goals 2000 program as a "new and unprecedented level of potential federal intrusion" into state and local control, Alabama's Governor Fob James, Jr., is returning \$1.4 million his state got last year from the Department of Education.

The governor's announcement brings to four the number of states that have turned their backs on the federal educational reform program that conservatives fear could metamorphose into a national school board and national curriculum.

New Hampshire and Virginia never applied for the federal funds. Montana took the money last year, but pulled out of the program this year.

The Washington Times National Weekly Edition, 10/9-15/95

Time Warner cuts ties with rap label

After months of pressure from critics of "gansta rap" music, Time Warner has dissolved its partnership with Interscope Records.

Time Warner denied it was selling its half-

ownership because of public pressure. But the decision came just before the release of another violence-laced Interscope rap album - *Dogg Food* by Tha Dogg Pound - that Time Warner had sought unsuccessfully to review for content.

"Time Warner has decided to stop hiding behind the First Amendment," said the New York Post.

USA Today, 9/28/95; Washington Times 10/3/95; Washington Times National Weekly Edition, 10/2-8/95

Video documents Hollywood's anti-Christian bias

A new video from American Portrait Films entitled *Lights! Camera! Blasphemy!* exposes the depth of our culture's rebellion against God and provides a practical strategy for tearing down the idol of amusement in homes across America.

From *M.A.S.H.* to *Steel Magnolias*, Eric Holmberg takes the viewer from the entertainment industry's portrayal of Christians to its blasphemy of Christ.

For more information write American Portrait Films, P.O. Box 19266, Cleveland, OH 44119-1545 or call 216-531-8600.

Recent studies on the family

From the University of Madison...

► The greatest increase in couples living together outside marriage is among people over 35. The number of couples living together without being married climbed 80% between 1980 and 1991 according to census data.

The Miami Herald, 7/26/95

From Royal Ottawa Hospital...

► Child abuse may delay victims' intellectual development by reducing their ability to respond to their surroundings.

USA Today, 7/24/95

From the University of Philadelphia...

► Spending more money on contraceptive clinics does not reduce pregnancies among unmarried teens in urban areas.

The Family in America, New Research, 10/95

From the National Institute of Public Health in Oslo, Norway and the University of Wales...

► Young children placed in day care are far more likely to exhibit behavioral problems later in life than their peers who are reared at home.

The Family in America, New Research, 10/95

From Woman's Day magazine, October 10, 1995...

► Workaholics who sacrifice family for the sake of their careers actually make less money on average than those who put families first. Those that ranked marriage and family as more important than job success had

GAO report: education spending up, scores

A recent General Accounting Office (GAO) report, "School Finance: Trends in U.S. Education Spending," examined the "fiscal support" of elementary and secondary public education from 1963 to 1993. In the two decades preceding the "Nation at Risk" report, the average per pupil expenditure in inflation-adjusted dollars had increased by more than 100%. Throughout this period, education gurus were busy reforming the curriculum with everything from "whole language" reading instruction to "new math." In the meantime, average test scores on the standardized Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) plummeted nearly 10%.

In another study by Hudson Institute's Educational Excellence Network, education analysts Chester E. Finn, Jr. and Diane Ravitch give U.S. students a C+ in math, but only a D in reading.

Washington Times National Weekly Edition, 10/9-15/95

Education spending and SAT test scores

School year	Average per pupil expenditure in constant 1993 dollars	SAT verbal score	SAT math score	SAT composite score
1963-64	\$2,031	478	502	980
1982-83	\$4,077	426	467	893
1992-93	\$5,296	423	476	899

Note: SAT scores are for the first year of each overlapping two-year period.

Sources: General Accounting Office report and U.S. Statistical Abstract

higher hourly earnings - 4% for women, 7% for men.

The Pastor's Weekly Briefing, 9/29/95

Businesses, government agencies promote homosexuality through marketing, "diversity" policies

Some of America's best known corporations, as well as government agencies, continue to legitimize the homosexual lifestyle through marketing programs and policies.

► One section of AT&T's CCS Diversity Workshop (a management training program) workbook asks participants (partial list): "Why are people heterosexuals? What do you think causes heterosexuality? When and how does one decide to become heterosexual? Do you think that heterosexuality might stem from a fear of others of the same sex? Why do many heterosexuals feel compelled to seduce others into their lifestyle? Why do many people insist on flaunting their heterosexuality? Knowing that 99% of reported rapists and 98% of child molesters are heterosexuals, do you consider it safe to expose children to heterosexual teachers, coaches, counselors and scout leaders?"

AT&T, Chrm. Robert E. Allen, 32 Ave. of the Americas, New York, NY, 10013, 1-800-222-0300, 212-387-5400.

► Tennis great Martina Navratilova, an acknowledged lesbian, is the official spokesperson of a new credit card called "The Rainbow Card." The Rainbow Card is a VISA card designed for homosexual consumers. It is being issued through Travelers Bank, USA. A portion of the profits on card usage will benefit AIDS/cancer research and service organizations, homosexual arts and cultural groups and homosexual rights organizations.

Subaru is named as a "proud founding sponsor of the Rainbow Card Foundation" in an ad which appeared in the October 31, 1995, issue of *The Advocate*, a national magazine aimed at homosexuals.

Subaru of America, Chrm. Takeshi Higurashi, P.O. Box 6000, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034, 1-800-782-2783, 609-488-8500.

The Advocate, 10/31/95; Salt Lake City Tribune, 10/11/95

► In a recent "Postal Bulletin" the U.S. Postal Service warns its employees against "harassment and disparate treatment based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or identity." Note: Sodomy is still illegal in nearly half the states in the union.

Postmaster General Marvin Runyon, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260-1540.

► A corporate document from the Ford

Motor Company outlines the “view, mission, vision and objectives” of the company’s homosexual employees organization, Ford GLOBE.

For address of Ford, see page 6.

➤ American Express, Fine Line Features, Stolichnaya vodka (PepsiCo), Atlantic Records (Time Warner) and Naya bottled water are all running ads in publications aimed at lesbians such as *Deneuve*, *Lesbian News* and *On Our Backs*.

American Express, Chrm. Harvey Golub, 200 Vesey St., New York, NY 10285, 1-800-528-4800, 212-640-2000.

Pepsi – see page 7

Time Warner, CEO Gerald Levin, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019, 212-484-8000.

Marketing News, 8/14/95

➤ Virgin Atlantic airlines is aiming a new print ad at homosexuals. The ad features two homosexual men chatting on a balcony above a cityscape and will run in two homosexual-targeted publications, *Out* and *The Advocate*.

Virgin/Atlantic Airways, 747 Belden Ave, Norwalk CT 06850, 1-800-496-6661

USA Today, 10/14/95

➤ BMG (Bertelsmann, Inc.), the well known marketer of music on CD’s and cassettes, is aiming their *Out Classics* at homosexual men. The cover of the the CD shows the naked torso of a “hunky young guy, his body glistening with droplets from a recent workout. Head bowed contemplatively, he surveys his own pectoral grandeur.”

Bertelsmann, Inc., Pres. Joe Galante, 1540 Broadway, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10036, 212-782-1000.

The Herald, 8/30/95

➤ *Measure*, a publication for the employees of Hewlett-Packard, reports that CEO Lew Platt “strongly urged managers to ‘get involved in the network groups all over the company, like the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Employee Network...’” Platt’s remarks came in a speech at the company’s 1995 General Managers meeting.

Hewlett-Packard, Chrm. Lewis E. Platt, P.O. Box 10301, Palo Alto, CA 94303, 1-800-752-0900, 415-857-1501.

Report reveals Ivy League’s homosexual sensitivity

A report from the Young American’s Foundation lists courses that are becoming the “norm at Ivy League institutions.” Examples from “Comedy and Tragedy: College Course Descriptions and What They Tell Us About Higher Education” include:

Harvard: *The Drama of Homosexuality*

Yale: *Drag Queens, Transsexuals and Queers* and *Gender and the Politics of Resistance: Feminism, Capitalism and the*

Third World

Cornell: *Politics of Sexuality*

Columbia: *The Invisible Women in Literature: The Lesbian Literary Tradition and Reading for Difference: Lesbian and Gay Themes*

Dartmouth: *Gay and Lesbian Identity in Film and Literature*

Brown: *Queer Theory and Daughters of Darkness: Lesbian Troupes*

Human Events, 9/29/95

Animal rights homosexuals protest rodeo homosexuals

Pickers from the Gay and Lesbian Animal Rights Caucus of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) recently protested outside a homosexual rodeo in Maryland’s Montgomery County.

Protestors objected to rodeo events such as the wild drag race, in which a cowboy and cowgirl struggle to put a person in drag atop a steer for a dash to the finish line. Another event involved a goat tethered to a concrete block while two homosexual cowpokes lifted its hindquarters and tried to force a pair of panties on the animal.

The Washington Times National Weekly

Communities resist porn flick – with good reason reviewers say: also flops at box of-

A number of citizen groups all over the country have put a halt to the showing of *Showgirls* in their community theaters. The MGM/UA NC-17 rated (formerly “X”) movie has also flopped at the box office.

Among the theaters that yanked *Showgirls* were Dickinson Theaters, 168 theaters in three states; local theaters in Jonesboro and Little Rock, Arkansas; Pampa, Texas; Cinemas East, a chain in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri and others.

On October 9, only ten days after the movie opened in 1388 theaters nationwide, *Daily Variety*, a widely-read Hollywood newspaper, called the movie “a major cinematic misfire” and reported “much discussion... about the career prospects of Elizabeth Berkeley” the star of the “raunchy film.” According to *Variety* *Showgirls* was “last and least” among the top 10 movies with weekend receipts of \$1.7 million - off 51% in its third weekend. The movie had grossed \$17.7 million to date. The film was reported to have cost \$40 million to produce.

Almost universally, movie reviewers and commentators have condemned the movie. Here are excerpts from reviews:

In a review addressed to Joe Eszterhas, *Showgirl’s* screenwriter, Robin Abcarian of the Los Angeles Times sarcastically wrote: “What was that odd expression Nomi [the leading character] used to pay a compliment? Oh, yeah: ‘It doesn’t suck.’ Wish I could say the same for your movie.”

Daily Variety: “The only positive thing there is to say about *Showgirls* is that the sensibility of the film perfectly matches that of its milieu. Impossibly vulgar, tawdry and coarse, this much-touted major studio splash into NC-17 waters is akin to being keelhaunched through a cesspool, with sharks swimming alongside.”

Steve Murray in the Atlanta Journal and Constitution: “[*Showgirls*] is *Flashdance* for the raincoat-wearing, brown-paper-wrapper crowd. Only, that makes it sound better than it is.”

Andrea Dworkin, anti-pornography activist: “Hollywood is like the old Communist Party. When it sees a trend it can exploit, it exploits it.”

Newsweek magazine sarcastically commenting on Director Paul Verhoeven’s remark that “The [artistic] freedom [derived from the success of *Showgirls*]... will be beneficial to the directors and ultimately to the public”: “This is just in case you thought the idea was to show 131 minutes of actresses with no clothes on and make a lot of money in the process.”

Time magazine: “A rancid show-biz tale with lots of nudity, *Showgirls* gets an NC-17 rating and finds a new four-letter word for sex: yawn.”

John Leo in *U.S. News & World Report*: “[*Showgirls*] art for the raincoat crowd.”

Daily Variety, 10/9/95; 9/14/95; 9/22/95; Pampa News 9/29/95; The Springfield News-Leader, 9/26/95; The Wichita Eagle and Beacon, 9/29/95; Los Angeles Times; Family Issues Alert, 10/4/95; U.S. News & World Report,

Edition, 10/9-15/95

Company that markets to homosexuals files bankruptcy

Shocking Gray Corporation, a San Antonio, Texas-based publisher of homosexual catalogues has filed bankruptcy. Rick Hutcheson, former Time Warner executive owned the majority interest in the company. While at Time Warner, Hutcheson was responsible for managing Six Flags Theme Parks, governmental relations and overseeing Quincy Jones Broadcasting.

San Antonio Express-News, 9/13/95

So healthy they're ill

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation along with the city's Department of Public Health, has launched a program to provide "help for gays who feel guilty over being healthy." The program focuses on homosexual men who are HIV-negative.

"We've done so much for HIV-positive men; they have access to a lot of services, social support," said a city Health Department spokesperson. "It has caused HIV-negative men to feel disenfranchised."

Dispatches, 9/18/95

Pedophiles gain nonprofit status

The North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) was recently approved by the New York Department of State as a legitimate non-profit organization, despite its patent agenda to legalize pedophilia. The new status allows NAMBLA to receive charitable donations and taxpayer-financed grants in pursuit of its cause, child sexual abuse.

In determining its nonprofit status, the state found that NAMBLA's pursuits are "exclusively charitable, literary, scientific and educational."

Human Events, 9/29/95

Voters, courts, lawmakers dealing with homosexual issues

A number of significant homosexual issues are being dealt with in courts and legislatures throughout the country.

➤ In October the U. S. Supreme Court considered the constitutionality of a Colorado amendment which bans special minority rights for homosexuals. The case has far reaching implications. A decision to uphold the amendment – adopted by 53% of the state's voters in a referendum – would give a green light to many other jurisdictions where similar measures are being considered. A decision will be rendered later in the term.

Several other homosexual rights initiatives including ones in Ohio, Florida and Maine, are likely to wind up in court disputes or on state ballots in coming months.

➤ In the next term or two, the high court

is likely to rule on the government's "don't ask, don't tell" policy which allows homosexuals to remain in the military if they do not mention or act upon their homosexuality. A federal court in New York deemed the policy a violation of free speech and equal protection, while a federal judge in Virginia upheld the policy.

➤ Hawaii is expected to legalize homosexual marriages in 1997. This would set off court battles in other states such as Utah which has passed a ban on gay marriages.

➤ Courts in several states – Virginia, Wisconsin, California, Illinois – are dealing with issues surrounding child custody involving homosexuals.

➤ Congress will hold hearings soon on the homosexual agenda in schools.

U.S. News and World Report, 10/2/95

AFA co-sponsor of "National Coming Out of Homosexuality Day"

American Family Association joined several other pro-family groups as a co-sponsor of "National Coming Out of Homosexuality Day" which was held for the first time on October 11.

Michael Johnson of Kerusso Ministries in Anchorage, Alaska, organized the effort and hopes it will become an annual observance. It is meant to provide an alternative to the pro-homosexual "National Coming Out Day," a day that homosexuals are encouraged to openly declare their homosexuality.

Kerusso, a former homosexual is HIV-positive. His ministry offers help and support to individuals and family and friends of those struggling with homosexuality.

In a related matter, Robert Eichberg, the psychologist who co-founded "National Coming Out Day" and wrote a popular book on how people reveal their homosexuality, has died of AIDS at age 50.

The Miami Herald, 8/14/95

Kids are vulnerable to cyberspace sex cruisers

Sexual seduction by computer is increasingly common with the target often children. Recent cases include:

➤ A Tupelo, Mississippi, man was accused of sexual misconduct with a 15-year-old Kentucky girl.

➤ A 15-year-old Seattle boy was induced to fly to San Francisco to meet his adult computer pal.

➤ A California computer cruiser was arrested after sodomizing a 15-year-old boy.

➤ A California man used a computer to entice two 14-year-old boys to have sex with him.

In a related story FBI agents arrested 12 people and raided 125 homes and offices as they concluded a two-year investigation into computer purveyors of kiddie porn. The raids targeted members of America Online (AOL), the country's largest online service. AOL President Steve Case told members that the service had notified officials about the child pornography.

The Washington Times National Weekly Edition,

9/4-10/95; USA Today

AT&T rents satellite space to pornographers

AT&T is among companies that rent satellite services to pornographers. AT&T's Satellite Communications division rents satellite broadcast services on its Telstar 401 to Exxtasy TV and Exxtasy II.

Porn company reports big losses

The Dallas Morning News reported that Spectravision, Inc., the nation's largest provider of pay-per-view hotel room movies, posted a \$202.3 million loss in the fourth quarter of 1994 and said its auditors believe the company may not be able to survive.

Citizens' Courier, Summer/1995

Shock jock pays \$1.7 million to settle indecency charges

The company that produces and broadcasts Howard Stern's radio show has agreed to pay \$1.7 million to settle several indecency charges levied against the "shock jock." Some of the charges date back as far as 1989.

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Reed Hundt called the settlement a major step giving "parents the tools to shield their children from indecent and violent broadcast programming...."

Daily Variety, 9/5/95

Oregon drowning in river of porn

Many citizens of Portland, Oregon, fear their state "is being overrun by a pornography and adult entertainment industry gone wild – an industry, critics charge, that is running up a big, unpaid bill in the form of increased crime and sexually transmitted diseases, damaged neighborhoods and ruined lives," according to a city newspaper.

The Oregonian reported that "Portland, a city of 500,000, now has 20 times the number of nude entertainment businesses as Los Angeles, a city of three million."

Morality In Media, 7-8/95

No asylum for women fleeing forced abortions

While women's rights advocates met in Beijing at the United Nations Fourth

Sister's letter reminder of lives behind stories

The October issue of the *AFA Journal* carried a story on page 7 about two producer/writers for a new Fox network sitcom. The story stated that the two have a "vested interest" in the positive portrayal of a homosexual character because they themselves are homosexual partners.

We received the following letter in response to that story.

Dr. Wildmon,

I am writing this letter as a sort of tribute to my brother, Marc. Marc is a man of incredible intelligence. He is genuinely gifted in the areas of entertainment. Even as a young boy, he had leading roles in all the school drama productions. He could easily get himself out of hot water with our parents just by his ability to make them laugh. In his youth, he traveled the country with the Young Americans, dancing, singing, and acting. He never missed an Emmy or Oscar Awards show. He knew all the trivia about who won what award in what year. He went on to Cal State Fullerton and earned a degree in Drama and Theater Arts. Now, he writes for television.

Marc also possesses a huge heart. I remember my jr. high years. I had begun to be a rebellious teenager which caused my whole family many painful moments. I remember that Marc was the one who truly loved me unconditionally and tried to understand me. I will always love him for that.

Well Rev. Wildmon, to shorten a very long story, we have turned out to be complete opposites as adults. I gave my heart to the Lord over a decade ago and have done my best to live for Him since. I even became the secretary of my church three years ago. My life is rural Oklahoma. Marc's life is Studio City, California. Although his heart is not hard towards the Lord, I do believe that money and power have become his god. I have often wondered about Marc's sexual preference simply because he is 33 and has never been married. Imagine how I felt recently when I opened up the October issue of the *AFA Journal*. There it was in black and white on page 7. My brother is gay.

Ambivalent. That is the only word I can think of to describe my heart. I will never compromise my firm belief that the Bible plainly teaches that homosexuality is sin. But, I also will never compromise my unconditional love for my brother. My heart breaks when I hear the stories of parents who have completely disowned their children because they're gay. I am so thankful that my heavenly Parent did not disown me when I failed Him time and time again.

I do not write you this letter to rebuke you. On the contrary, I applaud your work and your courage. I simply want to remind you and your readers that behind every name you print there is a real person with a real soul that is of infinite worth to the Savior. It is my hope that you will print this letter and that you will pray for my brother. Will you, Sir?

Sincerely, Marcy Cherry Schoelen

Conference on Women, 13 Chinese women were being imprisoned by the United States and awaiting deportation back to China. The group had fled China's forced abortion policies. The women face extreme punishment in slave labor camps or even death if they are returned. President Clinton has refused to grant them asylum. In a reversal of the Reagan-Bush immigration policy, Clinton declared that forced abortion was no longer grounds for political asylum. He has, however, extended asylum to homosexuals fleeing "persecution."

Washington Watch, 9/22/95

Doctors say partial-birth

abortions should be banned

On September 23 the American Medical Association's (AMA) Legislative Council voted unanimously in support of HR1833, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. AMA council member William Hazel told Congress Daily that the Legislative Council "felt this was not a recognized technique" and that the "procedure is basically repulsive."

Family Issues Alert, 10/18/95

Methodist youth say homosexuality OK

United Methodist Church youth delegates, ages 12-18, meeting in Salt Lake City voted to ask the denomination to drop its policy

follow^{up}

MCI correction – A news story in the October *AFA Journal* on page 12 reported that MCI helped *found* the National Gay and Lesbian Business Alliance (NGLBA). The story should have read that MCI helped *launch* the NGLBA.

Gov. Bush supports Teen Challenge – The October, 1995, issue of the *AFA Journal* featured a story about a highly successful Christian-based drug treatment program in San Antonio, Texas, called Teen Challenge and the efforts of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) to shut it down. After the story first ran in *World* magazine, and later in the *Wall Street Journal*, Governor George W. Bush stepped in to indicate his interest in solving the problem quickly. "There is a logic to what Teen Challenge is doing and I support it strongly," he said.

The ministry will remain open "while the Bush administration and others begin discussions on new legislation that would allow Christian organizations to be subject to an alternative certifying agency rather than state bureaucrats," *World* reported.

World also reported that the TCADA has recently "undergone radical change... a new acting deputy director has been installed, and all employees of the agency have been forced to reapply for their jobs."

World, 9/9/95; 9/30/95

Advertisers dodge issue – Letters written to concerned citizens from two major television advertisers reveal the companies' unwillingness to take responsibility for the content of the television programs on which they advertise.

James Fewel of Toyota's National Customer Relations writes: "Toyota's decision to advertise on television programs is based on the level of interest generated by the American public, not in the subject matter contained in the program."

Similarly, Charlotte Andrews, a support specialist with The Coca-Cola Company, said, "It is important to understand that advertisers are not responsible for the creative content of the programs in which their commercials appear."

Toyota Motor Sales, Pres. Shinji Sakai, 19001 S. Western Ave., Torrance, CA 90509, 1-800-331-4331, 310-618-4000.

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How to raise happy children...right answer eludes university students

The idea was to get my students thinking of the influence of income on the ability of families to raise healthy, happy children.

"Grinding poverty," they agreed, would make the task virtually impossible. But, they also reasoned, having lots of money (as opposed to merely "enough") would not necessarily make it easier. But what is "enough"?

Then I hit them with a device I remembered from the only Charles Murray book I ever really liked, *In Pursuit of Happiness*. Here it is. Imagine you will have to give your own young child over to someone else to raise and that your choices are these: First, a poor couple, mother and father both working but barely making ends meet. But they are as honest as the day is long, believe deeply in the value of education, and they place a high priority on integrity and personal responsibility.

The other couple, though they have never worked, have an adequate supply of income – perhaps winning a million-dollar lottery has guaranteed them an income of \$50,000 a year. Unlike the first couple, the lottery

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winner would never be forced to dress a child in hand-me-down clothes. But they are indifferent to education, to integrity and to personal responsibility. Both couples would treat your child with equal affection. Which do you choose?

Too easy? I thought so, too, and I was prepared to offer a complication: The second couple would be rich, not merely comfortable, implying the possibility of boarding school.

In fact, I never got to the complication. About half the class preferred to place their child in the care of the "merely comfortable" couple. Poor but honest? Puhleeze!

My gasp must have been audible. The "right" answer had seemed so obvious to me that I was prepared to examine the reasons why my students – bright, mostly affluent upperclassmen at Duke University – placed such a low priority on wealth. Well, as it turns out, many of them didn't.

One young man explained that home isn't the only place where children learn values. He'd opt for economic security and take his chances that his child would learn integrity and other positive values somewhere else – in school, in church or from neighbors.

Several of his classmates disagreed, of course, but a lot of them didn't. And I've been trying to figure out why.

I took up teaching this semester because I thought it a useful way to avoid falling into the comfortable ruts of my own thoughts. Dealing with bright young people, I was convinced, would keep my mind fresh. Did I misjudge? Would it turn out that the only thing I'd learn from my students is how out of date I am, or how great the values gulf between us? How could something that seemed so plain to me seem so problematic to them?

Two possibilities occur to me. The first is that today's parents may spend less time than those of my generation talking about values. Maybe many of today's young people really do learn their core values from teachers and neighbors and peers.

The second possibility is that these particular young people may be so far removed from poverty, in income and in memory, that they overestimate its negative consequences. And why shouldn't they? Haven't we (and I do include myself) implicated poverty as the fount of everything from school failure to teen pregnancy to violence? Haven't we implied that it is poverty that tempts our young people away from regular school attendance and into drug dealing and other crimes?

Maybe my students believe that a child placed with the poor-but-honest couple would grow up so sad and resentful, so lacking in the self-confidence that affluence seems to provide, that almost anything would be better than poverty.

Well, yes, maybe better than the poverty we describe as "grinding," better than squalor, better than the desperate state of so many in what we call the underclass.

But here is the truth – and just maybe the cause of my consternation. That poor couple: who value education and integrity and personal responsibility – that household brimming with everything important except money – those are my parents, that is the home I grew up in, happy and healthy and confident. And I never saw anything remotely tragic about it. Quite the contrary.

Would I have been happier if my parents had had the money to give us more thi

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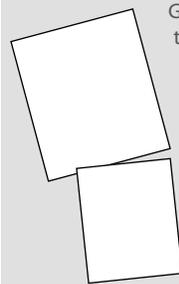
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NEA resolutions reveal numerous objectionable policies

■ Lesbian and Gay History Month is not the only resolution to be concerned about.

Recent reports of the National Education Association's convention last summer have focused on a resolution that promotes the celebration of a Lesbian and Gay History Month (an amendment to Resolution B-8). In fact some teachers have found the policy so objectionable that they are dropping their membership in the monolithic teachers union, according to *Insight* magazine, a publication of the Washington Times. However, concerned educators may find even more to get upset with when examining the numerous other questionable resolutions passed by the highly political labor union.

Concerning the amendment to the homosexual history month amendment, teachers in several states have voiced to their state affiliate organizations strong objections to the resolution. "I've gotten more calls on this than anything," says Rob Jones, president of the Virginia Education Association (VEA). Among the 100 telephone calls he received was one from the representative of a VEA local who said 10 members in his building had just quit the union in protest.

State NEA affiliates in Oklahoma, Mississippi and Alaska have also reported vigorous protests from the union's rank and file. Florida Department of Education Commissioner Frank Brogan denounced the resolution and said he would "absolutely not" encourage teachers to participate in related activities. Below are summaries of several other NEA resolutions.

Insight, 10/30/95; Education Reporter, 8/95

A-8. Public School Buildings. The Association believes that closed public school buildings should be sold or leased only to those organizations that do not provide direct educational services to students and/or are not in direct competition with public schools.

A-11. Federal Financial Support for Education. The Association asserts that a major federal role is to collect basic data to be used in public schools and to engage in research, development, and consultation activities. The Association further believes that funding for federal programs should be substantially increased.

A-13. Basic Financial Support of Public Education. Funds must be provided for programs to alleviate race, gender, and sexual orientation discrimination and to eliminate portrayal of race, gender, and sexual orientation stereotypes in the public schools.

A-27. Deleterious Programs. The NEA believes that the following programs and practices are detrimental to public education and must be eliminated: privatization, performance contracting, tax credits for tuition to private and parochial schools, voucher plans (or funding formulas that have the same effect as vouchers), planned program budgeting systems (PPBS), and evaluation by private, profit-making groups.

A-28. Federally or State-Mandated Choice/Parental Option Plans. The Association opposes federally or state-mandated

choice or parental option plans.

A-29. Tuition Tax Credits. The Association believes that all federal and state legislation designed to establish or implement plans for prekindergarten through grade 12 tuition tax credits is detrimental to the public interest and urges its affiliates to work for the defeat of such legislation.

A-30. Voucher Plans. The NEA believes that legislation or ballot initiatives/referenda designed to establish or implement prekindergarten through grade 12 voucher plans are detrimental to the public interest and calls upon its affiliates to work for the defeat of such actions.

B-1. Early Childhood Education. The National Education Association supports early childhood education programs in the public schools for children from birth through age eight. The Association supports a high-quality program of transition from home and/or preschool to the public kindergarten or first grade. The Association further believes that early childhood education programs should include a full continuum of services for parents and children, including child care, child development, developmentally appropriate and diversity-based curricula, special education, and appropriate bias-free screening devices. The Association believes that federal legislation should be enacted to assist in organizing the implementation of fully funded early childhood education programs offered through the public schools. These programs should be available to all children on an equal

basis and should include mandatory kindergarten with compulsory attendance.

B-7. Sexism in Education. The Association endorses the use of nonsexist language by all schools. The Association further believes that sexism and sex discrimination must be eliminated from the curriculum.

B-8. Sexual Orientation Education.

The National Education Association recognizes the importance of raising the awareness and increasing the sensitivity of staff, students, parents, and the community to sexual orientation in our society. The Association therefore supports the development of positive plans that lead to effective ongoing training programs for education employees for the purpose of identifying and eliminating sexual orientation stereotyping in the educational setting. Such programs should attend to but not be limited to:

- a. Accurate portrayal of the roles and contributions of gay, lesbian, and bisexual people throughout history, with acknowledgement of their sexual orientation,
- b. The acceptance of diverse sexual orientation and the awareness of sexual stereotyping whenever sexuality and/or tolerance of diversity is taught,
- c. Elimination of sexual orientation name-calling and jokes in the classroom.
- d. Support for the celebration of a Lesbian and Gay History Month as a means of acknowledging the contributions of lesbians, gays, and bisexuals throughout history.

B-20. Education Programs for Limited English Proficiency Students.

The Association urges that those students whose primary language is other than English be placed in bilingual education programs to receive instruction in their native language from qualified teachers until such time as English proficiency is achieved. The Association believes bilingual education programs should be promoted and supported at the federal, state, and local levels.

B-22. Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting. The Association recommends that special programs for adolescents be implemented to include:

- Development of positive self-esteem and self concept.

• Establishment of on-site child care services.

B-27. Multicultural/Global Education. The National Education Association believes that multiculturalism is the process of valuing differences and incorporating these values into behavior for the goal of achieving the common good. The Association further believes that multicultural/global education is a way of helping students perceive the cultural diversity of U.S. citizenry so that they may develop pride in their cultural legacy. Multicultural/global education develops an awareness of cultures and an appreciation of our interdependency in sharing the world's limited resources.

B-30. Career Education. The career education concept needs to include programs in gender-free career awareness. The Association believes that educational programs for all students should be developed that will enhance self-esteem.

B-34. Family Life Education. The Association recommends that programs be established for both students and parents and supported at all educational levels to promote—

- The development of self-esteem.
- Education in human growth and development.

The Association believes that education in these areas must be presented as part of an antibiased, culturally sensitive program.

B-35. Sex Education. The Association recognizes that the public school must assume an increasingly important role in providing the instruction. Teachers and health professionals must be qualified to teach in this area and must be legally protected from censorship and lawsuits. The Association urges its affiliates and members to support appropriately established sex education programs, including information on sexual abstinence, birth control and family planning, diversity of culture, diversity of sexual orientation, parenting skills, prenatal care, sexually transmitted diseases, incest, sexual abuse, sexual harassment. To facilitate the realization of human potential, it is the right of every individual to live in an environment of freely available information, knowledge, and wisdom about sexuality.

B-36. AIDS Education. The National Education Association recommends that educational institutions establish comprehensive acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) education programs as an integral part of the school curriculum.

B-38. Environmental Education. The Association further urges the development and improvement of educational programs that will:

- a. Promote the concept of the interdependence of humanity and nature.
- b. Develop an awareness of the effects of past, present, and future population growth patterns on world civilization, human survival, and the environment.
- c. Promote an understanding of the necessity to protect endangered, threatened, and rare species.
- d. Promote an understanding of the necessity to protect the earth's finite resources.

The Association urges its affiliates to support environmental programs in school systems.

B-52. Standardized Testing of Students. The National Education Association opposes

standardized testing that is mandated by local, state, or national authority. The Association also opposes the use of these tests to compare one student, staff member, school, or district with another.

B-63. Home Schooling. The National Education Association believes that home schooling programs cannot provide the student with a comprehensive education experience. The Association believes that if parental preference home schooling study occurs, students enrolled must meet all state requirements. Instruction should be by persons who are licensed by the appropriate state education licensure agency, and a curriculum approved by the state department of education should be used. The Association further believes that such home schooling programs should be limited to the children of immediate family, with all expenses being borne by

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First New B. **Diversity.** The National Education Association believes that diversity is any combination of similarities and differences of people in community, work places, school systems, or similar environments. Some examples are race, ethnicity, color, national origin, language, geographic location, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical ability, size, and marital, parental, or economic status. The Association further believes that all education employees must recognize and respect diversity that exists among students and all the people.

Second New B. **Global Education.** The National Education Association believes that global education increases respect and awareness of planet earth and its people. Global education imparts information about cultures and an appreciation of our interdependency in sharing the world's resources to meet mutual human needs.

C-1. **Health Care for All Children.** The National Education Association believes that every child should have direct and confidential access to comprehensive health care. The Association urges its affiliates to support legislation to provide comprehensive health care to all children.

C-7. **Day Care.** The National Education Association believes that all child care centers should be examined and monitored on a continuous basis, and additional legislation should be sought as necessary to maintain the highest quality child care. The Association encourages school districts and educational institutions to establish on-site child care for preschoolers, students, the children of students, and the children of staff members.

C-23. **Comprehensive School Health Programs and Services.** The National Education Association believes that every child should have direct and confidential access to comprehensive health, social, and psychological programs and services. The Association also believes that programs in the schools should provide a planned sequential, K-12 health education curriculum that integrates various health topics (such as drug abuse, violence, universal precautions, and HIV education). The Association believes that services in the schools should include—

- Counseling programs that provide developmental guidance and broad-based interventions and referrals,
- Comprehensive school-based, community-funded student health care clinics,
- If deemed appropriate by local choice, family-planning counseling and access to birth control methods with instruction in their use.

C-24. **School Counseling Programs.** The National Education Association believes that guidance and counseling programs should be integrated into the entire education system, beginning at the prekindergarten level.

C-29. **Student Sexual Orientation.** The Association believes that every school district and educational institution should provide counseling and suicide prevention programs by trained personnel for students who are struggling with their sexual/gender orientation.

C-30. **Placement of Students with HIV/AIDS.** The Association believes that students should not be refused admittance to school or subjected to any other adverse action solely because they have tested positive for HIV or have been diagnosed as having AIDS.

C-31. **Suicide Prevention Programs.** The National Education Association believes that suicide prevention programs including prevention, intervention, and postvention must be developed and implemented. The Association urges its affiliates to ensure that these programs are an integral part of the school program.

C-34. **Drug and Alcohol Testing of Students.** The National Education Association believes that mandatory drug and alcohol testing of students without probable cause is an unwarranted and unconstitutional invasion of privacy and opposes such testing.

C-40. **Gender Equity in Athletic Programs.** The National Education Association believes that at all educational levels female and male students must have equal opportunity to participate in athletic programs. The Association urges that athletic funds for facilities, equipment, and remuneration of staff be allocated equally between female and male programs.

D-18. **Competency Testing and Evaluation.** The National Education Association believes that competency testing must not be used as condition of employment, license retention, evaluation, placement, ranking, or promotion of licensed teachers.

E-9. **Academic and Professional Freedom.** The National Education Association believes that academic freedom is essential to the teaching profession. Academic freedom includes the right of teachers and learners to explore and discuss divergent points of view. The Association further believes that legislation and regulations that mandate or permit the teaching of religious doctrines

and/or groups that promote anti-public education agendas violate both student and teacher rights. The Association urges its affiliates to seek repeal of these mandates where they exist.

F-4. **Affordable Health Care.** The Association urges its affiliates to do all they can to enroll our members, their dependents, domestic partners, and retired education employees in comprehensive, affordable health insurance plans.

F-34. **Drug and Alcohol Testing.** The Association believes that mandatory and/or random drug and alcohol testing of employees and job applicants is an unwarranted and unconstitutional invasion of privacy and opposes such testing.

F-36. **Employees with HIV/AIDS.** The National Education Association believes that education employees should not be fired, non-renewed, suspended (with or without pay), transferred, or subjected to any other adverse employment action solely because they have tested positive for the human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) anti-body or have been diagnosed as having HIV/AIDS.

H-6. **National Health Care Policy.** The Association supports the adoption of a single-payer health care plan for all residents of the United States, its territories, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

H-10. **Statehood for the District of Columbia.** The Association urges its affiliates to support efforts to achieve statehood for the District of Columbia.

New H. **Celebration of Diversity in Thanksgiving.** The National Education Association believes that Thanksgiving is the recognition of unity and the rich American diversity that was embodied in the settlement of America. The Association further believes that this national holiday must celebrate the coming together of peoples and the inclusion of all immigrants as a part of this great diverse country.

I-11. **Civil Rights.** The Association calls upon Americans to eliminate – by statute and practice – barriers of race, color, national origin, religion, philosophical beliefs, political beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, size, marital status, and economic status that prevent some individuals, adult or juvenile, from exercising rights enjoyed by others.

I-13. **Family Planning.** The National Educa-

tion Association supports family planning, including the right to reproductive freedom. The Association further urges the implementation of community-operated, school-based family planning clinics that will provide intensive counseling by trained personnel.

I-18. Immigration. The Association opposes any policies that deny human rights, civil rights, or education opportunities to immigrants and their children regardless of their immigration status.

I-22. Freedom of Creative Expression. The National Education Association supports freedom of expression in the creative arts and therefore deplores any efforts by government to suppress, directly or indirectly, such expression. The Association further supports the freedom of publicly funded agencies to exercise judgment in the awarding of grants to individuals and organizations.

I-25. Human Relations in the School. The Association calls for school recruitment and staffing policies that will ensure culturally diverse school employees [and] appropriate classroom and other student-related activities, particularly those that are responsive to the cultural diversity and historical backgrounds of our society.

I-27. Sectarian Practices in the School Program. The National Education Association believes that the constitutional provisions on the establishment of and the free exercise of religion in the First Amendment require that there be no sectarian practices in the public school program.

I-28. Control of Guns. The National Education Association believes that stricter legislation is needed to control guns and other

deadly weapons.

I-46. English as the Official Language. The National Education Association recognizes the importance of an individual's native language and culture and the need to promote and preserve them. The Association believes that efforts to legislate English as the official language disregard cultural pluralism; deprive those in need to education, social services, and employment; and must be challenged.

I-49. Equal Opportunity of Women. The Association supports the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The Association urges its affiliates to support ratification of such an amendment. Personnel

policies must include family leave, maternity leave, paternity leave, leave for adoption of a child, child-care leave, and professional leave. NEA believes that sexism and sex discrimination must be eliminated and endorses nonsexist language.

New I. Freedom of Religion. The Association opposes federal or state legislation or other mandates that would require school districts to schedule a moment of silence.

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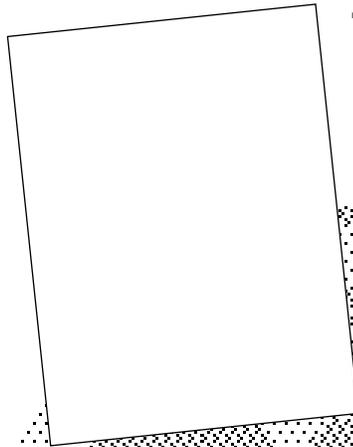
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More than 12,000 Christian ministries are using LifeLine to raise funds, including 18 state chapters of the Christian Coalition, Full Gospel Businessmen, Carman, Concerned Women for America, TBN, American Center for Law and Justice and hundreds of churches and smaller ministries. Freeny said that every day 1,000-1,500 people are switching their long distance service to LifeLine.

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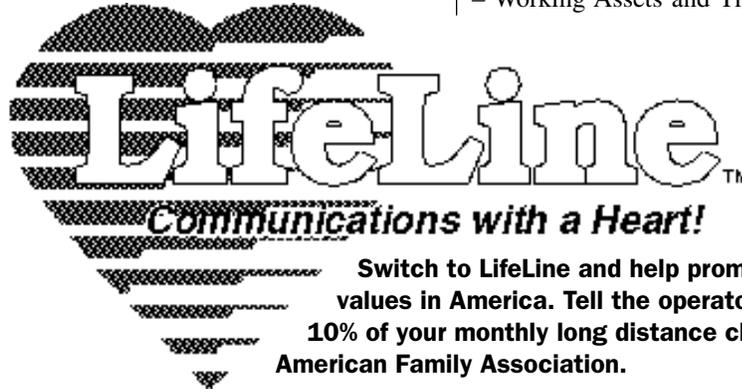
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different charities, Christian and otherwise," said Carl Thompson, LifeLine vice-president, "but [these long distance companies] have no stance against abortion, pornography and anti-Christian values."

LifeLine is unapologetic in their pro-family stance. "You can call us a fundamentalist, Christian, right-wing organization - and we like it," said Thompson who leads a daily Bible study at LifeLine's corporate headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Consumers, who are switching to LifeLine by the thousands like it, too. Many are searching for an alternative to the big three phone companies - AT&T, U.S. Sprint and MCI - because of their anti-family activities.

On many occasions, *AFA Journal* has reported on AT&T's homosexual friendly activities such as: being a corporate sponsor of the Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival in New York in 1994; directly soliciting homosexual customers through a mail campaign; supporting homosexual marriages; and indoctrinating employees to accept homosexuality. AT&T has also been cited for being a major sponsor of sex, violence and profanity on TV.

MCI and U.S. Sprint have also tarnished their record with pro-family advocates. Recently, MCI joined the National Gay and Lesbian Business Alliance in a marketing campaign aimed at homosexuals. MCI has

Working Assets is a long distance company that returns a percentage of its customers' long distance charges to leftist groups such as Planned Parenthood, Amnesty International and the Children's Defense Fund.

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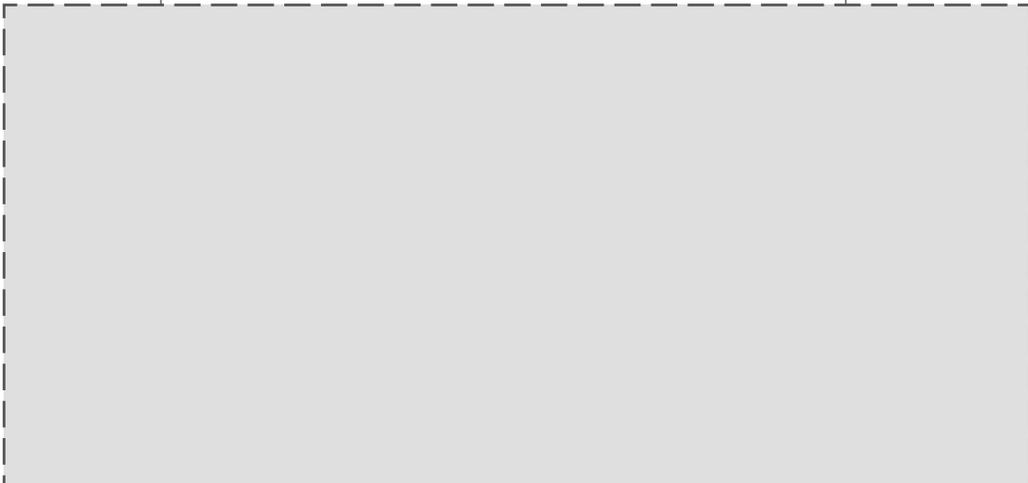
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Culture of death

By PAUL GREENBERG

When the lady from the Arkansas chapter of Right to Life called and asked if I would accept its annual award for promoting the cause, I hesitated. Did she know she was talking not to a saint, but a sinner? As an editorial writer back in 1973, I had thought – and written – that *Roe v. Wade* sounded like a pretty sensible decision.

It seemed simple enough back then. Thanks to *Roe v. Wade*, those relatively few Americans needing an abortion for good reason would no longer have to thread their way through a tangle of state laws, or fly to Sweden or somewhere. At last the decision would be safely left to the physician and patient, and that would be that. No one else need be concerned.

Here was an essentially private matter – abortion – that was on the periphery of medical and legal concerns, let alone social and political ones. Back then abortion wasn't a litmus-test issue. Nor did it seem an ongoing constitutional concern like federal-state relations, or the balance of powers between the executive and legislative branches. It dealt with just one limited, technical, medical specialty. I confidently expected my first editorial on *Roe v. Wade* for the Pine Bluff Commercial to be my last on the subject.

In short, Right-to-Life was now proposing to give its award to somebody who couldn't tell a slippery slope from a ukulele.

I think I would have smiled indulgently back then if you had told me that the debate over abortion would grow far more intense 20 years down the road, that abortion would become the kind of moral test for American society that slavery once was, and that in *Roe v. Wade* we were seeing the *Dred Scott* decision of the 20th century.

What I didn't realize was that ideas have consequences, especially when they become embedded in law. The law, as they say, is a great teacher. What they don't say is that it can teach not only good but evil, not only peace but turmoil, not only life but death.

For some time after *Roe v. Wade*, I carried on a running debate with a local Baptist preacher over whether the state constitution should protect life. The preacher, Mike Huckabee, would later become that rarity, a Republican lieutenant governor of Arkansas. (He's now feeling out a race for the U.S. Senate.) On more than one occasion since, he has asked me what changed my mind about abortion. "A million and a half abortions a

year" is the simplest answer. But there is more to it.

I hadn't realized the dimensions of the social and political changes *Roe v. Wade* would come to symbolize – and license. And how that change would devalue not only life but the tenor of society in general. No nation can approve violence against the most innocent and vulnerable, and expect the effects of that approval to be limited.

By 1995, what had seemed a purely private decision in rare circumstances would become a standard method of birth control, an industry, a political litmus test, a rite of passage . . . a central tenet of a whole culture that centers not around life, its promise and responsibilities, but around self, its creation and cultivation.

Those unalienable rights to life and liberty Mr. Jefferson mentioned in the Declaration

seem to have been eclipsed by a sad emphasis on the pursuit of happiness. And for all the happiness that the unbridled right to an abortion is supposed to make possible, no political question since slavery seems so heavy with guilt, and its denial. Or else there would be no reason for those who favor abortion to call it something else, "choice" being the most popular euphemism and "reproductive freedom" the most ironic.

The signs of this culture of death are now so common that they no longer stand out. In politics and economics, pop culture and art, lifestyle long ago replaced life. The general coarseness of today's politics, today's economics, today's society did not spring up overnight; it is a consequence of a general disrespect for persons. When life ceases to be a right and becomes a power relationship, when any victims can be dismissed as unpersons, indignation and accusation will replace reason and respect in public discourse.

It's happened before. The brutalities of the Third Reich in the 1930s did not arrive without warning; they were a logical extension of the enlightened eugenics of the 1920s, and its concept of *lebensunwerten Lebens*, or life not worth living. And therefore worth destroying. In the growing acceptance of abortion and euthanasia, one can see the advancing pincers of the same brutalizing idea.

It was in 1988 that Walker Percy, in a letter to the New York Times, pointed out

whither we are tending. It was such a good letter, the Times declined to print it. It was also a remarkably restrained analysis of the abortion issue, and remains one of the most concise summaries of just what is being aborted: "Rather than enter the fray with one or another argument, which, whether true or not, seems to be unavailing," wrote Percy, "I should like to call attention to certain social and historical consequences which may be less well known, [for] once the line is crossed, once that principle gains acceptance – judicially, medically, socially – [that] innocent human life can be destroyed for what ever reason, for the most admirable socioeconomic, medical, or social reasons – then it does not take a prophet to predict what will happen next." The rise of Kevorkianism is only the next wave of the general disdain for life that seems to be setting in. Others will follow as surely as one transgression leads to another.

Academics may argue whether these times are modern or post-modern, industrial or post-industrial, but one increasingly

feels they are post-civilized. One recalls the response Gandhi is said to have made when, visiting London, he was asked what he thought of Western civilization. "I would be all for it," he replied.

Earlier in this century, Jose Ortega y Gasset wrote about the dehumanization of art. Now we witness the dehumanization of the culture in general. It is hard to imagine a poet at the tag end of the 20th century celebrating man in the words of a 16th century English playwright: "What a piece of work is a man! How noble in reason! How infinite in faculty! In form, in moving, how express and admirable! In action how like an angel! In apprehension how like a god: the beauty of the world, the paragon of animals."

If man may still be seen as a paragon, he is no longer seen as an animal, a creature with a time to live and a time to die. Instead, man becomes self-creating, and therefore self-destroying, with an obligation only to self. A life becomes something to be designed, and to be destroyed at will – not sanctified, revered, celebrated, mourned.

It used to be said, in the kind of jest that is half serious, that Americans look upon death as a preventable disease. Now it can be said in all seriousness that we come to look on birth the same way.

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Would you be excited to speak before a government committee on affordable housing or to legislators about the need for more restrictive abortion laws?

You can do these when you participate in the political process.

Some Christians do not take responsibility in civic affairs. Since the world is not God's kingdom they reason that they do not have any responsibilities as citizens of it. Others think Christians should unite, take over the government, and establish God's kingdom on earth. Somewhere between are those who believe it is the Christian's responsibility to inject a Christian viewpoint and godly principles into public policy, while at the same time recognizing it is a system which must accommodate both Christian and non-Christian.

OUR TWO-WORLD CITIZENSHIP

To participate in politics, we need to understand the difference in God's government and man's. Christians are citizens of two worlds. We are under God's governance, born into His kingdom. But God's kingdom is not of this world, nor does it rely on political parties or public pressure to fulfill its purpose.

We are also citizens under a civil government. America's political system reflects the godly principles of its founders – that has been its greatness. But we must not expect it to do the work of the church in promoting Christ's purpose on earth. It is a secular government, designed to protect the rights of both the godly and the ungodly in a sinful world. God's laws are unchanging, perfect, and we must obey them without compromise. A democracy's laws, on the other hand, are based on persuasion and compromise between people who differ in fundamental ways.

THEN WHY GET INVOLVED?

This does not mean that believers have no role to play as citizens of this world. We must do what we can to see that godly prin-

ciples are at work to secure justice, protect individual rights, and create an awareness of and a desire for God. Scripture also commands us to respect, honor, and pray for our government.

The most compelling reason to get involved is that Jesus instructed us to be visible – to “let [our] light so shine before men, that they will see [our] good works, and glorify [our] Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

We do not need to feel inadequate. God will give us what we need to be “thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (see 2 Timothy 3:14-17.) He will give wisdom and remove fear. (See James 1:5; 2 Timothy 1:7,8.)

A practical reason for getting involved is because it works. We have seen what can be done when believers speak out. Still, we must not confuse the talk of political candidates or the public attention to the religious agenda with real change. Change comes in the political realm when we are persuasive enough to influence a majority vote and to elect Christian legislators who actually do bring change in public policy.

CAN WE DO IT BETTER?

If we wish to be persuasive in bringing about political change, then we need to look closely at our motives and methods. Are we working to ensure justice and fairness for everyone or just for Christians? Do we fight for religious freedom, or only Christian freedom? How much time do we spend in the community actually helping solve problems of health care, poverty, and crime? In other words, are we more than political activists – are we good citizens and good neighbors? Is our “conversation full of grace and seasoned with salt” (Colossians 4:6, NIV)? Or is it inflammatory and ungracious such as, “A vote for that candidate is a sin against God”? Jesus said, “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves” (Matthew 10:16, NIV).

If we intend to wage spiritual war, let's do it with the tools God has given us – the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. (See Galatians 5:22; 1 Corinthians 12:7.) These gifts are not just to edify the church, but to help us meet human needs.

CHRIST, OUR EXAMPLE

Political leaders are like everyone else. They are more apt to be persuaded by those with whom they spend time and come to

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Liberal philosophy makes flawed assumptions

If you want to know where our society is heading, take a look at the children. They are the future.

The Justice Department has just released a massive study which reports that violent crime among juveniles ages 10 to 17 increased by 100% from 1983 to 1993 and will likely double again by the year 2010.

When Americans say, as most do, that this country is off course, they are not simply talking about economics. What they see is a general moral breakdown reflected in violence and crime, broken families, child abuse, poverty, drugs, youth gangs, rape, venereal disease, illegitimacy and infanticide.

This country is in trouble morally because it is being led toward hedonism by a flawed liberal philosophy. Liberal philosophy is flawed because it makes flawed assumptions about the nature of the universe and flawed assumptions about the nature of mankind.

Assumptions are critical. An argument, a theory, a program or a philosophy that starts off with bad assumptions almost always winds up with bad conclusions.

I will say this another way by noting once again the words of an ancient, wise man (my husband): "Liberal journey of a thousand miles begins with a single misstep – and winds up two thousand miles from the original destination."

Some background: In the Declaration of Independence, our country's founders said that people "... are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Liberal intellectual elitists have concluded that there is no Creator and the unalienable right to life does not exist; and they have concluded that the rights to liberty and the pursuit of happiness have been seriously obstructed by codes of conduct, standards of behavior, tradition, ethics, laws and, of course, by the most dangerous of all obstructions to personal freedoms, belief in God with His holier-than-thou attitude.

In the 1960s, new-age men and women demanded release from the bondage of precedent and tradition.

What was their thinking? What were the underlying assumptions? There were several. First was the assumption that codes of conduct and standards of behavior are completely arbitrary. They simply represent somebody's opinions about how people should behave. They may, and should be, changed.

This is a thinly disguised revival of a discredited, supremely arrogant, anthropocentric view, which has mankind not only

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at the center of the universe but in control, supplanting God as rule maker.

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Second, there was an assumption that human beings, liberated from constraints, would be free to be their true and wonderful selves; they would unfold naturally and beautifully like blossoming flowers; they would find fulfillment and happiness.

So, what about it? Are people basically good? If unleashed from all those binding ties, will they find happiness?

There is no mystery. Let's look at the record. Despite some technological successes, the history of the human race is a sorry spectacle, a near uninterrupted chain of brutality, war, carnage, cruelty, disorder and chaos – and today, after centuries of trying, and with generations of opportunities to learn and improve, the world festers with self made tragedies and horrors.

History is a canvas upon which man has painted a vivid picture of himself. This projection of inner self is clear, sharp, detailed and easy to understand.

In the face of these stark realities, surely liberal thinkers reacted in the only way possible – with abject humility and with a sense that the human species desperately needs help. Surely they learned the obvious lesson that while we humans are capable of good, there is a dark and violent side to our nature. Surely.

Well...no. Liberals did not disappoint. They understood nothing, and they learned nothing. Brains hopelessly clogged with congealed, ideological mush, they proceeded with a program to dismantle a political structure linked to the Creator of the universe and a moral structure carefully put in place to help protect us from our Dark Side.

They successfully took apart a system of values and philosophies calculated to make America a citadel of light and sanity in a dark and insane world. The result: No-fault living is the order of the day in America. "Sin" is an archaic idea. Right and wrong as moral concepts have been abolished. There are no black hats or white hats: they are all gray. Moral discernment has been deemed judgmental and discriminatory. In government schools, our children are shielded from spiritual influences. God is scorned but tolerated if He stays in His place.

Unless we change, our future will be that which inevitably flows from the assumption that "we are endowed by a Big Bang and random chance with unalienable rights."

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former Education Secretary William Bennett announced a similar campaign.

"We hope that supporters will get their friends, family, and member of their churches and Sunday School classes to participate in gathering the needed information," said AFA president Donald E. Wildmon.

Readers will find on page 29 a form which can be used to monitor the programs. After the form is filled out, readers are asked to return the form to AFA. We will then compile a list of the sponsors and regularly release them using press releases, newspaper ads, and special mailings. 

AFA, Tolle...from page 1

telling him stories, playing the guitar or banjo, or singing to him.

"But one day it was different," Tolle says. "Instead of doing any of those things, he took down a calendar depicting Christ walking on the water and he began to draw it. I was three years old when he did that." Mitchell's father was a great inspiration to his artistic endeavors.

People, playful puppies, split rail fences,

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mules, rabbits, houses once home to very real people, steam locomotives, music makers, craftspeople, working hands, babies, children, barns and handmade fieldstone bridges flow from talented hands and a creative vision, from an artist who freely shares his world with us in his own special way. We see, hear, taste, smell, feel, and live his art, the art of America.

"We spend so much of our time, energy and money at AFA fighting against the kinds of images that are tearing apart America's soul, that it's rewarding to be able to present to our supporters moving images through the art of Mitchell Tolle that are pure, lovely, and true and which exalt those things that are great about America," said AFA President Don Wildmon.

The art of Mitchell Tolle would make wonderful Christmas, birthday or special occasion gifts. The Gift Catalog from Painted Treasures can be ordered for \$3. It illustrates many more of Tolle's works. You may order from it any time throughout the year and 30% of the purchase price will be given to the American Family Association.

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around the front yard of that old country home with his first grandson Timmy on the back of the pony. Christmas 1966. He bought that pony, my mom told me recently, just for the seven or eight times a year his grandchildren would come to the farm. I don't know what ever happened to that pony. I think he sold it when we got too big to ride.

Granddaddy Bennett was a farmer for most of his life. The first and last time I ever fed farm animals was on his farm when I would spend a few days there in the summer. That was also the first and last time I was awakened by a rooster. My Granddaddy Bennett was a very hard worker and often worked two jobs, the farm and the factory, to support his family of six. One of my fondest memories was when all the grandchildren would get in line so that Granddaddy could "count our ribs." He enjoyed seeing us all laugh and have a good time.

Granddaddy Bennett was a faithful member of Red Bud Baptist Church for as long as I can remember. The little country church seats about 50 and is where Grandmother and Granddaddy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary just a few years back. I videotaped it.

Needless to say I have a lot of fond memories of my Grandfather Bennett. He was in many ways a Christian example for me and his entire family. I loved him very much and he will be missed greatly this holiday season.

My PaPa Wildmon raised his family about 40 miles away in Tippah County during the

great depression and World War II. There's a line in the country song "Song of the South" which says, "Somebody told us Wall Street fell, we were so poor we couldn't tell..." That was my PaPa Wildmon's world, my dad tells me. But not unlike almost everyone else in the rural south during those years.

PaPa told me all about those times. I've got all those memories packed away. From the first time an automobile came down the dirt road till the first and only time (as far as I know) PaPa flew in an airplane. For years my dad led tours to the Holy Land and he would, from time to time, ask Pa to go with him. "No, thank you," he would say. "Tippah County's holy land to me." He didn't care for travel and always wanted to go home - wherever he was - long before my MaMa was ready to go. "Would you just sit down and wait a little?" she would say. They were married 67 years. I remember their 50th anniversary celebration at the First United Methodist Church in Ripley. MaMa Wildmon passed away three years ago and Papa never was the same. I'm sure they're happy now.

Well I could go on and on. PaPa Wildmon raised a pretty good son, wouldn't you say? In fact, he raised three boys and two girls, but of course I'm partial to one. (His picture is on page two.)

Precious memories about two fine Christian men who influenced my life forever. Have a wonderful holiday season and be sure to pack those memories away with that shirt Aunt Sue gives you.

"Honey, do you think Aunt Sue would ever know if I took this back and exchanged it for..."

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know. Christ spent time with people just being their friend - so much so that religious leaders called Him a glutton and a drunkard and criticized Him for being a friend of sinners. (See Matthew 11:19.)

He taught us to guard against loving duty and principle more than we love people. This was the message in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Scripture tells us that "the entire law of God is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:14, NIV).

A CITY ON A HILL

We can and must be part of our political process. We are to be salt and light, and "a city on a hill which cannot be hidden." (See Matthew 5:14.) You obey and God will provide the opportunity.

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