



Michael's magic kingdom intensifies assault on moral-

Under the leadership of President Michael Eisner, the Walt Disney Company continues to promote immorality like homosexuality – and now even incest – in its corporate drive to generate even more profits.

Miramax Films, wholly-owned by the Walt Disney Co., snapped up **The House of Yes**, a film with a theme involving incest, at the Sundance Film Festival for \$2 million.

The movie is described by movie reviewer John Brodie as “a dark comedy about blue-blooded incest,” and stars Parker Posey, Josh Hamilton, Genevieve Bujold and Tori Spelling. In the picture, Posey and Hamilton play twins (male and female) who have had a long-running incestuous involvement. Hamilton tries to escape that relationship with his sister in favor of a normal relationship with fiancée Spelling. But as reviewer Dennis Harvey said of the movie for *Variety* magazine, “Old habits die hard.”

Donald E. Wildmon, president of American Family Association, said, “Disney and its subsidiaries seem to have little or no standards in

their search for profit. The Bible says the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and now even incest is being marketed for a buck.”

Disney has drawn criticism for Miramax films before. The subsidiary originally owned the distribution rights to **Kids**, a movie with explicit



controversy, the two principals of Miramax formed an independent company to market the film. Miramax also released the homosexual film **Lie Down With Dogs** and the anti-Catholic movie **Priest**.

Miramax appears to be enthusiastic about **The House of Yes**. One of the *entertainment* products

Meet At City Hall scheduled for

The sixth annual Meet At City Hall prayer focus, sponsored by American Family Association, is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, on the National Day of Prayer. Last year the event was observed in thousands of cities.

Meet At City Hall is a project for special prayer – a prayer for moral rebirth in America. It is a very simple concept. It involves people meeting at their local city hall and praying from 12:20 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. for moral rebirth in our country.

Here is what pastors, churches and individuals can do to promote Meet At City Hall:

1. Begin praying that Meet At City Hall will be blessed by God.
2. Commit to participate in Meet At City Hall with your presence at your city hall from 12:20 p.m. until 12:40 p.m. on Thursday, May 1.
3. Help promote Meet At City Hall in your local church and community. Join with others in helping organize and promote

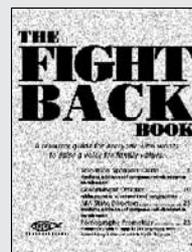
Meet At City Hall in your community.

4. Ask clergy in your ministerial association, denomination and other groups to join in organizing and promoting Meet At City Hall in your local community.
5. Begin promoting Meet At City Hall from the pulpit, in your church newsletter and bulletin.
6. Use the appropriate committee or person in your local church to help organize and promote Meet At City Hall. Ask them to work with other churches in your community.

Meet At City Hall is a project of American Family Association. While it is held on the National Day of Prayer, it is not a project of the National Day of Prayer Task Force.

Requests for material and information on Meet At City Hall can be obtained by writing Meet At City Hall, P.O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803, or by calling 601/844-5036.

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ers, Beau Flynn, said, "There was a lot of interest from several distributors in (the film), but we decided to go with Miramax after hearing how much they loved the film and hearing their marketing concept for the movie."

Disney responsible for ABC's *Ellen*

Homosexuality continues to be a staple in Disney's buffet line. Since September the ABC sitcom *Ellen* has been teasing the issue with hints that its lead character, played by comedienne Ellen DeGeneres, would openly announce her homosexuality as part of its story line. ABC Entertainment

with his or her partner. Ellen and Peter are paired, and Peter tells her, "I don't think you're as happy as you pretend to be. In fact, I think you pretend about a lot of things. And, in fact, I don't think you're completely honest with yourself." Before he can finish, however, Ellen cuts him off, refusing to accept what he is saying.

Ellen struggles the entire show with whether or not Peter is right. Before the show ends, however, Ellen admits that she is not happy, but wants to be. The implication has little subtlety at all: Ellen is not happy because she is pretending to be straight, when she is really a lesbian.

It's not clear whether most

executives still haven't given final approval for the show. While that decision would have to come from the highest levels of both companies, a *TV Guide* story said that the call is really Disney's to make. Once Walt Disney Television president Dean Valentine gives his O.K. on the script, ABC executives would probably fall in line.

Sources at Disney told *TV Guide* that the script has Ellen receiving a visit from a man who was an old college friend, but Ellen finds herself attracted to his female companion. Preliminary discussions were targeting Laura Dern (*Jurassic Park*) as Ellen's lesbian love interest, and Oprah

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Left: Ellen DeGeneres on the cover of the January, 1997, issue of *Curve*, a magazine aimed at lesbians.

President Jamie Tarses admitted that the episode was in the works, but she added that the network has not decided whether or not it would air the show.

The resulting buzz in the entertainment world has been fed by a steady stream of moments in the sitcom that hint at the "outing" of character Ellen Morgan. In each, the writers of the show are clearly indicating that Ellen is "growing" towards the moment when she admits her true sexual orientation.

In one such episode in February, Ellen attends a New Age retreat with Peter, who is one of the show's two regular homosexual characters. The weekend is supposed to lead to self-discovery.

In one scene, the attendees at the retreat are each to look into a mirror and speak to themselves honestly. Ellen does so, then passes the mirror to Peter. But each time Peter tells himself something, Ellen interrupts and says that what Peter has said has reminded her about something else she wants to tell herself. Finally, Peter tells himself happily, "You're gay!" Then he hands the mirror back, and asks, "Ellen?" While she doesn't admit to being lesbian, the studio audience cheers loudly.

Then, the group pairs off in another exercise where each is to be totally honest

people outside Hollywood care whether Ellen stays in or comes out of the closet. After the initial furor over the possible lesbian plotline in September, the ratings for the show dropped. As a result, *Ellen* was moved from its 8 P.M. (ET) time slot to 9:30 P.M., following the *Drew Carey Show*, where its ratings have improved.

But some within the homosexual community have been frustrated with the stalling. Todd Simmons, co-chair of the Human Rights Task Force in Tampa, Florida, and a columnist for a gay and lesbian newspaper, said, "It's been a little frustrating to watch the show and hope, week after week, that it would happen. I'm sure that ABC and the producers of *Ellen* will milk this storyline for every potential piece of publicity imaginable." And beyond the show's character, a cover story in the lesbian magazine *Curve* asked why the actress herself – Ellen DeGeneres – has not 'come out' of the closet if she is, as persistent rumor maintains, a lesbian in real life.

Meanwhile the *Hollywood Reporter* said its sources say the network will probably air the long-awaited lesbian episode on April 30, possibly in a one-hour show. That would put Ellen's announcement at the start of the May "sweeps" period, when networks traditionally pull out all the stops in an effort to attract viewers.

However, even *Hollywood Reporter* is hedging its bets. It says ABC and Disney

Disney movies to boycott (a partial listing)

- ✳ Now in theaters or on video
- Future release

Walt Disney Pictures

- ✳ *Bambi*
- ✳ *101 Dalmations*
- ✳ *James and the Giant Peach*
- ✳ *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*
- ✳ *Pocahontas*
- ✳ *The Lion King*
- ✳ *Aladdin*
- ✳ *Beauty and the Z Beast*
- ✳ *The Rescuers Down Under*
- ✳ *The Little Mermaid*
- *Treasure Planet*
- *Tarzan*
- *The Legend of Mulan*
- *Fantasia II*
- *Hercules*

Buena Vista Pictures/Productions

- ✳ *D3: The Mighty Ducks*
- ✳ *Mighty Aphrodite*
- ✳ *Nixon*
- ✳ *Evita*
- ✳ *That Darn Cat*
- ✳ *Jungle2Jungle*

Touchstone Pictures

- ✳ *Ransom*
- ✳ *Last Dance*
- ✳ *The War at Home*
- ✳ *The Preacher's Wife*
- ✳ *Phenomenon*
- ✳ *Up Close and Personal*

Hollywood Pictures

- ✳ *The Rock*
- ✳ *The Associate*
- ✳ *White Squall*
- ✳ *Mr. Holland's Opus*

Miramax

- ✳ *Sling Blade*
- ✳ *The English Patient*
- ✳ *Emma*
- ✳ *Marvin's Room*
- ✳ *Beautiful Girls*
- ✳ *Unhook the Stars*
- ✳ *Trainspotting*
- ✳ *Everyone Says I Love You*
- ✳ *Citizen Ruth*
- ✳ *Scream (Dimension Films)*
- *Substance of Fire*
- *Kolya*
- *Cosi*
- *Night Watch (Dimension Films)*

The cook's tour of your AFA

By TIM WILDMON
AFA Vice-President



“Wow!” is the response I get sometimes when I tell people what all we do here at American Family Association. “Ya’ll do all that?” is the response I usually get from southern folks. Our friends in the north, east or west say something like, “You guys do all that?” Many supporters of American Family Association have little idea of the diversity of our ministry. Allow me to take you on a tour of your AFA.

The first thing you have to do is find Tupelo, Mississippi, on the map. If you’ll look at Mississippi and go to the upper right corner you should see us. If not, you need to get a magnifying glass or have your eyes checked. A town of 35,000, it is the largest city in northeast Mississippi and yes, the birthplace of Elvis Presley. I was in Greece two years ago riding an elevator. There were three Greek teenage girls and their grandparents with me. I tried to communicate with them but to no avail, except that they understood when I said “America.” When I tried to be more specific with “Mississippi” it was obvious they thought I meant the river which, of course, could mean anywhere from Minnesota to Louisiana. So I tried two last words to see what would happen. As I played air guitar, I said “Elvis Presley,” sang a lil’ *Hound Dog* and their faces lit up. Especially the grandparents. They wanted me to sing more, but by this time the elevator had reached my destination. Sorry.

If you walk in our doors at 107 Parkgate you’ll find the pleasant smile of Mickey Wildmon. A true southern belle she is. She’ll ask you to sign our register, then call one of us to take you – I’ll be your host today – to our first stop: the AFA Law Center.

The Law Center is staffed with six attorneys – including corporate counsel – and three legal secretaries. I’m told most law firms have three staff

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IRS going after conservative groups

By DR. DONALD E. WILDMON
AFA President



Currently, applications of three AFA state affiliates to be recognized as 501c-3 nonprofit organizations are being held up by the Internal Revenue Service. In each case the IRS has presented an extremely long list of questions clearly designed to make the application difficult and time consuming. Moreover, the IRS questions border on frivolous harassment. It asks whether these affiliates anticipate anyone in their organization being arrested, what the affiliate will do when a person is arrested, whether anyone in the affiliate is planning or participating in criminal acts, and whether the affiliate will incorporate “confrontational tactics” in their ministry activities. One comes to the conclusion that the intent of the IRS is to find some excuse, however flimsy, to deny the applications.

But at least the IRS is consistent. Well, they are consistent to a degree. It is now clearly evident that the Clinton administration is using one of the most powerful government agencies to punish, penalize and attack those with whom the administration finds fault.

I said the IRS was consistent. They are now investigating scores of organizations. They are consistent in that all the organizations being scrutinized are conservative. The Heritage Foundation, the Freedom Alliance, Citizens Against Government Waste, the National Center for Public Policy and the Western Journalism Center – among others – are undergoing IRS audits. Not one single liberal group is getting the same treatment from the IRS. In fact, the IRS has bluntly told the Western Journalism Center that they aren’t interested in their finances. The IRS told WJC that they are auditing WJC because that group has been investigating the suicide of Vincent Foster.

The National Rifle Association is also undergoing a vigorous audit, which has cost that organization \$1 million a year in legal fees since the audit began in 1995. In an interview with the Cleveland Plain Dealer in January 1995, President Clinton lashed out at the NRA, blaming it for the loss of 20 Democratic seats in Congress and giving Republicans control of Congress. One month after the speech, the IRS informed the NRA that it would be facing the audit. So drastic is the heavy hand of the IRS that it has demanded from the NRA its membership list.

The New York Post said in an editorial that the IRS was being used by Commissioner Margaret Miller Richardson – a close friend of the Clintons – in a manner that was unmistakably partisan.

In 1990, the Life Legal Defense Foundation, a Napa, California, group that defends the First Amendment rights of pro-life protesters, applied for a tax exemption. Just after the 1992 election the IRS sent a ruling denying the group exempt status. It cited concerns that Life Legal had as a “substantial purpose” defending people who subject themselves to arrest. Life Legal responded by noting that other groups involved in First Amendment issues such as protests at animal research labs, military bases and union picket

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On record

"In general, the anti-abortion side has lost the language war. One-day waiting periods for an abortion are always 'restrictions,' unlike three-day waiting periods for guns, which are merely 'regulations.'"

John Leo, U.S. News & World Report, 2/17/97

"[America] must be submissive to God's will ... This country will never again be healthy if we don't have the courage to confront the spiritual and cultural and moral deficit that is an even greater threat to our future than our economic deficit."

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Washington Times, 1/29/97

"There is no 'gay' gene, any more than there is an 'adultery' gene, a 'pornography addiction' gene, a 'premarital sex' gene, a 'greed' gene, or a 'theft' gene."

Robert Knight of the Family Research Council, The Advocate, 2/18/97

"[J]ust in terms of allocation of time resources, religion is not very efficient ... There's a lot more I could be doing on a Sunday morning."

Bill Gates, computer software billionaire, Time, 1/13/97

Ten Commandments ordered out of courtroom

A judge in Montgomery, Alabama, has ruled that a display of the Ten Commandments must be changed or removed from the courtroom of a Gadsden judge. "The judiciary continues to push God further and further out of the public sphere," said AFA Vice President Tim Wildmon. "And then everyone wonders why our society is crumbling."

The controversy surrounds a display of the Ten Commandments which hangs prominently behind the bench of Etowah County Circuit Judge Roy Moore. The American Civil Liberties Union filed suit in 1995 on behalf of two residents of the county, who wanted Moore not only to take the display down, but also to cease opening the court's sessions with prayer.

Montgomery Circuit Court Judge Charles Price ruled that the display of the Ten Commandments violated the U.S. Constitution and Alabama's state constitution by promoting religion on government property. Price said the plaque was not displayed "for a historical, judicial or educational purpose, but rather, and clearly to promote religion." Price said that if Moore did not want to remove the plaque, he could move it to another wall and display it along with nonreligious or historical items.

Price's decision reverses his own ruling last November 22, when he ruled that the Ten Commandments did not violate either the Alabama or U.S. constitutions. In that ruling, however, Price banned all prayers in Alabama courtrooms. The Alabama State Supreme Court has blocked that part of his ruling.

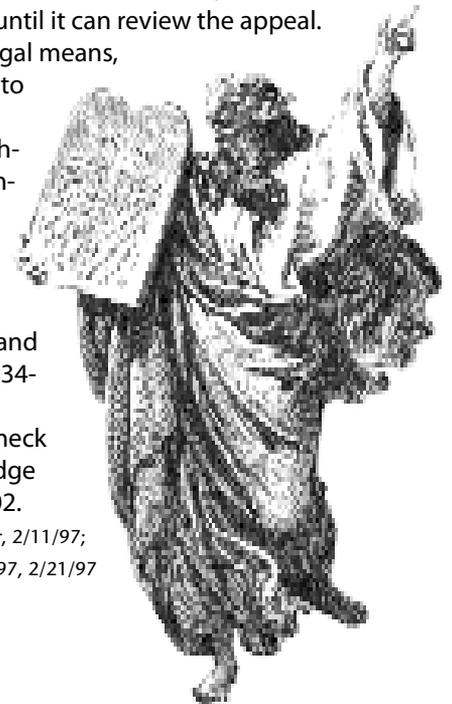
Moore is appealing Price's ruling on the display of the Ten Commandments, and the Alabama Supreme Court has agreed to a stay of the decision until it can review the appeal. Alabama Governor Fob James said that he would use all legal means, including state troopers and the Alabama National Guard, to keep the display in the courtroom.

American Family Association of Alabama, along with other pro-family organizations, is co-sponsoring a God & Country Rally on the steps of the Alabama capitol building on Saturday, April 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., honoring Gov. James and Judge Moore for their defense of the First Amendment to the Constitution. The event will include words from such Christian leaders as Dr. Donald Wildmon and others. For more information, call AFA of Alabama at 205-834-3757. Tom Blackerby is state director.

To contribute to the Judge's legal defense, make your check payable to: Judge Moore Legal Defense Fund. Mail it to Judge Roy Moore Defense Fund, P.O. Box 8222, Gadsden, AL 35902.

Washington Times, 2/12/97; Montgomery Advertiser, 2/11/97;

USA Today, 2/6/97, 2/21/97



Creation/evolution still sparks de-

Although 70 years have passed since creationists and evolutionists faced off in the famous Scopes Trial in Dayton, Tennessee, issues of origin continue to be a source of controversy.

In Fairfax County, Virginia, an affiliate of American Family Association has challenged a high school biology book at prestigious Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology that compares the Biblical account of the world's creation to astrology, fad diets and other forms of "pseudoscience." Meanwhile in Florence, Kentucky, an atheist organization known as the Free Inquiry Group has raised a stink over a Christian group's plans to build a creation museum.

William Nowers, president of AFA of Fairfax County, is asking that a disclaimer be inserted in the ninth-grade textbook, stating that creationism is as valid as the theory of evolution. The AFA affiliate got involved after the parents of a ninth grader protested that the textbook demeaned their religious beliefs when it said: "Creation science is not science because its working assumptions cannot be examined by scientific methods.... Many other examples of pseudoscience exist: astrology, miracle cures for diseases such as cancer and arthritis, and some dieting programs and health practices."

School Superintendent Robert R. Spillane and other administrators have admitted that the language is offensive, but as yet have not offered the disclaimer, fearing that it might be taken as an endorsement of teaching creationism alongside evolution.

In Kentucky a creation research organization called Answers in Genesis (AIG) had plans to build a creation museum complete with life-size dinosaur models, fossils, a mineral collection and nature trail. The purpose of the museum, according to executive director Ken Ham, was to "present the gospel as a walk-through of the major events in history, from the creation of this earth to the new heaven and new earth."

The plan requiring a zoning change was approved by local officials and a zoning commission. Then a statewide humanist group called Free Inquiry got wind of the project and urged its members to "challenge this threat to reason." The group began attending zoning hearings, writing scathing letters to local newspapers, and even threatening a First Amendment lawsuit that would cost the county millions of dollars to fight.

When the fiscal court overturned the zoning commission's ruling, an action rarely taken, the AIG project died. Ham said he plans to look elsewhere to build his creation museum. "What's happening here should be a warning to the nation," Ham said. "The climate is right for this sort of opposition to Christianity."

The Washington Post, 2/12/97; World, 1/25/97

Adults put religion in the middle of the pack on list of priorities

A USA Today survey of people age 21 and older reveals some of the priorities of adults in the U.S. When asked about things to which they were "very strongly" committed, 90% of respondents said family, 79% said relationships and friends, and 54% said their jobs. Religion came in fourth place with 52%. Charities and causes were next with 22%, and a person's political party was last at 18%.

When surveys specifically targeted different generations for their attitudes toward religion, however, researchers got a surprising result. In the past, studies have shown that baby boomers (born 1944-62) were less religious than their parents, and many experts predicted that the children of those baby boomers – the so-called "Generation X" (born 1963-76) – would be even more prone to abandon organized religion. So far, however, the experts appear to be wrong: "X-ers" seem to be keeping the faith. A recent study examined polling data on the religious views of those two groups, and also the views of people born before 1946.

Not only are X-ers not departing from organized religion, but in many instances their faith appears stronger than that of their parents. When asked if church teachings were important in making personal decisions, 47% of Generation X respondents said yes, compared to 41% of baby boomers. Church attendance also showed a slightly more religious attitude among X-ers. When asked if it was personally important to attend church regularly, 40% of X-ers said yes, while 37% of their parents answered affirmatively.

USA Today, 2/10/97; Washington Times, 1/18/97

Survey tells prayer habits

A survey by the Lutheran Brotherhood asked Americans how often they prayed, and discovered that 55% said they prayed at least once a day. Of that group, 31% said they prayed once a day; 24%, *more than once a day*.

USA Today, 2/7/97

New California reading program spelled P-H-O-N-I-C-S

The State Board of Education has approved 16 textbook series for teaching reading to California children in kindergarten through the eighth grade. The new books all emphasize phonics and the lessons are reinforced with stories and poems containing the word sounds.

The new books mark a counter-revolution to the "whole language" method of instruction, which gained popularity in the state over the past decade.

Association of American Educators
Newsletter, 1/97

PK rallies break one million

In 1996 more than one million men attended 22 Promise Keepers (PK) rallies. The very first PK meeting in 1991 was attended by a mere 4,200 men.



The ministry hopes to draw 1,000,000 men to Washington, D.C. this fall, for a "Sacred Assembly" in which men will seek God's forgiveness for themselves and the nation.

Charisma, 1/97

Convicted sex offenders back on the streets

The Justice Department has released figures showing that almost 60% of the convicted sex offenders in the U.S. are back on the streets without serving their complete sentences. Of 234,000 convicted sex offenders, the government said an estimated 134,300 had been either paroled or released on probation.

Washington Times, 2/3/97



Opposition to concert unites Christian community

Manson meant it for evil, but God meant it for good

As Satanic “gothic-rock” band Marilyn Manson drags its sociopathic, hate-filled stage act through the nation’s heart-

land, Christians are using the *Antichrist Superstar* (the title of the band’s current album) tour as an opportunity to unite local believers, raise the issue of rock music messages, demand the enforcement of decency statutes and present to their communities the reality of the Christian gospel. Though still highly offensive, *Rolling Stone* magazine’s band of the year is responding with a somewhat toned-down presentation compared to earlier tours.

“Nothing has ever brought the Christian community together in our valley like opposition to this concert,” said Kathleen O’Conner, president of a local AFA affiliate in Wheeling, West Virginia. O’Conner and other Christians hosted a free “family celebration” as an alternative to the concert. Between 250 and 300 people enjoyed a night of song, prayer, food and fun. She received much encouragement to continue the celebration on a regular basis.

Another group of Christians in Wheeling held a prayer vigil on the sidewalk across from the Wheeling Civic Center. Before the concert, local officials clearly outlined for Manson the city and state decency laws.

Although she believes that the band’s message is Satanic, O’Conner said, “We’re not mad at him. In fact, our hearts go out to him and to any of the children that take his lead.”

Marilyn Hartigan, an eighth-grade teacher in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, reported the same spirit of unity as Christians rallied around objections to the concert. “Actually some of my students brought the concert to my attention,” she said. “I photocopied two articles from the *AFA Journal* and sent them home to the parents of my students.” Hartigan said the parents appreciated the information.

Opposition to the concert spread throughout the community. Concert opponents were given a lengthy audience at a city council meeting. The eighth graders

petitioned the council and mayor to oppose the concert.

A telephone poll conducted by a local newspaper found that of the 1,962 citizens polled, an overwhelming majority, 68%, opposed the concert.

Although the concert was not cancelled, parents have been promised input in reviewing the concert booking policy at the civic center.

In Dayton, Ohio, citizen activists took a behind-the-scenes approach. Don Jackson with the Christian Family Network said his group worked directly with arena officials, city personnel, police, and area pastors. Informational packets on the band were distributed to pastors and local officials. A meeting resulted in positive concessions by officials including no arena-sponsored publicity and permanent changes in concert booking policies. In addition, local police agreed to meet with Manson’s handlers to inform the filth rocker of Ohio’s obscenity ordinances.

Jackson said area officials have now come to a greater understanding of the harmful influences of some acts. He said CFN hopes to work with arena officials to book more contemporary Christian music artists.

Media reports and eye-witness accounts of recent concerts

► From the *Deseret News* (Salt Lake City, UT), 1/12/97:

- “The pretentious prince of industrial metal returned to Utah and ripped up another Book of Mormon.”
- “The band...whose stage antics usually include fluorescent sexual devices, on-stage nudity and simulated sex acts – put on a relatively tame gothic metal concert.”
- “Manson filled the night with lyrics of masturbation, sado-masochism, anger, perversion, suicide, hate and betrayal in very graphic terms.”

► From the *News-Register* (Wheeling, WV), 2/16/97:

- “...fans and performers hurled obscenities like snowflakes in a blizzard.” (These included an f-word barrage and profane variations of the names of God.)

- “Whether it was the raunchy lyrics or violent music, the performances were geared to sensationalize the satanic undertones of Manson’s band.”

- “Security officers confiscated several knives and box cutting tools as well as bottles of alcohol from fans.”

► From the *Omaha World-Herald*, 1/7/97:

- “Manson routinely spits on his audience and he asks that the audience spit on him.”
- “There have been reports that Marilyn Manson...has performed homosexual acts on stage during concerts. The band’s leader describes himself as a bisexual transvestite and a reverend in San Francisco’s Church of Satan.”

► From *Time*, 2/24/97:

- [Compared to earlier shock rockers]... Manson’s act is shorn of all humor. What’s left is lurid spectacle that conveys little meaning beyond its shock value.”

► From eye-witness accounts:

- Prominent were Marilyn Manson T-shirts carrying the slogans “Kill God” and “I am the god of [f-word].”
- Manson read from the Satanic bible and held a Satanic altar call in Lubbock, Texas.
- The stage featured two very large angels speared through the back with spikes...then mounted upright so that the speared nude angels were hanging in mid-air.
- Manson was semi-dressed in a T-shirt, boxer shorts, garter belt, and knee high boots. He soon reduced this by tearing off the T-shirt and pulling off the boxer shorts to reveal a leather undergarment that highlighted the genital area.
- Throughout the concert, Manson led the crowd in various acts against the Church, against family and parents, and against Christ.



CULTURE

Legalization of medicinal marijuana continues stirring the pot

Ballot initiatives which legalized the prescription of marijuana may have passed in California and Arizona months ago, but they continue to cause controversy.

After the initiatives passed in November, Barry McCaffrey, director of the Clinton administration's Office of National Drug Control Policy, promised to study all facets of the controversy. But U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno insisted that marijuana was still illegal according to federal law, and said that doctors who prescribed pot could face a host of legal problems, including prosecution.

Now the prestigious *New England Journal of Medicine* has weighed in with its opinion, giving its approval to the ballot measures while simultaneously condemning the government's promise of legal sanctions, calling it "misguided, heavy-handed and inhumane."

The biggest shocker in the debate may be that Arizonans, who passed the initiative less than six months ago by nearly a 66% majority, now have changed their minds. A new survey shows that 85% say the law should be changed, with 71% of those respondents saying they want the new law repealed outright.

James E. Copple, president of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, which sponsored the new survey, said Arizonans are just now finding out they had been duped. Voters who voted "yes" to the ballot measure "thought they were voting to get tough on crime," Copple said. "The pro-legalization movement ... put together a campaign strategy that misleads people."

USA Today, 2/5/97; Washington Times, 1/30/97

ENTERTAINMENT

TV ratings prove a failure

The Media Research Center (MRC) said that initial studies of prime-time television programs using the new ratings system have proved to be a flop. MRC analyzed 150 hours of programming and found the ratings to be inconsistent and ineffective in helping parents to monitor what their children watch.

The MRC found that, while 61% of all programs were rated PG, the rating gave no clue as to suitability, since some of the PG shows contained racy themes and profanity, and some did not. Kathryn Montgomery, president of the Center for Media Education, also complained about

the PG rating, saying it was a "black-hole category...into which just about everything goes."

MRC head L. Brent Bozell said it was "embarrassing how bad the system is," and labelled it a "failure." The MRC favors content-based television ratings instead of the current system.

Parents seemed to agree. Another study by Pew media research showed that 42% of respondents thought the new ratings were only "somewhat helpful." Fifty-four percent said they hadn't even noticed the ratings, perhaps due to the oft-heard complaint that the ratings icon is small and only appears on-screen for 15 seconds.

Newsweek, 2/10/97; USA Today, 2/10/97; Entertainment

FRONTLINES

Businessman resigns position based on moral principle

As one institution after another yields to the radical homosexual agenda, a few principled individuals are standing against the tide. One is Michael Cochran of Austin, Texas.

In December Michael, 43, and the sole wage earner in a family of five, resigned a seven-year position at Towers Perrin, a consulting firm headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut. Michael tendered his resignation in protest of Towers Perrin's extending domestic partner benefits to unmarried live-in partners of its employees, particularly homosexual mates.

In a letter to the company's CEO, Michael wrote: "I suspect that you believe you are doing something morally or socially beneficial, and that you will reap financial advantages as well....but I am compelled to tell you that you are greatly mistaken.... The extension of eligible dependent status to domestic partners is wrong. Dead wrong. It is socially irresponsible and morally reprehensible."

Interestingly, Towers Perrin consults companies on their employee benefits packages. On several occasions Towers Perrin has advised clients to add domestic partner benefits. One of their clients is the City of San Francisco, where the board of supervisors has voted not to do business with any company that does not offer domestic partnership benefits.

Cochran said that in recent years Towers Perrin, like many companies across the nation, has ballyhooed "diversity" within the company. "Diversity" is often a euphemism to express the notion that, among other things, homosexuality is morally acceptable behavior.

Cochran said his family is moving from the Austin area. He is seeking employment, but as yet has not landed a job.

To write Towers Perrin: Mr. John T. Lynch, President & CEO, Towers Perrin, Financial Center, Suite 600, 695 E. Main Street, Stamford, CT 06901.

Couple sued for opposing homosexual program

Speak out against the homosexual agenda in public schools and the result could be a libel suit, as in the case of a Brookfield, Connecticut, couple.

Neal and Kathlene Houde are trying to fend off a libel suit brought against them by Veronica Berrill, a former teacher at Brookfield High School. The Houdes learned about the program from their daughter who was enrolled in one of Berrill's classes in which the acceptance of homosexuality was discussed.

The Houdes led a campaign against the "Pink Triangle" program which designates areas as "safe zones," marked with pink triangles, where students can approach faculty members and peer counselors to discuss questions regarding their sexuality. Berrill, now retired, was involved in the program. The board of education has refused to remove the program.

Issues of sexual orientation do not belong in schools and should be left to professional counselors, the Houdes have argued. They have also expressed concern over whether the parent of a homosexual child would be notified when the child speaks to one of the peer counselors or staff members about it.

The campaign included letters to school officials which charge that Berrill pursued a "homosexual agenda" and engaged in "homosexual recruiting" by discussing homosexuality in class. The letters are the focus of Berrill's lawsuit.

Berrill, whose son is homosexual, has said that she only had the best interest of the students at heart. The American Center for Law and Justice, a Virginia-based public interest law firm, is helping defend the Houdes. The family has filed to have the libel suit against them dismissed.

The News-Times (Danbury, CT), 1/22/97; 2/22/96

ment Today, 2/11/97; Rocky Mt. News, 1/29/97

CK 'heroin chic' ads draw fire

A Calvin Klein ad campaign has created controversy as anti-drug groups call for a boycott of CK products.

The new ads for CK fragrance use gaunt, glassy-eyed models, a style which many in the fashion and entertainment industry call "heroin chic," because it glamorizes heroin addiction. Executives at Calvin Klein deny that characterization of their advertisements.

But Harry Montoya of the National Hispanic/Latino Community Prevention Network in Espanola, New Mexico, said the models do resemble the look of heroin addicts. "I have worked with people who have been addicted to heroin, and it is uncanny in terms of similarities. These [models] physically resemble heroin addicts. The face. The thin features."

A coalition of anti-drug groups has called for a boycott because they say the ads send the wrong message to teens, who buy CK products. The boycott organizer is Sue Rusche, executive director of National Families in Action, an Atlanta-based anti-drug group. She said, "It is quite clear to me that they are glamorizing addiction and drug use ... It is not glamorous, it is not cool, it is outrageous, and Calvin Klein should be ashamed of himself."

Christian Science Monitor, 10/25/96

Film biography to portray Hitler as 'likeable' guy

Controversial director Paul Verhoeven, with movies like **Basic Instinct** and **Showgirls** to his credit, wants to become the first to produce a big-screen biography of Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler.

Although still only a prospective project, Verhoeven has obtained some "seed" money for the film. He said he wants the biography to show "the result of this charismatic personality ... It's important to see what a likeable guy can do" with a hidden agenda when he possesses such seductive power.

Verhoeven insists that the film would not be intended to promote anti-semitism, but Grenville Janner, a former war crimes investigator, said Verhoeven's intent would ultimately prove irrelevant. "It is almost entirely impossible to make a film about [Hitler] without risking giving some comfort to neo-Nazis. They want an antidote to **Schindler's List**. I find the very idea appalling," he said.

The London Times, 2/2/97

'Striptease' bombs here, but prospers overseas

AFA/ACTIVISM

Study says letters, visits impact law makers

Good old fashioned letters and visits make the greatest impact on Capital Hill when it comes to business issues, according to a University of North Carolina researcher. Michael Lord asked business executives at 500 of America's largest corporations and aides in every Congressional office what type of communication gets the most mileage. Both groups rated the influence of letters and cards or personal visits by business leaders far ahead of even lobbyists and political action committees. "When you're trying to impact legislative outcomes, it is best to involve real people, and the more you can do that, the better," said Steve Stockmeyer, executive vice president of the National Association of Business Political Action Committees.

National "Write Your Congressman" Inc.

The Demi Moore box-office bomb **Striptease** lost approximately \$ 43.9 million in the U.S., but the global economy has apparently come to the rescue of Castle Rock Pictures, which made the movie.

Already **Striptease** has grossed \$70 million outside the U.S., and is expected to add another \$10 million to that before the picture has finished its overseas run. Martin Shafer, president of Castle Rock, admitted that the film was a dud here, but said the worldwide market for American films changes the sometimes bleak box-office news of a controversial film. "There are movies that seem like flops, but aren't. That's what **Striptease** is. In the new world of worldwide communications, you have to look at everything. You can't just look at domestic box office. Domestic box office is about 25% of the overall revenue of the money that comes in on a film." Besides the box-office receipts elsewhere in the world, video and cable monies can boost a film's ultimate financial bottom line, he said.

Striptease producer Mike Lobell saw no problem with exporting the film's explicit sexual content. Instead, he was grateful for the appetite other people seem to have for American entertainment. "We got our redemption," he said. "Thank God for the rest of the world!"

San Francisco Chronicle, 10/25/96

FAMILY

Study supports abstinence approach to sex education

A new study has underscored what conservative pro-family groups have been saying all along: that handing out condoms in school is the wrong way to keep teens from getting pregnant.

Published in *Family Planning Perspectives*, the study showed that parents can best keep their teens from becoming sexually active by doing three things: maintaining a warm

and loving relationship with their children; letting teens know that they are expected to abstain from sex until marriage; and avoiding the discussion of birth control. The study showed that each of these by itself doubled the chance that a teen would abstain from sex. But parents who did all three influenced their kids so strongly that their teenagers were twelve-and-a-half times more likely to remain chaste.

The new welfare-reform law passed by the 104th Congress and signed by the President has allocated \$50 million a year in funding for school programs that teach only abstinence.

Washington Times, 1/16/97; 1/29/97

U.S. leads world in violent deaths of children

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released statistics showing that nearly 75% of the total number of children murdered every year in the industrialized world are killed in the U.S. The study compared the murder rates for the world's 26 richest nations.

While childhood death rates from diseases have fallen in the U.S. in the more than 45 years since 1950, homicide rates tripled and suicide rates have quadrupled, said the report.

The study did not attempt to identify causes for the trend, but a medical epidemiologist for the CDC, Dr. Etienne Krug, pointed to other studies which indicate that high divorce rates and social acceptance of violence were factors.

Memphis Commercial Appeal, 2/7/97

HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA

Affluence of homosexuals revealed in new study

Though gay activists frequently complain that they suffer from discrimination in employment, a study of

incomes in homosexual households shows them to be a relatively affluent group.

The study, conducted by Simmons Market Research Bureau and Mulryan/Nash Advertising, asked more than 3,800 homosexuals their annual incomes. That revealed that 28.5% of gay household incomes exceeded \$50,000 a year, while 21% were over \$100,000 annually.

Advertising Age, 2/13/97

American Airlines continues to court gay travelers

In its official bi-monthly newspaper for employees, American Airlines recently boasted that it was expanding its industry-leading marketing team in an attempt to increase the number of homosexuals traveling with the company.

Rick Cirillo, who has been American's sales and marketing manager for the homosexual community since 1994, said, "Our gay and lesbian marketing activities are bringing in some \$150 million in new revenue, with more to come."

American Airlines has led the industry in being gay-friendly. It was the first airline to adopt a written policy barring discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in its employment and hiring practices. And it was the first to develop a gay and lesbian marketing team.

American has also regularly run ads in the homosexual magazine *Out*. In the October 1996 issue the company's ad says, "[F]or all our valued lesbian and gay passengers, we understand how important our welcome is to you." The ad went on to state that American Airlines would donate 5% on certain fly/cruise trips to two homosexual lobbying organizations, the Human Rights Campaign and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

All this has not gone unnoticed in the homosexual community. For two consecutive years both *Out* magazine and *Out & About*, a travel newsletter for homosexuals, named American the top gay-friendly carrier. Cirillo said, "American is clearly in the forefront marketing to these travel-savvy consumers."

Flagship News, 1/20/97; *Out*, 10/96

PORNOGRAPHY

Suit says AOL allowed child porn

A Florida woman is suing America Online (AOL), claiming the popular online service allowed a subscriber, a former teacher, to market pornographic pictures of her 11-year-old son and two other boys to pedophiles.

Cities promote homosexuality

Municipalities like San Francisco, Atlanta and Cleveland are becoming powerful tools of the homosexual movement in forcing their agenda down the throats of the American public, enacting ordinances that have enough economic, civil or criminal coercive power behind them to bring even large corporations to their knees.

San Francisco, while long in the forefront of the push to normalize homosexuality, still surprised many observers with a new ordinance that requires companies doing business with that city to offer domestic partner benefits to its homosexual employees. Companies that refuse to fall in line are told to take their business elsewhere.

United Airlines, the biggest tenant at San Francisco International Airport, at first said that it would not comply with the law. A spokeswoman for United Airlines said other employees had already made sacrifices in their benefit packages, and that it would be unfair to exclude other live-ins such as grandparents or siblings from company benefits.

But now negotiators for San Francisco and the airline have agreed to a compromise: the city has allowed United a 20-month extension, allowing the company time to study the proposed change to its benefit policy. The Associated Press reported that in exchange, United would phase in the required domestic-partner benefits, pending the approval of its employee unions.

In a similar use of municipal economic coercion, the mayor of Atlanta, Bill Campbell, has signed an administrative order that requires companies doing business with the city to have policies that forbid discrimination against homosexuals in the workplace. According to the homosexual magazine *The Advocate*, a spokesman for the mayor said the order was inspired by the San Francisco law.

But the city of Cleveland, Ohio, may have topped Atlanta, San Francisco and other municipalities with the first-ever criminal penalty for those discriminating against individuals on the basis of sexual orientation, among other categories such as race, age, sex and physical disability.

Mayor Michael R. White signed the ordinance, which makes any form of discrimination, within the workplace or out, a crime. Similar laws in other municipalities have been enacted with only civil penalties mandated. The Cleveland ordinance means that an individual could be sent to jail or prison for violating it.

"I believe the ordinance continues the important cause of ridding the City of the pernicious scourge of discrimination," the mayor said. "This innovative piece of legislation, for the first time, applies criminal penalties to any Cleveland business or other organization which is found to have discriminated against employees or applicants for jobs. To our knowledge, this ordinance is the first of its kind in the nation."

Attorney Rick Horvath of the city's law office said the ordinance, as initially written, did not exclude religious groups or organizations like the Boy Scouts. But the resulting outcry from religious groups after the measure was passed led the City Council to amend it, providing an exclusion to allow for the free exercise of religion under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The change in the law said it would not "be construed to affect bona fide occupational qualifications based upon religion for employment."

As to groups like the Boy Scouts, which does not hire open homosexuals, Horvath said such situations would have to be decided on a case-by-case basis. "We would have to examine (the case) to determine whether or not there was any criminal intent involved, and whether it was a violation of this ordinance."

The Advocate, 2/18/97; Associated Press, 2/11/97; San Francisco Chronicle, 2/9/97

AOL had created "a home shopping network for pedophiles" alleged the \$8 million lawsuit, filed in late January in West Palm Beach, Florida. It said AOL was responsible for the content of the material on its services, but had failed to enforce its rules and monitor subscribers.

"AOL's service became known to the

pedophile community as a place for open discussion, trading, and marketing of child pornography...." the lawsuit said.

It added that AOL had ignored complaints concerning Palm Springs school teacher Ron Russell, and its chat rooms carried exchanges of addresses and telephone numbers for the sale of pornographic

Porn industry, an obscene picture of

Mainstream companies sell soul for profits

OVERVIEW

- Last year Americans spent more than \$8 billion on hard-core videos, peep shows, live sex acts, adult cable programming, sexual devices, computer porn and sex magazines – much more than Hollywood's domestic box office receipts or revenues generated by rock and country music recordings.
- Men are by far the largest consumers of porn.
- Companies profiting from the sale and rental of pornography include many “mom and pop” video stores (some get as much as a third of their income from porn), long distance telephone carriers like **AT&T**, cable companies like **Time Warner** and hotel chains like **Marriott, Hyatt** and **Holiday Inn**.
- The San Fernando Valley in Southern California is the headquarters for the porn movie industry.

VIDEOS

- Hard-core video rentals rose from 75 million in 1985 to 490 million in 1992. The total climbed to an all-time high of 665 million in 1996.
- Since 1991, the number of new hard-core titles released each year has increased by 500%.
- Last year nearly 8,000 hard-core videos were released, some costing just a few thousand dollars to produce.
- For the second year in a row, Playboy Entertainment was the over-all top video sales label and distributor, with Disney second and Fox Video, third.
- Anywhere from 20% to 33% of the hard-core videos sold in the U.S. are classified as “amateur.”

PAY-PER-VIEW

- Last year Americans spent more than \$150 million ordering adult movies on pay-per-view. Most of that money was earned by the nation's major cable companies: **Time Warner, Continental Cablevision, Cablevision Systems Corp.** and **TeleCommunications, Inc.**
- In 1996 guests spent about \$175 million to view porn in their rooms at major hotel chains such as **Sheraton, Hilton, Hyatt** and **Holiday Inn**. (The hotels got about 20% of the revenue.)

STRIP CLUBS

- The number of strip clubs in the U.S. roughly doubled between 1987 and 1992. Today there are about 2,500 nationwide with annual revenues ranging from \$500,000 to more than \$5 million.

PHONE SEX

- In 1996 Americans spent between \$750 million and \$1 billion on phone sex.

CYBERPORN

- Estimates of annual revenues from porn sales on the internet run from \$52 million to \$200 million.

Billboard, 1/11/97; U.S. News & World Report, 2/10/97;
Computer News Daily (The New York Times Syndicate), 2/14/97

material. Russell was arrested in February 1995, after a federal investigation into a ring of men, several of them teachers, who swapped child pornography by computer. He is now serving a 22-year sentence for attempted sexual battery and a 14-year sentence on child pornography.

An AOL spokesman said the company made every effort to keep pornography and objectionable material off the service. He

also stated that AOL terminated accounts of users who broke its rules and worked closely with law enforcement.

Reuters, 1/24/97

PRO-LIFE ISSUES

Abortion advocate admits lying about partial-birth abortions

Pro-abortion forces told Congress and the American public last year that partial-

birth abortions were not only rare, but only performed under trying circumstances. Now one of those pro-abortion advocates admits those are lies, and that he was one of those who lied about it.

Ron Fitzsimmons is executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, a coalition of 200 independently-owned abortion clinics, and he now admits that he “lied through my teeth” in an interview on ABC's **Nightline** in November, 1995. According to another interview with the *American Medical News*, Fitzsimmons now says that the procedure is performed far more often than his pro-abortion colleagues have admitted. He also said the majority of partial-birth abortions were performed on women who were healthy, at least five months pregnant and whose unborn children were healthy.

The phrase “partial-birth abortion” is used to describe a procedure in which an unborn child is partially extracted feet first from the birth canal, and then its brain is suctioned out.

His admission stirred the national debate over an issue that never seems to quiet down. Alexander Sanger, president of Planned Parenthood of New York City, insisted that abortions performed after 20 weeks of pregnancy were extremely rare, regardless of what procedure was used. He cited another pro-abortion group, the Alan Guttmacher Institute, which states that only 1% of all abortions are done at or after 21 weeks. Yet with roughly 1.5 million abortions done each year, 1% still totals about 15 thousand abortions.

According to the New York Times, Fitzsimmons said he intentionally misled people because he was concerned that the truth might undermine abortion rights.

In fact, such lies may have succeeded in turning the tide against a ban on partial-birth abortions passed last year by Congress. Doug Johnson, legislative director for the Right To Life Committee, said Fitzsimmons' misinformation was accepted uncritically by the news media and used by President Clinton when he decided to veto the ban. Aides to the President have said that he does not support the use of the procedure on healthy women with a healthy unborn child. Fitzsimmons said, “Even the White House is now questioning the accuracy of some of the information given to it on this issue.”

New York Times, 2/26/97; Memphis Commercial Appeal, 2/27/97; USA Today, 2/27/97

Pro-abortionists take the next step down the slippery slope

A new book by a university professor defends abortion on grounds that may

chill the souls of pro-lifers: killing unborn children is justifiable as a form of self-defense.

Eileen McDonagh, professor of political science at Northeastern University, develops this thought in her new book, *Breaking the Abortion Deadlock: From Choice to Consent*. Her theory was reported in the reputable *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

McDonagh admits that an unborn child is a human life, but then argues that the growing life within the mother's womb can be understood as an invader. She says that "even in a medically normal pregnancy, the fetus massively intrudes on a woman's body and expropriates her liberty. If the woman does not consent to this transformation and use of her body, the fetus's imposition constitutes injuries sufficient to justify the use of deadly force to stop it." McDonagh adds that this self-defense is no different than a woman killing a rapist to protect herself.

The argument is not being treated as the ravings of a fringe professor, but is instead getting rave reviews from the pro-abortion crowd. Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women, said the book should be "required reading." Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, said McDonagh's work offered "a strong foundation for abortion rights generally."

Perhaps the praise with the most ironic endorsement came from Sylvia Law, a New York University law professor, who called the book the "most original and provocative defense of the morality of abortion that has appeared in decades." As columnist Nat Hentoff wrote in response to Law's comments, "It may ... be an augury of due process in the coming millennium that a respected law professor so effortlessly uses the term 'morality' to justify terminal violence against intruders who have no intention of doing harm."

World, 2/15/97; Sacramento Bee

Pro-abortion forces distort statistics on clinic violence

In a recent article in *U.S. News & World Report*, John Leo claimed that feminists were purposefully distorting the reality surrounding pro-life protests at abortion clinics. Leo said the Feminist Majority Foundation, which compiled the annual numbers on violence at the clinics, included in its working definition of violence the spraying of graffiti, the picketing of homes, and "objects such as sand, rosaries, and dead animals discarded at clinic doors."

Leo also noted that "these numbers are always published without media comment,

PRO-LIFE ISSUES

Connecticut trial to begin, AFA defends trio of pro-lifers

As this issue of the *AFA Journal* went to press, AFA Law Center attorneys were scheduled to go to trial in their defense of three of the most peaceful and effective pro-life activists in the nation.

In June, 1995, federal and state charges were brought in Bridgeport, Connecticut, against Stanley G. Scott, Bobby J. Riley and Carmen E.F. Vazquez under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE). Although, ostensibly, FACE was enacted to address violence or genuine threats of violence outside abortion centers, the heavy-handed legislation is being used to suppress peaceful pro-life and religious speech outside abortion mills across the nation.

"In situations with absolutely no history of violence, like that in Bridgeport, the sweeping civil remedies available in FACE are regularly being utilized to minimize the effectiveness of pro-life speech in front of abortion clinics," said Bruce Green, AFA's general counsel and chief litigator.

Green explained that even though violence or threats of violence are often nowhere to be found in similar cases brought by the Justice Department, there is one common element. That element is an abortion center, working hand-in-hand with the Justice Department, that is losing money because of the effectiveness of the peaceful pro-life speech activities that go on outside the center.

"The phenomenal fact is that, even though abortion centers have a private right of action under FACE, they often choose to forego private litigation and simply assist the powerful United States government in bringing an action against pro-life activists. That way, the American people pay for the litigation, the available legal resources are expanded and enhanced, and the most effective pro-life activists are kept away from the abortion centers. Thus, fewer women are persuaded to change their minds, and abortion clinic profits go back up," Green said.

Riley and Vazquez are members of an extremely effective pro-life ministry of their church called Love Abounding to Mother and Baby (LAMB). The ministry was begun about seven years ago to inform young women of alternatives to abortion and to assist them with the physical needs of a full-term pregnancy, such as diapers, formula, baby furniture, etc.

Co-defendant Stanley G. Scott is a regular pro-life protester, but not involved with LAMB.

Riley, Vazquez, Scott and other members of LAMB gather weekly in front of an abortion center in Bridgeport where they attempt to hand out literature explaining alternatives to abortion. Since its inception, LAMB has recorded over 500 cases of young mothers changing their minds and carrying their babies to term. Neither Riley or Vazquez has ever been cited or arrested before.

though the average reporter should be able to figure out that home picketing and rosary dropping aren't really violent acts."

U.S. News & World Report, 2/17/97

RELIGION

PCUSA proposal would halt ordination of homosexuals

Members of the nation's largest Presbyterian denomination are wondering if their church leaders will pass an amendment to the church's constitution that affirms that ministers and church officers should abstain from sex outside marriage.

Although the "Fidelity and Chastity Amendment," never mentions homosexuality, the proposal was designed to stave off attacks from denominational insiders,

including some prestigious clergy, who want to win ordination for homosexuals.

The amendment originated in the church's national gathering last summer and is now being voted on by regional groups called presbyteries. As of mid-February, PCUSA presbyteries had voted 44-42 for the proposal. If passed, the amendment will become part of the church's Book of Order, one of several documents which make up the PCUSA's constitution.

Alan Wisdom, vice-president of the Institute for Religion and Democracy (IRD), a Washington, D.C.-based organization which promotes a return to orthodoxy in mainline churches, predicted that, based on past voting patterns, the amendment

will narrowly get the simple majority vote necessary to pass. The denomination has 172 presbyteries.

Wisdom said homosexual activists have challenged the church's stand on homosexual ordination for two decades. He said that it has become apparent in recent years that the church's highest court would not uphold earlier bans on ordination. However, if written into the Book of Order, the court would be forced to deny ordination to homosexuals.

AP, 2/16/97

Students to pray anyway

Students at North Pontotoc (Mississippi) Attendance Center may have been told in a courtroom they couldn't pray, but they've decided to pray on another court – the basketball court in their school gymnasium.

National attention was focused last year on the Magnolia State as a legal battle unfolded over the issue of school prayer. In that case, Lisa Herdahl sued to stop a Christian club from opening the school day with prayer over the school intercom. District Judge Neal Biggers issued an injunction to stop the prayers, and a year later, in March of 1996, declared the prayers unconstitutional.

But the students wouldn't take no for an answer. The Christian group that was responsible for the intercom prayers before the court case, the Aletheia Club (*aletheia* is the Greek word for "truth"), obtained permission from the school administration to hold student-led, voluntary prayer and Bible studies in the gym each morning before school.

Those who thought the meetings would soon fizzle out were wrong. Two years after the judge's injunction, more than 90% of the student body at North Pontotoc continues to meet every morning to sing, pray and listen to Scripture.

The Aletheia Clubs were founded by the American Family Association, and are now run by contemporary Christian artist Kevin McHann of YoungHeart Ministries. Those wanting more information on how an Aletheia Club can be formed at a local public school can contact YoungHeart Ministries, 301 Shadowood Lane, Starkville, MS 39759.

World, 2/15/97

Abstinence effort gets equal time in Wisconsin

A Milwaukee school was ordered by a federal judge to allow a Christian club to advertise its activities like any other extracurricular club, after the school prevented it from displaying its

posters for an abstinence campaign.

The controversy erupted at Milwaukee High School of the Arts (MHSOTA), when the Christian Fellowship Club wanted to put up posters advertising their "True Love Waits" campaign. "True Love Waits" is a national effort to encourage teenagers to sign a pledge to remain abstinent until marriage. On Valentine's Day, students all across the country display the pledge cards to make a statement that there are many young people who are not engaging in sex before marriage.

But the principal at MHSOTA said the club could not display posters for the event or the pledge cards, or make announcements on the intercom regarding the "True Love Waits" campaign. He said such activities by a Christian group not only violated the separation of church and state, but also the administrative policy of Milwaukee Public Schools. That policy forbids both the distribution of religious literature on campus and the display of posters with religious messages.

Students of the Christian Fellowship Club filed a lawsuit in federal district court against MHSOTA and the Milwaukee Public School District, and Federal District Judge Rudolph T. Randa issued an emergency temporary restraining order requiring the school to let the club proceed with its plans. The judge ruled that the school's actions violated the club's First Amendment right to free speech and the Equal Access Act.

Mathew D. Staver, President and General Counsel of Liberty Council, which handled the students' case, said the Equal Access Act is "a federal law which states that if a school allows any noncurriculum-related student club to meet, the school cannot discriminate against any other student club on the basis of their religious or political speech."

Staver added that he was pleased with the ruling. "These students were trying to make a stand for responsible behavior in a culture where that is not easy," he said.

Liberty Council News Release, 2/14/97

Taxpayer funds anti-Christian newsletter at FAA

U.S. government agencies are using taxpayer money to supply employees with a newsletter called *Managing Diversity*, which is supposed to help employees work in "a diverse workplace." But a recent issue of the newsletter carried an article that was blatantly anti-Christian.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is one of the agencies that purchases

a subscription to *Managing Diversity* for many of its employees. In the System Architecture and Investment Analysis Department, for example, one source said each of the department's 400-500 employees receives a copy in their "in basket" each month. The subscription rate for the newsletter is \$89.50 per year for 12 issues.

One issue of the newsletter was particularly offensive to Christians. It contained a front-page article entitled "What Are the Values of White People?" written by Harris Sussman, Ph.D., an author, speaker and international consultant, who is white.

In the article, Sussman rails against Christians, saying that they feel themselves to be "superior and dominant." He adds that Christians "killed Jews and gypsies in the Holocaust," linking Christianity with Nazism.

The article also denounces white people in general, stating that "Europeans and European Americans have been imperialists, colonizers, slave-traders, plantation-owners," and "[w]hen we say 'white people' we mean people of greed who value things over people, who value money over people." Sussman even concludes that white people "have inflicted harm so repeatedly and consistently that it must be a basic value of theirs to do so."

Managing Diversity claims to "provide accurate and authoritative information." But in a written response to a complaint from an FAA employee, FAA Diversity Officer Francisco Estrada admitted that Sussman's article was "shortsighted" and "unbalanced," and that there had been numerous complaints about the article's "offensive" and "hurtful" nature.

But Estrada also defended the FAA's policy of continuing to purchase the subscription for its employees. "We could cancel our subscription," Estrada said. "Then would that be fair to those others who find the newsletter overall useful and informative? Do we then condemn the entire newsletter because an article was written that was considered offensive by some readers?"

One FAA employee wondered if the FAA would be so tolerant if the words "white Christian" had been replaced with "black Muslim."

Washington Times, 2/13/97;

Managing Diversity, 10/96

Procter and Gamble rumor surfaces...again

A decades-old rumor is circulating again, charging that Procter and Gamble is affiliated with the Church of Satan.

A petition falsely states that a P&G official announced on a national TV program that the company gives a percentage of its

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'Schindler's List' evokes controversy

At press time, AFA had not been able to review **Schindler's List**, but we have received many calls from viewers. Historical accuracy aside, many are concerned that the explicit language and graphic full frontal nudity – both male and female – will open the door for more vulgar displays in programs designed only for entertainment or titillation. NBC aired the movie, the networks' first TVM (mature) program. Ford was the sole sponsor.

The reviews below reflect the network's continued commitment to tasteless TV.

■ **Caroline in the City**

P4 S

NBC, 2/11 – One of the sub-plots is the relationship between Annie's mom and the owner of an Italian restaurant. While the mother sneaks around behind Annie's back to have sex, Annie is sneaking around behind her mother's back to do the same with a man she met the day before.

Advertiser: Johnson & Johnson

■ **Chicago Hope**

P7 PC

CBS, 2/10 – The episode's theme is to promote the legalization of marijuana. A patient who says it's the only thing that gives her relief has to surrender her stash of the illegal drug. Doctors debate the issue, with one trying to buy marijuana for the patient. The strongest voice against legalization is the one who comes around to the politically correct position and brings marijuana to the patient.

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■ **Chicago Sons**

P5 S

NBC, 2/5 – Mike's date, Amy, is upset that they've been out eight times and still not had sex. Mike, Harry and Billy (three single brothers) reminisce that in the '80s, men always expected sex on the third date. The entire dialogue focuses on how soon a couple should have illicit sex.

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■ **Cybill**

H P5 S SA

CBS, 2/3 – The serious subject of mammograms for the detection of breast cancer

is overshadowed by profanity, crudity and sex, which once again form the basis of the dialogue. Maryann tells Cybill that she is dating a new doctor, and "if he's a good boy" on their first date she'll have sex with him. The homosexual waiter appears in two scenes.

February 10

P9 S

Cybill does TV ads for condoms, and 16 cases of the product are one of her perks. She tries to get rid of 15 cases, saving one for herself. Her teenage daughter observes, "There are 1,200 condoms in a case!" Every conversation is ultimately about illicit sex.

Advertiser: Grand Met

■ **Ellen**

H P6

ABC, 2/12 – The season-long tease by ABC about Ellen's sexual orientation gets another nudge in this episode. Audrey falls for a deaf actor, but Ellen mistakenly thinks the man likes her. That results in Audrey accusing Ellen of

trying to take him away from her. But when the truth comes out, Audrey gushes, "Oh, Ellen, let's promise never to let a man come between us ever again."

Ellen replies, "Oh, I can honestly say that won't happen," and the studio audience cheers loudly. Peter, one of two regular gay characters, is upset because he and his sex partner have had a fight.

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■ **Friends**

P5 S

NBC, 1/30 – Phoebe has a new boyfriend, and his genitals are the subject of this episode. Because he wears no underwear, they are clearly visible whenever he sits and spreads his legs or props one leg up on a coffee table. Monica resumes a casual sex relationship with a former lover.

February 20

P15 S

After Ross and Rachel break up, Ross goes to a bar and gets picked up by another girl, with whom he has casual sex. The show contains continuous, and crude, references to sex outside marriage.

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■ **Mad About You**

H P6

NBC, 2/18 – Upon the death of Uncle Marty, family secrets surface, among them the fact that cousin David is homosexual. He and his sexmate attend the funeral service, as does the lesbian sister of Paul, series

KEY TO TV REVIEW CODES

- AC** Anti-Christian
- H** Promotes homosexual agenda
- P** Profanity; the number following the "P" is the number of times profanity is used in the program
- PC** Politically correct in dealing with an issue identified in the review
- S** Objectionable sexual content (may include partial nudity)
- SA** Substance abuse (drugs or alcohol)
- V** Violence (graphic or gratuitous)
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hero. Speculation on an adulterous affair of Paul's mother is a secondary theme.

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■ Melrose Place P18 S

Fox, 2/3 – Michael's ex-wife Kim begs him to have sex with her; she doesn't know that he married Megan, the hooker she hired to seduce him when Kim suffered "terminal" cancer. Craig continues to try to seduce Amanda (who's married to Peter). Jake and Alison, live-in lovers until her pregnancy, argue over whether to marry and/or have the baby. Alison goes to live with her former sexmate/fiance Billy and his current live-in lover.

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■ Men Behaving Badly P1 S

NBC, 1/29 – Jamie is ecstatic to get a photo job shooting a perfume commercial, assuming naked women will model. Ironically, it turns out to be a naked man. Sex, nudity and the model's genitals are the subject of the entire script.

February 12 H P7 S

Jamie shares with his best friend Kevin that he saw Kevin's sex partner Sara in a sexual situation with a doctor. There are numerous euphemisms for sexual intercourse, and the subject is sex, start to finish. In one scene, a cab driver describes his homosexual encounter to Jamie.

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■ Millennium AC P6 V

Fox, 1/24 – This extremely intense and bloody episode revolves around a maniac who kidnaps teenage boys, shocks them with cattle prods, chains them up and forces them to drink blood in some chilling and very graphic scenes. One boy bleeds to death from having his hands amputated.

The madman is portrayed as a religious nut. Frank Black, series hero, explains that the madman sees himself as a

holy figure, a purifier of the wicked.

January 31

P4 S

The *TV Guide* ad for this episode read, "Pleasure and pain, Flesh and fantasy, Sex and terror." The script delivered, with scenes of porn films made by a murder suspect, as well as scenes in strip clubs.

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■ Moloney P7 S

CBS, 2/13 – The teaser opens in a strip joint with near-naked dancers. Additional such scenes occur later in the episode. A crooked judge is discovered to be exploiting one of the dancers to keep her in a sexual relationship with him.

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■ Nash Bridges H P11 Not Rated

CBS, 1/24 – This entire episode is a one-hour promotion of homosexuality and homosexual marriage. Nash and Joe (series heroes) take an off-duty job working for a homosexual ex-football player. To get the job, Joe had to tell the man that he and Nash have been "a couple" for 20 years. This causes Nash a great deal of discomfort, but he goes along with it.

Although jokes abound about mistaken sexual orientation, the episode showcases same-sex "marriage" as two homosexual characters participate in a "commitment ceremony." The show has numerous homosexual characters, and also contains a very crude reference to a naked man's sexual arousal when he is arrested by a woman cop.

February 7 H P12 S SA V

Nash discovers that the woman he's been sleeping with is still married, though separated. To his credit, he breaks off the relationship until she can figure out what it is she wants to do. But this is portrayed as a personal preference, not a moral decision.

The main plot is about a

man and woman who drug and kidnap people from bars using the drug Rohypnol. They then bring the victims to their home, rape and rob them, and rely on Rohypnol to prevent them from remembering the assault.

At a drugged man's apartment, a woman puts her spiked heel onto the man's stomach in an attempt to turn him on, then attempts to handcuff him. He struggles, and the woman's male partner comes to her rescue. He kills the drugged victim, but this becomes an erotic moment for the pair, who apparently then have sex at the murder scene.

Nash discovers that his sister Stacy and his old girlfriend are now lesbian lovers. Nash doesn't mind, and much to Stacy's relief, her father doesn't bat an eye at the news that she is a lesbian.

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■ NYPD Blue P8 S

ABC, 1/28 – The episode includes shots of a dead man who died of autoerotic asphyxiation. He was the sex partner of a police secretary, who told cops she found his body. Detectives make forays into sex/porn stores to investigate the man's death.

February 11 P11 S

Dialogue in this episode featured at least 10 crude euphemisms for genitalia, masturbation and other sexual situations. In the teaser, a nude woman's body is discovered in a car trunk. Camera shots of the body revealed more skin – breasts and buttocks – than the series has ever shown before. Another scene took a long look at a suspect's collection of porn tapes, nude pinups, etc.

February 18 H P22 S V

The lesbian cop who turned down Det. Medavoy's date invitations, now asks him to meet her for dinner. In bizarre dream sequences, Det. Sipowicz converses with his dead son Andy, who introduces him to a man

Andy says is Jesus Christ.

Advertiser: Intel

■ Party of Five H P13

Fox, 1/22 – Thirteen-year-old Claudia Salinger is ecstatic to learn that her homosexual violin teacher's sexmate is her English teacher. She proceeds to "out" the teacher in her column in the school paper, and doesn't understand the stir she creates. All's well that ends well, however, when her column gives a 14-year-old classmate the courage to declare his homosexuality.

January 29 P17 S

In this episode, Clara's older siblings struggle with their own sex lives. Julia, 17, moves in with her 24-year-old boyfriend. Bailey, 18, resumes having sex with Callie, the older woman with whom he shares an apartment. Charlie (in his mid 20s and guardian of his siblings since their parents' deaths) has his sex mate move into the house with him, Claudia and Owen, 3.

Advertiser: Johnson & Johnson

■ Roseanne P13 S

ABC, 2/11 – This two-partter revolves around Roseanne meeting the single and very good-looking Edgar Wellman. While he and Roseanne work on a joint business deal, she twice fantasizes about having sex with him (she's still mar-

ried, but separated from her husband Dan). The fantasy sequences are not explicit, but portrayed in a comic fashion. Roseanne ultimately does not have sex with Edgar. She later laments to her sister that she didn't seize the moment and commit adultery.

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■ The Shadow AC P23 V

NBC, 2/9 – For all the mention of God in this movie, His name is taken in vain 16 times – there is nothing even remotely Christian about it. The plot is full of heavy occultic themes, with demons, magic, mind control, and telepathy. There is also a false doctrine of redemption by works, as bad guy Lamont Cranston is given the chance to redeem himself by becoming the crime-fighter, the Shadow.

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■ The Simpsons H P4

Fox, 2/16 – When the family meets John, even Homer Simpson is impressed and considers him a new friend. But then Homer is horrified to discover that John is gay. The entire episode portrays Homer – and his equally ignorant, redneck drinking buddies – as irrational, unenlightened and pathetic homophobes. Others, who are on the politically correct side of the issue, are seen

as patient, tolerant and reasonable. Eventually, Homer comes around to see the error of his ways. Having spent the show worrying that Bart might wind up gay, he finally tells his son, "Anyway you choose to live your life is O.K. with me."

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■ Spin City H P1 S SA

ABC, 2/11 – This Valentine episode centers around the homosexual love life of Carter, the show's regular gay character. When Carter's old sex partner Spence wants to see him, he thinks they might get back together. But it turns out that Spence has some different news for Carter: he's engaged to Melissa.

Carter shocks the main character, Mike, by kissing him in front of Spence in an attempt to show Spence that he's got a new man in his life. The episode goes out of its way to demonstrate that homosexual and heterosexual people are morally equivalent.

There's plenty of sex-talk among the straight characters on the show, too, none of whom are married. And rarely a scene goes by without a lot of alcohol consumption.

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The Good Stuff

■ Cosby +

CBS, 1/27 – This episode teaches about personal responsibility in finances, as Ruth's godchild Wendy has run up an enormous debt due to unrestricted spending. Ruth makes her sign up for debt counseling at the bank. And Hilton shows his honest character by returning to the bank \$11,000 that the ATM gave him by mistake.

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■ Touched By An Angel +

CBS, 2/2 – This story teaches some valuable lessons about forgiveness, faith and faithfulness – especially God's. A minister accidentally kills his own teenage son when their cars collide, producing a crisis in the man's walk with God. But in a touching

scene, Monica (an angel) helps him to keep his faith intact. He returns to his pastorate and the work God has called him to: a teen crisis center.

February 9 +

Monica's assignment is Eric, a death-defying escape artist with an awful secret. When he was a young man, he and his twin brother were playing in an old junkyard, when his brother was trapped in an old refrigerator. Eric thought his brother suffocated, and in panic he ran, but told no one. When he returned later, the refrigerator – and his brother – were gone.

Tess and Monica teach Eric that people are haunted by the truth when they refuse to face the dark secrets in their hearts. He is also taught that it does no good to run from the past, because a person cannot run from God. In a powerful scene, Eric discovers that his twin brother is really alive, and was kidnapped from the junkyard by their estranged father.

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Clinton vs. America

Not a day goes by without news of scandals, ethical lapses and potential criminal activity that implicate our President. Whitewater with all its tentacles, Oval Office fund raising, the sale of American foreign policy and sexual harassment charges are matters that should trouble all American citizens. Yet, the damage these matters cause the country can be repaired once Clinton leaves office if voters have the wisdom and discernment to select a successor with a sound moral compass. Of far greater concern should be the more lasting effect his policies will have on our way of life. Emboldened by his re-election, Clinton is forcefully pressing a nefarious agenda on America. Here are six items on his agenda that should worry you:



Abortion

On February 13 the U.S. House gave Clinton a victory when it voted for his bill to expand his overseas abortion crusade by \$123 million. More funding will now go to International Planned Parenthood Federation and other militantly pro-abortion groups which use our tax dollars to support China's forced abortion policy and press foreign governments to change their pro-life laws. Clinton fought hard in this battle against unborn children. The New York Times reported that he even called wavering House Democrats shortly before the vote from his car as he returned to the White House from the funeral of Pamela Harriman, the late U.S. Ambassador to France. His allies inside and out of Congress fought with equal fervor though with a strange mix of compassion and candor. One House Democrat argued from the floor that the Clinton measure was necessary to protect American jobs. In other words, killing off populations of developing countries is a patriotic act. This was topped by Audubon President John Flicker who lobbied Congress for the Clinton bill with a letter that read "the National Audubon Society wishes to remind you that we approach population growth as one of the most critical environmental issues threatening the survival of birds and their habitat." The score thus far on pro-family issues is birds-1, babies-0, illustrating that there will be no easy congressional victories for the pro-family movement this term.

The next abortion vote, to ban partial birth abortions, is a likely winner for the President also. Recall that Congress passed a bill last term banning this gruesome late term method but it could not muster the votes of two-thirds of the Senate to overturn the President's veto. The numbers just aren't there for a pro-life victory this time, but at least the pressure from pro-life America has caused some in the public and the press to re-examine their support for abortion.

Pornographic "Art"

In his fiscal year 1998 budget the President has proposed more than a 1/3 increase in the budget for the National Endowment for the Arts to \$136 million, from \$99.5 million. What did the agency do to earn this Presidential vote of confidence? It put its imprimatur on more pornography. The latest news on the NEA, which came to light while the President's budget was being

drafted, was a grant that went to a group promoting lesbianism called Women Make Movies, Inc. (WMM). It totaled well over \$100,000. The WMM catalog graphically describes many of the videos it produced with your money. They include **Ten Cents a Dance** which includes a depiction of bathroom sex between two men; a video titled **Coming Home** about "the sexy fun of trying to fit a lesbian couple in a bathtub" and another called **Sex Fish** about oral sex and "restroom cruising."

Prior to her confirmation NEA chair, actress Jane Alexander, promised to clean up the NEA but things haven't changed. They won't. This year, however several prominent fiscal conservative groups have joined pro-family groups to make ending federal funding of the NEA a priority. But keen observers of the issue believe President Clinton would not have requested an expansion of the NEA unless he thought he could win.

Judicial Activists

One key element of the pro-family agenda will be stopping President Clinton's more radical nominees to the federal courts. This is a President who talks tough on crime and champions family values, but then nominates judges who he knows will be liberal activists ignoring our Constitution, coddling criminals and overturning conservative legislative enactments. If they were not hard-core liberals they would be disqualified from his selection process. Recall that prior to his first election, Mr. Clinton promised he would have a litmus test to select only pro-abortion individuals to the bench. There isn't room in this column for a litany of outrageous decisions by Clinton judges. One recent ruling that will interest if not upset AFA supporters deserves mention, however. Clinton appointee Judge Shira Scheindlin of New York City ruled unconstitutional the Military Honor and Decency Act passed by Congress late last year which prohibits the sale of pornography in military base stores. *Penthouse* magazine has a constitutional right to sell its filth there she said. Don't bother to look up that right in your home copy of the U.S. Constitution! Already President Clinton has appointed 202 federal judges in his first term, better than 1/4 of the federal judiciary. Before he leaves office, he will likely have appointed the majority and they will be people who share his values and vision for America. Will they destroy yours?

But the problem isn't just President Clinton. It is also a timid Republican Senate majority which regularly approves Clinton court nominees by a process called "unanimous consent," that is, without a roll call vote, a minute of floor debate or a moment's consideration of the liberty you and your family will lose. There's a modicum of hope here. A broad coalition of 260 national and state grassroots organizations have joined together under the leadership of Washington, D.C. lawyer, Thomas Jipping of the Free Congress Foundation, to fight against the president and Senate on this critical matter for America's future. The Jipping coalition has a goal of forcing roll call votes on all nominees in the hope that some of the more offensive ones will be defeated. Even if the coalition is successful the Clinton judicial legacy will be remarkable in its destructive impact on America.

Gambling

Last year Congress voted to establish a nine-member federal commission to study the impact of gambling in America. Under that legislation, the President, the House and the Senate are

each to choose three members. Almost \$500 billion is wagered annually producing over \$40 billion in profits for the gambling industry, countless ruined lives and families, political corruption, and increased crime. The Washington Post recently editorialized that the "big-money gamblers are betting a bundle on President Clinton to do their bidding" and "stack" the commission with those favorable to the gambling interests. According to the Post, on the President's short list are many with close ties to the gambling industry, including Bill Bible, chairman of the Nevada Gaming Control Board. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-GA) has already used one of his two choices to appoint the chairman and CEO of a Las Vegas casino company. House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt (D-MO), a recipient of big gambling bucks, who gets one selection, favors the head of a union representing casino employees, the Post reports. Thus, the President's three picks may determine the outcome of the commission's work. He could make such a positive impact on America if he would only appoint three people with sound Judeo-Christian values and no ties to the gambling industry. Then we may learn the true impact of widespread gambling on America, and then states and communities may have some ammunition against the gambling industry as it seeks to expand. Will the President do the right thing? Don't bet on it.

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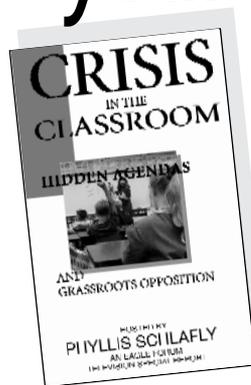
During several campaign stops last year, President Clinton declared, "there is not a single, solitary nuclear missile pointed at an American child tonight. Not one. Not one. Not a single one." It is a claim he repeated often, and it is a lie. His own military chiefs have advised him that China has nuclear missiles pointed at America's children. In fact, a year ago a Chinese official predicted the U.S. would not intervene in a fight over Taiwan "because American leaders care more about Los Angeles than they do about Taiwan." This was a thinly veiled threat to destroy our nation's second largest city. And while Russia has agreed not to target its nuclear missiles at the U.S., it could retarget them in a matter of minutes. According to one Russian general the agreement was "a public relations gimmick." The United States is vulnerable now at least to an accidental or unauthorized nuclear attack from those two countries. Soon rogue nations which hate the United States may have nuclear capability if they don't already. America has no defense what-so-ever against a nuclear missile once launched. Thus, the President's opposition to proposals in Congress which would establish such a defense seem inexplicable. One defense system under consideration by Republicans would cost just \$3 billion. My kids are worth much more than that!

Homosexuality

There seems no end to what this President will do for the homosexual movement. He continues to appoint "gay" activists to influential government positions (but not a single leader of the pro-family movement.) His administration encourages the use of federal facilities for events that celebrate the homosexual lifestyle. It holds mandatory diversity seminars designed to reprogram the thinking of captive federal employees who may not agree with Clinton on this moral issue.

This legislative term the President will again push for passage of Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would ban discrimination in hiring based on "sexual orientation." The bill would pave the way for quotas and, once interpreted by Clinton-appointed judges, would undoubtedly prohibit your school district from discriminating against pedophile teachers.

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Dr. D. James Kennedy:

You've talked about the three sides of environmentalism. What do you mean?

Eric Buehrer: Environmental lessons in public schools can be either scientific, political or even spiritual.

DJK: What do you mean by the scientific side of environmentalism?

EB: It sticks to the science of studying the environment. It teaches students to explore nature, enjoy its beauty, and measure how nature grows, how it works, and how man interacts with it. It offers a balance of viewpoints on controversial topics.

DJK: What about the political side of environmental education?

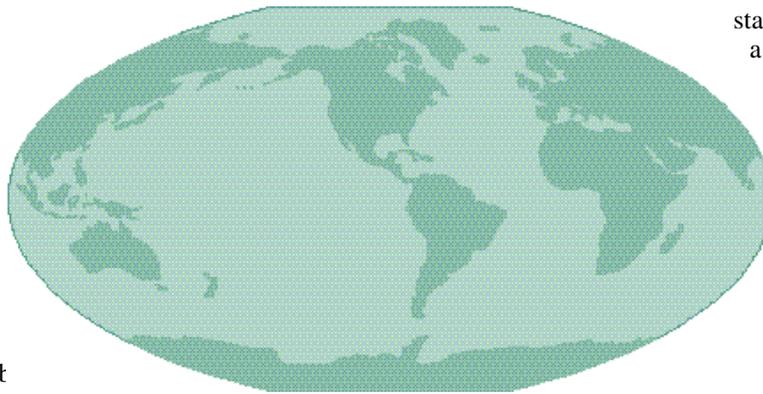
EB: John Padalino, head of the National Science Teachers Association's task force on environmental education, points out that there is a real problem with a lot of the curriculum. He goes so far as to call it "junk."

The political side of environmentalism comes out when a teacher (or the material a teacher uses) is one-sided on disputed subjects; Or, when the lessons move away from a rational look at evidence and intentionally have students react emotionally to a doom-and-gloom scenario; Or, when – in the name of applying the lesson – students are asked to write to government officials or corporations to push a particular agenda.

For instance, one high school sponsored an evening lecture for parents entitled "The Fate of the Rain Forests" and ended it with a fund-raiser for the World Wildlife Fund. That's not education. It's activism.

Texts routinely scare students with misinformation about global warming. What is often not taught is that atmospheric temperatures are cyclical and that water vapor is a bigger cause of the greenhouse effect than is man-produced carbon dioxide. In many lessons on global warming students never hear about the scientists who disagree with the more liberal views on global warming.

This is not to say that the environmental movement has not had positive effects on our society. It's good that we've worked to reduce pollution. But we need to be careful that we are not passing off



Environmental Education

Science, Politics or New Age?

An interview with Eric Buehrer conducted by Dr. D. James Kennedy, host of the radio program, Truths That Transform, heard on over 200 radio stations nationwide. Buehrer is president of Gateways to Better Education (714-586-5437).

propaganda for serious curriculum.

DJK: How does global education fit into this?

EB: For some, lessons on the environment are a way to push a global education agenda. For instance, the environmental problems are transnational that is, they cross national borders. Water pollution, air pollution, famine, etc. Some teachers and lesson materials use this to promote the idea of solving the problems as a global citizen rather than just an American citizen, of solving the problems by promoting the United Nations as the governmental entity that can address the problems best.

This comes out when solutions to global problems are discussed. For in-

stance, consider this, coming from a professor of education at a well-respected university. In one of his textbooks about how to solve world problems – including environmental problems – he writes: "Men may cling to much of the language and symbolism of old creeds – secular and religious – but unless a new faith... overcomes old ideologies and creates planetary synthesis, world government is doomed." That's incredible!

DJK: What do you mean by the spiritual side of environmental education?

EB: There is a side that gets just plain weird. It teaches that we are one with nature in a spiritual sense. This is an eastern mystic religious concept.

The Gaia theory is another New Age idea that springs up ever so often in science curriculum. This is the idea that the Earth is a spiritual entity, that all life on the planet is a part of that entity – like cells in a global brain.

For instance, I came across an outdoor activity in which children were taught that trees had spirits we could talk to. At the top of the student worksheet the activity was entitled "We are one with nature."

DJK: What can parents do if they are concerned about the quality of the environmental education their children are getting?

EB: (1) Look at any textbooks or supplemental reading your child brings home.

(2) Make an appointment with the teacher to discuss your concern. When talking with the teacher emphasize you are interested in seeing a balanced approach to disputed issues such as global warming. Also, you want to see if students are encouraged to become politically active by contacting political or corporate leaders.

(3) If you find that any of this is being done you can emphasize that environmental instruction should stick to scientific education. There should be a balance of views, but they should be rooted in science, not in politics and not in mystical theories about the universe. Politics would be more appropriate in a social studies class and eastern mysticism would be more appropriate in a course on comparative religions.



Hollywood's New Age love affair

BY DON FEDER
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"Hollywood doesn't like religion, does it?" asked a caller from Colorado. I replied that if she meant traditional faith, she couldn't be more right – as just about every film touching on the subject in the past 20 years illustrates.

Which is not to say that Hollywood is anti-religion. From spirits and reincarnation to telekinesis and the occult, the movie industry is in the grip of a New Age mania.

Consider the re-released **Star Wars** trilogy. I'm probably taking my life in my hands criticizing the pop icon. In truth, after 20 years, the visual effects are still stunning. However, if Shirley MacLaine played Obi-Wan Kenobi, its theology couldn't be more balmy.

There's the Force, "an energy field created by all living things" that humans can connect with to accomplish incredible feats of valor – karma-coated popcorn.

In an interview in the February 10 *Time* magazine, **Star Wars** creator George Lucas disclosed, "I believe in God, and I guess that's reflected in the movie."

A Judeo-Christian God, *Time* asked?

"I wouldn't go that far," said Lucas. "My spiritual perspective, I think, is broader than the Judeo-Christian." Infinitely.

The same issue reports on celebrities coming to the aid of the Church of Scientology in its dispute with the German government. The defense is led by America's foremost followers of the feel-good cult created by a science-fiction writer – John

In the end, it transpires that his brilliance is due to a brain tumor (and not an alien encounter) that ultimately kills him – but before he endures fear and loathing at the hands of yokels and FBI oppression, and imparts his bargain-basement Buddhism. He's not dying, Malley tells his girlfriend's kids, his life energy is assuming a different form.

Powder has much the same muddled theme. The title character's mother was struck by lightning just before his birth, producing an eerie albino with super-powers, who is shunned by locals and persecuted by peers.

The colorless character performs miracles through mind power (intellectually, he's where we'll be millennia hence, science teacher Jeff Goldblum explains) and finally merges with the cosmos.

Hollywood loves religion, as long as it's non-Western. Richard Gere (who meditates with Tibetan masters) and Oliver Stone are Buddhists. Travolta and Cruise, disciples of L. Ron Humbug. Shirley MacLaine clones, like Oscar-winner Jon Voight, are practically tripping over each other.

Try naming a prominent Christian or a religious Jew in the industry. I can think of only two: Mel Gibson (an unapologetic Catholic) and Steven Spielberg, an orthodox Jew who gave us **Schindler's List**.

That Hollywood is fertile soil for these shamanistic seeds is understandable, given the flakes who inhabit Lotus-land. Normative religion is too staid for them. They need color and excitement, magic and marvels, smoke and mirrors.

The New Age is an elixir that goes down easy in between sessions with the personal trainer and dips in the hot tub. Here are spirits without spirituality, religion without commandments, a faith that deifies the self and raises '60s clichés to a theology.

In short, it's an ideal belief-system for romantic sybarites with a surfeit of wealth and a paucity of common sense.

Just as the '30s were Hollywood's Golden Age, the '90s are its New Age. The next time you see the industry attacking the Bible, castigating clergy or stigmatizing believers, consider the source.



Travolta and Tom Cruise.

While Hollywood of a generation ago produced classics of faith like **The Song of Bernadette** and **The Ten Commandments**, today it rolls out one piece of New Age schlock after another – **Phenomenon**, **Powder**, **Dragonheart**, **Little Buddha**, **The Craft** and **The Frighteners**, in the past year alone.

When it tries to interject a figure from Western religion, the result is frequently appalling. The Christmas flick **Michael** featured Travolta as a grunge version of the Archangel – a beer-guzzling, foul-mouthed, skirt-chasing celestial being.

Of late, Hollywood has shown a particular interest in the paranormal messiah-cum-martyr.

In last year's **Phenomenon**, described as New Age Capra, Travolta played George Malley, a gentle, small-town guy who sees a blinding light in the sky and is transformed into a genius with an IQ off the charts.

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Church group gives support to left wing politics

BY MARK TOOLEY
UMAction Executive Director

Note: UMAction is a committee of Institute for Religion and Democracy, an independent agency working for renewal in mainline denominations.

The General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church is trying to raise over \$4 million to renovate its headquarters building on Capitol Hill. The objective is to “enhance” the United Methodist Church’s “social justice” witness in the nation’s capital.

What kind of “witness” in Washington, D.C., is the board enhancing? The board’s Fall 1996, directors’ meeting gave some strong hints.

General Secretary Thom White Wolf Fassett has defended the Board of Church and Society’s defense of partial-birth abortions, its opposition to the death penalty, its hostility to welfare reform, its aid to a repressive communist regime and its support for homosexual rights.

“The Democratic Party comes closest to the positions of the United Methodist Church,” said Fassett. Ironically, he denounced the welfare reform bill that President Clinton signed with the approval of many congressional Democrats. That bill will require welfare recipients to find jobs within five years, a prospect that Fassett “utterly rejects” because it will force “millions of children” into poverty.

This summer, Church and Society leaders helped stage a Capitol Hill press conference to denounce the welfare reform bill. One Church and Society executive later joined Jesse Jackson, the National Organization of Women, and homosexual groups in demonstrating against the bill outside the White House.

Although opposed to Clinton and the Congress over welfare reform, Fassett supported the President’s veto of legislation banning partial-birth abortions. Admitting that most abortions in America were used as birth control and urging more support for adoptions, Fassett still insisted that the church had given his Board a “mandate” to oppose measures that “abridge the ability of women to choose.” For Fassett, “choice” includes even the controversial late-term abortion procedure, which involves puncturing the skull and suctioning out the brains of unborn babies.

Since the board’s defense of partial-birth abortions, “some people would wonder if we have Bibles in our pews in this chapel,” Fassett joked amid chuckles from the directors, who were seated in the chapel of the United Methodist Building. He acknowledged the unpopularity of many of the board’s positions with United Methodist churchgoers.

According to Fassett, the board’s positions regarding “property” aroused special ire from the church’s “upper middle-class” members, who he alleged are focused on their own pocket-books. They did not approve of the board’s opposition to tax cuts or support for increased environmental regulation. He also noted that

“people don’t like our position” opposing the death penalty but promised that the board would stay its course.

Fassett boasted of the board’s role in shipping computers to Cuba, despite the U.S. embargo. Pastors for Peace, a United Methodist-supported group that supports the Castro regime, tried earlier this year to ship the computers without a permit. Customs officials seized the computers, until Fassett’s negotiations with the U.S. Treasury Department gained their release.

During those negotiations, hunger strikers with Pastors for Peace camped out in the United Methodist Building, from which they conducted their publicity campaign.

When Fidel Castro received the computers in September, he compared the beliefs of his communist government to the teachings of Jesus, after which he presented medals to the leaders of Pastors for Peace. Eliezer Valentin-Canstanon, a board staffer, personally accompanied the computers to Cuba and will oversee their use.

Fassett cited the computers’ arrival in Cuba as a victory, but he lamented that Congress’ failure to recognize homosexuals as a

protected minority in the work place had been a “defeat” for the board. Before the bill’s loss by one vote in the Senate, Fassett had contacted members of Congress urging its passage.

Although Fassett himself was careful not to address the issue, board staffer Susan Yuk proclaimed in a statement distributed to directors that legislation opposing homosexual marriages had contradicted the

United Methodist Book of Resolutions.

Specifically, Yuk claimed that the “Defense of Marriage Act,” which Congress passed overwhelmingly and which President Clinton signed, would deny shared pensions, guardian relationships, mutual powers of attorney, equal protection before the law, and protection of shared material resources to homosexual persons. She claimed that the Book of Resolutions asserts these unequivocal “rights” for homosexuals.

As part of its ongoing defense of homosexual “liberties,” the board conducts “liaison work” with Affirmation and Reconciling Congregations, two groups that advocate removing United Methodist opposition to homosexual practices.

The board’s building, strategically located across the street from the Capitol and the Supreme Court, houses not only United Methodist offices but a host of interlocking left-wing lobby groups.

They, along with the lobby offices of the Women’s Division and the Commission on Religion and Race, will all benefit from a \$4 million refurbishment of the United Methodist building. Fassett concluded by defiantly defending the lobby positions of General Board of Church and Society: “If this advocacy of ours adversely critiques the national or international decision-makers, we make no apologies.”



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IRS...from page 3

lines had been given tax-exempt status. It filed a protest and included a request for files on eight liberal tax-exempt groups so it could prove a double standard. Nearly four years later, the IRS hasn't provided the files and Life Legal's case is tied up in Tax Court.

In contrast, a new group called the National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids was granted a favorable tax-exempt letter on a highly expedited basis last year. The IRS takes at least 80 to 120 days to issue such a letter, but National Center received its letter just 27 days after its application. The National Center, incidentally, interjected itself into the Presidential election in a big way – but the IRS has ignored that activity.

It is a scary thought that the administration is using the IRS to punish those who have different beliefs and reward those who are “policitally correct.”

Where are the voices of all the liberal groups, religious leaders and politicians? Silent.

Strangely silent.



The cook's tour...from page 3

for every attorney. The Law Center was established to defend religious freedoms, protect the rights of families, assist communities in keeping out sexually oriented businesses and defend AFA if necessary. They do great work.

We then come to the conference room/law library where we have scripture reading and prayer each morning to start the day. But before we do we can say hello to Allen in public relations and Martha Ann who serves as executive secretary for Dad and me.

Behind that cubicle is Durrick “My-Name’s-not-Derrick” Hayden. He handles a lot of correspondence and in-house business.

Then we quickly move past my dad’s office and my office because you really don’t want to see what they look like. Far from being the “executive” offices you might imagine, they are quite ordinary, made extraordinary only by the amount of paper, books and other debris that you see everywhere. Wait a minute. I was not going to tell you what they looked like. Forget that and let’s walk on down to where the *AFA Journal* is put together each month. A hurricane named “Deadline” comes around here once a month with warning posted at least a week out. Enter this area at your own risk during this time.

What’s that noise behind the door, you ask? Well, let’s open it and see. THIS IS THE PRINTING ROOM. THIS MACHINE RUNS NEARLY ALL DAY. JUST WAVE AT THE FOLKS. I DON’T THINK THEY CAN HEAR ANY MORE ANYWAY. COME THROUGH HERE. NOW WE ARE IN THE MAIL ROOM. WHY AM I STILL YELLING? I DON’T KNOW, I mean I don’t know. I’m sorry. Here we have the mail room and boy, do we get mail. We probably get more mail than anybody else in Tupelo. In fact, all you have to do is address your letter AFA, Tupelo, MS, and it gets here.

Let’s go through here and we have the OutReach Division. These guys and gals help men and women who are struggling in the area of pornography addiction and other sexual disorders. We’ve been fighting pornography in the marketplace for years. It’s nice to be able to help those in need with Christian compassion and counseling. We hold workshops each month for 15 men and they are almost always full. We also have wives’ workshops. Pornography has destroyed many marriages and we’re going to do what we can to help restore those lives and marriages.

Moving right along, this is the data processing area. We open and process all our mail here. Up front there is our bookkeeping and computer department. As you might imagine, it takes a lot of work keeping up with the gifts that

come in and the expenses associated with a national ministry. Also, the record keeping is a monumental task.

Before coming full circle, I want you to see the AFA affiliate offices. We have about 175 local groups across the nation which affiliate themselves with us and do a lot of good work standing for Biblical values. We also have about 20 state directors. That map on the wall will give you an idea of where these affiliates are located.

Well, you probably want a drink of water now. The fountain is right down the hall. There are other folks who work for us but don’t live here. We have a Washington, D.C. office for instance. We try to keep track of where Congress stands on the issues that concern us most.

Yes, we do have a lot going on. God has given us a mission. It’s up to us to be faithful to his call. Now, any questions? What? Where is Elvis’ birthplace? Well, let me get my jacket, we’ll go grab some lunch, and I’ll run you by there. It’s nothing more than a small park and a two room shack really, but since you’re in town....

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Disney...from page 2

Winfrey as the therapist whom Ellen seeks out for help in coming to terms with her true sexual identity.

"Gay Day at Disney World"

If Ellen Morgan does, in fact, reveal her lesbianism during the May Sweeps, it will merely pave the way for the June event that has come to symbolize the growing clout of homosexuals at Disney: "The Seventh Annual Gay & Lesbian Day at the Magical Kingdom" in Orlando, Florida. More commonly referred to as simply Gay Day at Disney, the event has been held on the first Saturday of June every year since 1991 – and this year the day falls on June 7.

Disney does not officially sponsor the event, but is apparently enthusiastic about reaping the windfall that Gay Day generates. Estimates of the 1996 numbers put the homosexual attendance at Gay Day at over 60,000, with 80,000 expected this year. Organizers estimate that the economic impact of the event allows Orlando to rake in \$20 million, much of that going into Disney's bank account. Homosexual activist Doug Swallow, whose "Official Web Site of Gay and Lesbian Day" is Grand Central Station for information on the event, said that Disney is learning that "Gay Day is a huge revenue generator, and that gays are an equal consumer."



While Disney continues to deny any official sponsorship of the yearly gathering, one observer noted that the company has made sure that its "staff has been thoroughly sensitized to the needs of the gay community."

And as much as possible, Disney seems willing to embrace the homosexuals in attendance. One homosexual

writer more than agreed in an article detailing last year's Gay Day. At one of the Disney bars on Pleasure Island, he said "the cast members had sprinkled gay comments throughout the shows, and the crowd ate it up.... They finished one show by singing, 'Whenever we see a rainbow, we'll think of you.' We weren't just accepted, but embraced."

And the sponsors of Gay Day seem to sense that the welcome mat is in plain enough view that they regularly use Disney's registered trademarks. Swallow's website is one example, as the likeness of Disney cartoon characters are sometimes portrayed as homosexuals in the promotion of the event.

In any case, the Gay Day sponsors seem to be cozying up to their newfound benefactors. And there can be little doubt that Walt Disney World has welcomed the growing gay numbers while ignoring the growing chorus of complaints from families and family-friendly groups.

Note: Graphics on this page are from the official Internet home page of "Gay & Lesbian Day at the Magical Kingdom (that Walt Built)," at <http://www.gayday.com>

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■ Walt Disney Company

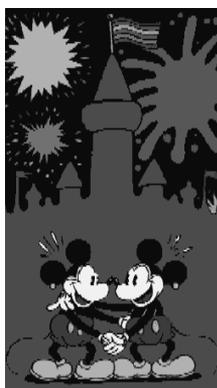
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Reason: The world's largest family entertainment company has extended company insurance benefits to the live-in partners of homosexual employees, but not unmarried partners of heterosexual employees; allowed homosexual celebrations in its theme parks; produced highly objectionable films; allowed a convicted child molester to direct a Disney movie; published a book aimed at homosexuals; and promoted numerous other anti-family policies and activities.

Action needed: Support this boycott with your purchasing power, letters, phone calls and influence.

■ Note

Boycotts of **Holiday Inns**, **Levi Strauss** and **Warner-Lambert** are still in effect, but AFA urges primary emphasis on Circle K and Walt Disney. Watch this space in future issues for continued updates.

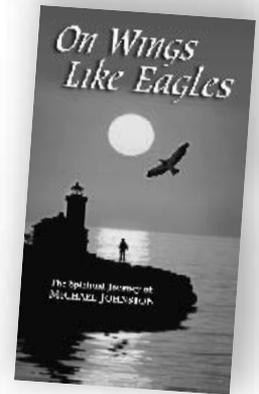


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