

# AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION JOURNAL

www.afajournal.org

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

### AFA Departments

- Don Wildmon 3
- Tim Wildmon 23

### Christian Activism

- Student assaulted for moral stand 13

### Culture

- Where America may be headed 20

### Entertainment

- Violent video games and bad behavior 14

### Family

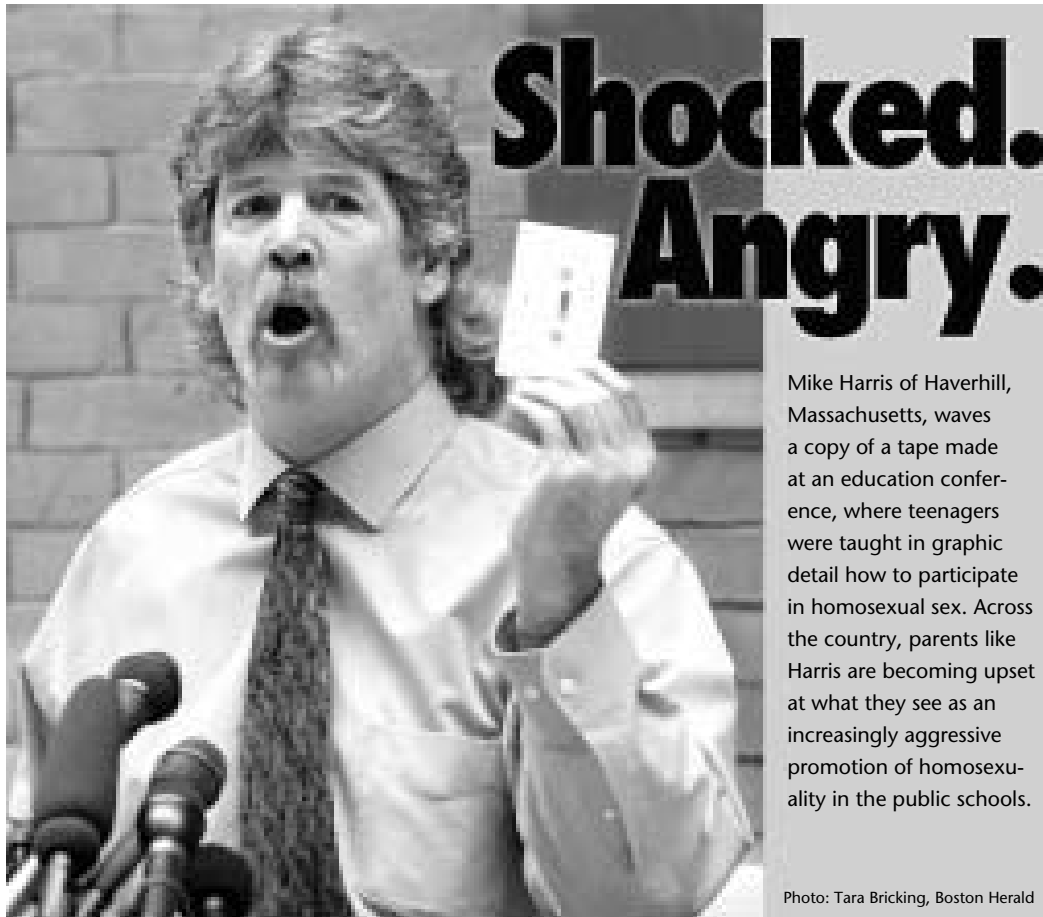
- Parents' hypocrisy shatters teens' lives 4

### News of Interest

- TV ad promotes lesbianism 12
- ALA leader's shocking E-mail 10

### TV Reviews

16



Mike Harris of Haverhill, Massachusetts, waves a copy of a tape made at an education conference, where teenagers were taught in graphic detail how to participate in homosexual sex. Across the country, parents like Harris are becoming upset at what they see as an increasingly aggressive promotion of homosexuality in the public schools.

Photo: Tara Bricking, Boston Herald

## Homosexual activists solidify hold on

Homosexual activists promised that their agenda isn't about promoting a lifestyle, and it certainly isn't about sex. In schools across the country, however, reality is beginning to make a mockery out of their rhetoric.

Since the early 1990s, activists have been arguing vehemently for access to public schools in order to make them a safer place for "gay" and lesbian students. Leading the charge is the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), the nation's largest homosexual activist group that targets the public school system. Established as a national force in 1994, GLSEN now has over 85 chapters pushing the organization's agenda in communities across the country.

GLSEN's activities are predicated upon a simple claim: homosexual kids are not safe in

public schools because of the ignorance, prejudice and hatred of heterosexual classmates. The only answer, it says, is to teach everyone in the K-12 school system – administrators, teachers, and students – that homosexuality is normal, natural, and healthy. Those in public schools should be tolerant of the diversity among its members, activists insist.

### From tolerance to sex?

Due in large part to GLSEN's tireless efforts, many of the nation's schoolchildren – as young as kindergarten age – are being taught to accept homosexuality as a wonderful variation within that lovely mosaic that is human sexuality. Many states have absorbed the organization's message

See **HOMOSEXUALS** on page 2



### INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIPTION:

Suggested contribution: \$15 per year  
**ALL-MEMBERSHIP PLAN**  
 Subscriptions mailed directly to your church members:

- \$5 a year/each subscription (minimum 10)
- Send check or money order with your church name and legible mailing list to: AFA Journal, P. O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803
- U.S. addresses only

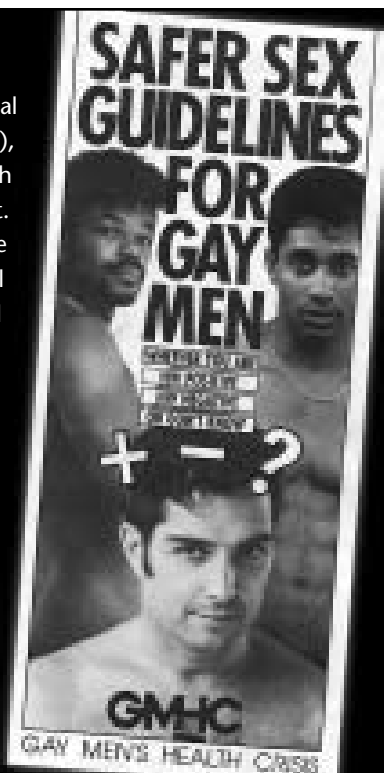
**Copies of this issue: \$15 for 50**

## SAFER SEX FOR TEENS?

This pamphlet, produced by the pro-homosexual advocacy group Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), is made available to Vermont teenagers through the state-funded organization Outright Vermont. Inside the brochure, readers are advised on safe sex tips for all kinds of dangerous homosexual practices, the nature of which are too depraved to describe here.

GMHC claims to be the world's largest and most respected not-for-profit AIDS service organization. With a \$28.9 million yearly budget – 26% of which comes from government funds – the group encourages homosexuals to participate in "safer sex." At the same time, GMHC advocates sexual activity which has been shown to contribute to a variety of sexual diseases.

(Pamphlet provided by the Vermont pro-family group STARS, [www.starsvermont.org](http://www.starsvermont.org).)



## HOMOSEXUALS...from front page

of "safety" as the justification for preaching tolerance and acceptance of homosexuality.

Homosexual teachers themselves are told that they must begin the process of teaching their students to accept "gay" and lesbian sexual orientation. For example, at GLSEN's annual national conference in Chicago this October, teachers were taught how to deftly incorporate their own homosexuality into their daily class time with children.

Teachers in Massachusetts have already been doing just that. In Acushnet, lesbian middle school teacher Christine Hoyle was so proud of her efforts in instructing her students to accept homosexuality that she videotaped her classroom methods and showed them at a state conference at Tufts University, sponsored in part by GLSEN.

In Newton, parents complained when they discovered that first-grade teacher David Gaita had "come out" to his students and told them he was homosexual, and loved men "the way your mom and dad love each other." School Superintendent Jeffrey Young, however, defended Gaita. "Had the teacher at that point said, 'I'm married and have two kids,' no one would have blinked an eye," he said. "There should not be a double standard for heterosexual

and homosexual teachers."

While getting a mouthful of meal about tolerance, parents of public school children in Massachusetts were horrified to discover last Spring that the GLSEN conference at Tufts, which was also funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education, used state tax dollars to present explicit homosexual sex lessons to kids as young as 14. (See AFA Journal, June/July, 2000.)

GLSEN has always insisted that it merely wants "gay" teens to feel safe in schools, and that its agenda does not include talking about sex to impressionable youth. Yet organization representatives were unable to explain the graphic sex talk when tapes of the conference sessions became public. On the tapes, "gay" adult panelists could be heard discussing and even demonstrating hardcore homosexual sex practices to teens.

## Sex at state expense

Due north of the Massachusetts state line, a group called Outright Vermont has also been allowed to push the homosexual agenda in schools in the Green Mountain State – also at taxpayer expense.

With a three-year grant worth \$121,575 from the Vermont Department of Health, Outright targets middle and high school

kids. Kathy Hoyt, Vermont Secretary of Administration, proudly asserted that Outright Vermont "developed a training program for public schools that was designed to support diversity and safe schools for Vermont's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth."

As in Massachusetts, however, "safety" has begun to bleed into "sex." That's the serious charge leveled by Nancy Sheltra, a six-term state representative and founder of Vermont's pro-family organization, Standing Together And Reclaiming the State (STARS). According to documents provided to AFA by STARS, Outright Vermont has gone lightyears beyond the simple purpose espoused by Hoyt.

For example, Outright used taxpayer money to provide "safer sex activities" and "parties" for teens. These events included, according to Outright's own documents, "demonstrations, guided practice & skill evaluation" for the use of prophylactics, and the distribution of free condoms, lubricants for sexual intercourse between males, "dental dams" for oral sex between lesbians, and latex gloves for mutual masturbation.

The number of such items requested by Outright Vermont for distribution to teens was mind-boggling: 5,000 condoms, 750 dental dams, 750 latex gloves, and 2,000 packets of lubricant.

Outright also spent monies on youth retreats, including the "recruitment of youth participants," which utilized mailing lists and youth-related meetings to stir interest in the gatherings. Kids who expressed an interest in attending were transported – again using state money – to the retreat site, where youth and adult staff again taught kids how to engage in homosexual sex practices. Outright's own quarterly report said, "All retreat participants practiced and were evaluated on their (prophylactic) barrier use skills and were given a variety of barriers to take home. Participants joined in role plays."

Other social events for lesbian, "gay," and transgendered youth were paid for by Outright, and included dances, movie nights, bowling, picnics, etc. At one such event, the Emerald City Ball, Outright says it distributed prophylactics and lubricants to participants "at the door and in the bathroom." **THE HOMOSEXUALS** continued on page 60

# People more important than money

BY GLEN FRADENBURG  
AFA Foundation Director



Remember the biblical parable of the prodigal son – the young man who asked for his inheritance before his father died? That same young man squandered his inheritance on riotous living and found himself in a pig pen, eating swill with the pigs.

Repentant, he returned to his father who greeted him with open arms. Unfortunately, the young man's brother felt resentment and jealousy, although the father assured him that he was loved and his inheritance was intact.

There are several lessons in this story. Obviously, there is the father's unconditional love. But there are also lessons about stewardship.

The father should have realized that everything he owned belonged to God, first and foremost, and, before giving it away so recklessly, realized his son's youth and unlikelihood of managing his inheritance wisely.

Even though he had the best intentions, the father should have considered the potential of his other son's feelings of jealousy. Unfortunately, family members do not always react to situations the way we think they will.

Key factors to consider before doing any estate planning are to:

1. Recognize that everything your own is God's, and structure your planning so that fact is taken into consideration; and

2. Create your plan in such a way that your family is not fighting over your belongings one week after your death. It is very important to remember that people are more important than dollars.

The AFA Foundation would love to share with you our insights into avoiding these pitfalls into estate



# The truth can save your teenager's life

BY DONALD E. WILDMON • AFA President

Recently, AFA produced a new video about homosexuality entitled *It's Not Gay*. It was originally designed to be given to school board members, school administrators, counselors and those in positions of responsibility in the education system.

However, after watching the video several times, I became convinced that in addition to that audience, the video should be viewed by every teenager. Because the video was designed for school personnel, *It's Not Gay* makes no mention of God or religion. Rather, it lets former homosexuals tell their story. It deals with the consequences of the lifestyle.

In their presentations within the public schools, homosexual leaders are teaching the children and youth not only to accept the homosexual lifestyle, but even to try it. Of course they mention nothing about the consequences of living the homosexual lifestyle.

Back about 20 years ago, we tried hard to get the Church involved in the battle against pornography. Because the subject was considered dirty and taboo, we had very little success. Because of the refusal of the Church to respond, we have a problem of epidemic proportions today. Lives are literally being destroyed, families broken, communities decaying because the Church did not act as it should have in addressing this problem.

A similar situation has arisen in regards to the homosexual movement. "Let's not deal with it. It makes people uncomfortable." That seems to be the trend. Who are those who will suffer the most? Our children. Why? Because they are being bombarded with propaganda from the homosexual movement telling them that "gay is OK." And they aren't getting the truth about this sin.

Recently we sent a copy of the video to several Christian television stations to see if they would be interested in airing it. One station said they could not use it because it did not mention God. The other said they could not air it because it was "too graphic." The truth about the matter is that while neither God nor religion is mentioned, God's truth is the theme throughout the video. Granted, the video is frank; however, it's not gratuitous.

*It's Not Gay* is uncompromising, yet compassionate. It should be seen by every youth group in every church. It will do much to help our youth avoid this destructive lifestyle.

Should you have a teenage child or grandchild, I urge you to order the video and watch it with the youth. I also urge youth pastors to show it to their groups and to follow up with a discussion. We can't afford to lose a generation to homosexuality as we did to pornography. The cost is only \$25, including shipping. Here is ordering information.

**Mail:** *It's Not Gay*, P.O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803 (MC, Visa, Discover, check or money order)

**Internet:** [www.itsnotgay.com](http://www.itsnotgay.com). (MC, Visa, Discover)

**Phone:** 662-844-5036, ext. 4. (MC, Visa, Discover)

Your involvement could save a young person from a lifetime of hurt and misery – and perhaps even save his life.

## AFA JOURNAL • Volume 24, No. 10

*AFA Journal* is a publication of the American Family Association. Generally published monthly except November/December. AFA is a Christian organization promoting the Biblical ethic of decency in American society with primary emphasis on TV and other media.

P. O. Drawer 2440  
Tupelo, MS 38803  
Voice: 662-844-5036 • FAX: 662-842-7798

AFA Center for Law & Policy: 662-680-3886  
WAFR Radio: 662-844-8888  
Internet homepage: <http://www.afa.net>

Please, no unsolicited manuscripts.  
Founding Editor: Don Wildmon  
Editor: Randall Murphree  
Associate Editor: Rusty Benson  
Copy Editor: Jessica Huckaby  
News Editor: Ed Vitagliano  
Staff Writer: Pat Centner





Scott Carter holds up some of the thousands of responses he's received from high school students regarding their personal struggles. Carter is Director of the Northeast Mississippi Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

# Parents' hypocrisy

BY PAT CENTNER • AFA Journal Staff Writer

- "...I have hated myself and considered killing myself."
- "I've been through the alcohol and drugs, and some of the sex. I'm just confused about a lot of things in my life."
- "I am having sex and I might be pregnant."
- "I am going through a divorce with my mom and dad, and it is very upsetting."

When reading the scores of student responses, one is overwhelmed by the enormity of the problems teenagers cope with today. It is also amazing that nearly every response mentions a major problem. Peer pressure. Conflict with parents, divorce. Alcohol and drug abuse. Early sex, teen pregnancy and abortion. Low self-esteem, loneliness. Suicide.

The responses above were written by Northeast Mississippi high school students who voluntarily attended an assembly sponsored by Fellowship of Christian

Athletes (FCA). As with many of the FCA assemblies, the students were treated to a presentation by a well-known Christian athlete. At the conclusion, they were asked, among other things, for their assessment of the program and to list any personal struggles they were having.

"What is really sad is that the Christian kids' problems were almost the same as the non-Christians," says Scott Carter, Director of FCA for Northeast Mississippi. "Many of these kids are falling apart on the inside; yet, on the outside, they try to act like everything's cool."

Carter has counseled with kids about every subject imaginable, and he says one of the most prevalent problems he encounters is the perception by today's youth that most adults are hypocrites and not to be trusted. Many think this about their parents in particular.

"They feel like their parents live in a 'do as I say, not as I do' world," Carter

explains.

"And when it comes to believing in God, the kids yearn to believe in Him. But they're afraid to because they see the hypocrisy in their parents' lives and say, 'I don't want to believe in anything they do [parents] because I don't think they're real.'"

Author Johann Christoph Arnold refers to the "do as I say" syndrome in his book, *Endangered*. "... when [kids] are taught [this] ... in one situation after another, they gradually learn there is never anything so black and white that it is always good or bad, at least not until they make the wrong choice at the wrong time."

Arnold also says that, as a father, he knows how hard it is to be consistent, and, conversely, how easy it is to send confusing signals without even realizing it. However, as a counselor, he also knows how sensitive young adults are to mixed messages and inconsistent boundaries, and how readily they will reject both as clear signs of parental hypocrisy.

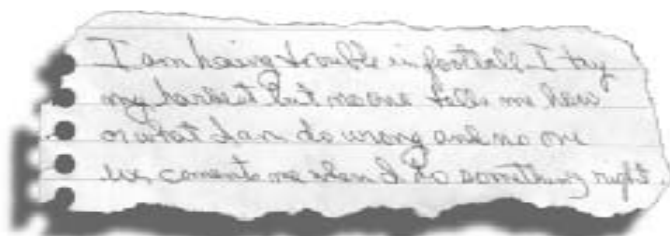
"But I have also learned how quickly the worst family battle can be solved when parents are humble enough to admit that their expectations were unclear or unfair, and how quickly most children will respond and forgive," Arnold adds.

Sadly, there's one particular circumstance when it's hard for kids to forgive, and that's when their parents get divorced. "When kids talk to me about divorce," says Carter, "they talk about how hurt and disappointed they are. Some of them try to blame themselves for the divorce, and others get mad because they think their parents 'gave up and quit' so easily."

In fact, Carter says many kids wrote on their responses that they struggle with "giving up and quitting too soon" themselves because their parents did that in their marriage. Some respondents said their parents divorced as many as ten years ago, and the kids are still trying to cope with it.

Early sex, teen pregnancy and abortion were also frequently-mentioned responses. "Can God forgive me for killing my baby?" asked one troubled teen who had gone through an abortion. Another said, "People are pressuring me to have sex for the first time."

Other responses were from boys worried about drinking too much and being pressured by their peers to take drugs. Other



kids hurt because they believe nobody likes them and they “don’t fit in.” Tragically, some are contemplating suicide.

“People need to know these are not just a few isolated comments,” says Carter. “Nearly every kid, including the Christian kids, noted a problem of major proportions. And we’re looking at schools in the Bible Belt. Think what it must be like in the larger cities across the country! Either things are getting worse for kids, or they are just becoming more open.

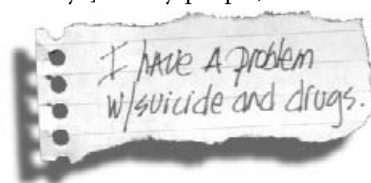
“Probably the saddest thing of all is that so many kids feel like their parents really don’t love them or care in the least about their hurts and needs,” Carter continues. “Granted, some of them feel that way because they’re teenagers and struggling with who they are and where they fit in the world. But there are a lot of kids whose parents basically ignore them and ‘buy them off’ just to get them out of their hair.”

African-American journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal is quoted in *Endangered*: “Our

children hunger for love. They have two-hundred-dollar sneakers, video games, computers. Some even have their own cars....They have all of the latest toys, but no love.”

What can be done to overturn this tragedy among our youth? Obviously, there are literally thousands of helpful resources out there – books like *Endangered*, and a great book for teens titled *Ten Time Bombs – Defusing the Most Explosive Pressures Teenagers Face* by Ron Hutchcraft. Classes, counseling, videos, books and CDs on parent/teen relationships abound.

But Scott Carter has the answer that hits the nail on the head. He says we need a 2 Chronicles 7:14 nation-changing revival in the hearts of Christians across America. [God says] “If my people, who are called



by My name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

“America has drifted far from the Lord,” Carter admonishes, “and that’s the main thing wrong with our kids today.

“Parents need to ‘get real’ – and all the rest of us do, too. We need to quit being so focused on ourselves and what we want and be focused, instead, on our kids’ needs, and love them with an agape (self-sacrificing) love,” insists Carter. “We need to pray for our youth, to seek out hurting kids and build relationships with them. And we all need to take off our masks and be vulnerable before each other. When we stop all the pretense, God will use us for His glory.

“According to all the studies, this generation of kids is the most hurting and disillusioned ever. I believe this is because of the great sin in our culture,” laments Carter. “But the Scriptures say ‘Where sin abounds much, grace abounds more.’ And I believe God, by His amazing grace, is going to do a great work in our kids’ hearts that will impact our entire nation.”

## Endangered...Your Child in a Hostile World

Author: Johann Christoph Arnold

With remarkable understanding and deep compassion for children, author Johann Christoph Arnold coaxes the reader of this profoundly moving book to new levels of thinking about the plight of today’s children in a hostile world where divorce runs rampant and thousands of kids go to bed feeling unloved and unwanted.

*Endangered* provides a wealth of insight into what is needed for successful parenting today – not by giving step-by-step instructions, but by telling rich, compelling stories of dozens of people whose experiences have had life-changing impact on how they raise or work with children.

The book features comprehensive information regarding the author’s premise that today’s kids are pressured to grow up too fast and to excel in everything they do. Related to that is his belief that most parents are so busy making sure they get what they

want from life that they become indifferent to their children’s fundamental needs for time, attention and love.

Arnold points out that although America is wealthier than ever and most kids are lavished with every material object imaginable, the fact is that disappointment and unhappiness reign in more young people’s lives than ever before. Sadly, they act out that unhappiness in rebellious acts as devastating as the 1999 Columbine (Littleton, Colorado) high school shootings, and as absurd as purposely failing a test to anger a parent.

In asking, “What is it that today’s children are rebelling against so vigorously, and why?” Arnold says the answer is simple: hypocrisy. Though he admits this is harsh, to support his position he uses the words of a student compelled to explain Columbine: “...People may label us ‘Generation Next,’ but we are more appropriately ‘Generation Why?’ Why did most of you lie when you made the vow of ‘til death do us part? Why do you fool yourselves into believing that

divorce really is better for the kids in the long run? ... Why did you ever fall victim to the notion that kids are just as well off being raised by a complete stranger at a day care center than by their own mother or father? ... Why do you allow us to watch violent movies but expect us to maintain some type of childlike innocence? ... Why are you so afraid to tell us ‘no’ sometimes?”

*Endangered* pricks your conscience and touches your heart. It also offers hope for parents and kids alike – hope founded in unconditional love, compassion and mutual respect. This book is for any person remotely associated with rearing or working with children and teens.

Publisher: Plough Publishing House, Farmington, PA. To order: 1-800-521-8011, or go to [www.plough.com](http://www.plough.com).)



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

## CULTURE

### Native Americans lose on casinos

Contrary to popular belief, Native American tribes are not “making a killing” off the gambling casinos constructed on their reservations. While some of the casinos located near metropolitan areas have prospered, most are barely breaking even, according to an Associated Press computer analysis of federal unemployment, poverty and public assistance records.

Unfortunately, in the wake of the 1990s casino boom, the unemployment rate has continued to increase among most tribes. This is because 75% of the jobs in casinos are held by non-Indians.

“Not everybody wants to be a dealer, or a housekeeper, or even a manager in the restaurant,” said Gary Goforth, tribal administrator for the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation. The Fort Mojave Indians have two struggling casinos along the California-Arizona-Nevada borders. Their tribe’s unemployment rate climbed from 27.2% in 1991 to 74.2% in 1997. Overall, the unemployment rate for tribes with established casinos remained constant at 54% between 1991 and 1997, as evidenced in data reported by the tribes to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Hualapai tribe’s casino in Northern Arizona failed and was closed down because of its location. (It was located fairly near the Grand Canyon, but most people visiting the Canyon had just come from Las Vegas.) On the other end of the spectrum, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Dakota tribe’s casino south of Minneapolis pays each of its members hundreds of thousands of dollars a year.

While a few Native American tribes are benefiting from their investment in gambling casinos, the majority are still struggling with high unemployment rates and poverty.

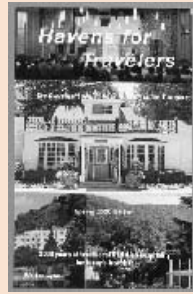
AP, 9/1/00

## EDUCATION

### ‘Child’s play’ at PS24

New York Post recently reported an as-

## ‘Havens for Travelers’ features lodging for Christians



Good news for Christian travelers! When getting ready to take a trip, how’d you like to have a travel guide that provides locations and amenities for overnight lodging in a Christian environment? Then *Havens for Travelers* is for you!

This user-friendly book, authored by Walter Lynn, is targeted specifically for Christian travelers who are “on the road,” traveling from place to place (as opposed to staying multiple nights or weeks in a camp or retreat setting). *Havens* contains listings for more than 400 locations in the 48 contiguous states and features accommodations of all types – bunkrooms, dormitory

and motel style rooms, deluxe chalets, apartments and small houses.

Just a few of the key attractions include 1,700 acres of woods and lakes in Alabama; a Quaker hospitality center on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.; a site surrounded by 500 acres of vineyards in Napa, California; and a 300-acre camp in Pennsylvania with direct access to the Appalachian Trail.

An interstate highway cross-index provides excellent driving directions, and a new cross-index for pet lovers is also included. Lodging costs are generally 30-40% below the cost of equivalent accommodations at hotels or motels.

*Havens for Travelers* is available for \$14.50 from Agape Publications, Inc. at 562 Fairway Rd., Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450, or online at [www.familycentral.net](http://www.familycentral.net) and [www.augsburgfortress.org](http://www.augsburgfortress.org).

tonishing story about kindergarten children at a school in the Bronx sexually molesting their peers and forcing them to perform oral sex. These are children as young as four and five years old.

One mother, Shoshana, a travel-agency worker originally from Israel, whose son attends PS24 in the Bronx, says she and her husband were “in shock.” Her little boy had come home telling stories about boys playing games in the schoolyard – naked games.

“I was crying,” says Shoshana. “Never in my life did I imagine that this could be done by other kids!” And after talking to school officials, she wasn’t convinced that things would change.

In talking to other parents, Shoshana found a mother who told her a child had grabbed her son’s penis in the schoolyard. Still another mother relayed a tale about group sex in the bathroom.

School officials said the problem is being taken seriously – that the offending children had received instruction focusing on “inappropriate” behavior. Irma Zardoya, superintendent of School District 10 said, “It’s tough dealing with little kids. They’re all at a stage of exploration. We want to let

them know what’s appropriate and inappropriate (behavior).”

The article went on to say that little kids seem to be acting out sexually in increasing numbers. Some blame the media, the Internet and/or the parents. Whatever the cause, schools are adopting anti-harassment policies to protect themselves. Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that school districts can be held liable when students sexually harass each other, paving the way for multimillion-dollar suits.

Shoshana just wants to feel that her little boy is safe.

[www.nypostonline.com](http://www.nypostonline.com), 7/11/00

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Howard Stern losing his appeal?

He certainly has kept his edge – or gone over it – when it comes to objectionable content on his radio show, but the self-proclaimed “King of All Media” may be losing his appeal for those who normally tune him in.

Arbitron, which tracks radio audiences, said that over the last two years Howard Stern’s ratings have hit a skid: a 12% drop in New York and 20% in Los Angeles. The stats also show a listener loss in other major

markets like Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Miami.

There are a number of factors contributing to Stern's rating decline. Nicole Ovadia, an editor at *Inside Radio* magazine, said, "His audience is growing older, they listen to less radio and tend to change the dial. Also he is not recruiting new young listeners at the same rate."

Perhaps, she said, Stern has been too successful at the art of tasteless radio, since "he has been copied left and right and there are a lot of shock jocks out there." Despite his lagging ratings, Ovadia said it didn't necessarily represent "the beginning of the end of shock radio."

Reuters, 9/7/00; E!Online, 9/8/00

## FAMILY

### Single moms prone to distress

In a day and time when the number of single mothers is growing rapidly, new research reveals that there are higher psychological distress levels among single moms than among their married counterparts.

This was the conclusion reached by analysts of a study performed by the University College London and the Australian National University. More than 11,000 women were studied at age 23 and again at age 33. As expected, researchers found "at age 33, psychological distress was greater among lone than married mothers."

The study determined that the excessive psychological symptoms could be attributed, in large part, to the financial hardship usually associated with divorce and the growing number of single moms being forced to raise children by themselves.

But the study found significantly more emotional illness among single moms, even after factoring in the differences in financial status separating singles from marrieds; the children's ages; and the amount of psychological distress found in the single mothers at age 23.

Furthermore, the report emphasized that the consequences for children cannot be overlooked since "maternal psychological distress has been shown to increase the likelihood of adverse outcomes among children."

Those consequences aren't good. "Children reared in fatherless homes are more

## Kids play Russian roulette with

Justin sat at his desk with books and papers piled around him. Downstairs, Mom was preparing dinner and talking with his sister, Christine. Justin opened his desk drawer and took out a waterproof marking pen, but instead of using the pen on his homework, he put it to his nose and began to strongly breathe in the vapors emitted by the pen.

A few minutes later, Mom heard a loud thump coming from Justin's room. She called out, "Justin, are you all right?" She didn't get a reply and called again. "Justin?" She made her way upstairs and knocked on the bedroom door. When there was still no response, she opened the door to find Justin lying on the floor, unconscious.

Every day hundreds of kids like Justin are taken to hospital emergency rooms as a result of inhalant abuse. If they're lucky, they're still alive.

But the fact is, hundreds die, like Ricky Joe Stem, Jr. of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. It is tragic that every time a child "huffs" a product, he takes a chance on killing himself – the same chance he would take were he to play Russian roulette – since there's no way of knowing if, or when, he may die. Death is possible the first or the thirty-first time he inhales a product.

"Our son was 16, a great kid, a loving son, a Christian since age 7, and an all-state pitcher for his Christian high school baseball team," says Diane Stem. "We had often warned him of the dangers of alcohol and drugs but...we had never warned him about inhalant abuse....we had never heard of 'huffing.' We buried our son four years ago, and we have become all too educated on the dangers of inhalants. Did you know that your teenager's killer could be right under your own kitchen sink? Become educated on inhalants, sit down with your kids and tell them how they can kill – before it's too late."

Inhalant abuse began in the 1950's with "glue sniffing," a way for kids to get a cheap high. Today, there are more than 100 products on the inhalant list, including everything from aerosol cleaning products, shoe polish and paint to permanent marking pens, chloroform and helium.

Unfortunately, many people do not perceive inhalant abuse as a high-risk practice in the same category as cocaine, heroine or alcohol because it involves common household products and is usually associated with something kids "experiment with just a little." But sniffing, "huffing" (inhalant-soaked rag in the mouth) or "bagging" (fumes inhaled from a plastic bag) can cause severe damage to the brain and nervous system. Oxygen starvation and/or erratic and rapid heartbeat can, and do, result in death.

Chances are one in five your child will abuse inhalants before grade 12. Incredibly, inhalant abuse ranks third in substance abuse for first through seventh graders, and fourth for eighth through twelfth graders (behind alcohol, tobacco and marijuana).

Education is the key to prevention of inhalant abuse. Watch your child for these signals: red or runny eyes and nose; paint or stains on body or clothing; spots or sores around the mouth; drunk or dizzy appearance; nausea; loss of appetite; anxiety or



than twice as likely to become male adolescent delinquents or teen mothers,” said a new study conducted by Tim Dougherty and Lillian Kurosaka, two economists at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

“The absence of either parent has a significant effect on the kids having one kind of pathology or another, but the absence of a father tends to have a more significant effect, and it seems to more seriously affect the sons,” they reported.

The Family in America, New Research, 4/00

### **Cohabitation disappointing**

Couples who live together but don’t marry seemingly want to “have their cake and eat it too” – in other words they want the freedom of “no strings attached,” but yet also want the commitment of fidelity. Many also think living together is a great way to test for compatibility. Unfortunately, neither of these scenarios represents reality.

In fact, the results of a study recently published in the *Journal of Marriage and the Family* show that what cohabitation best prepares couples to do is not to make wedding vows, but rather to break them. Researchers at the University of California, Irvine, reported that “although cohabitators held less conventional gender and family values, cohabiting heterosexuals were only slightly less likely (94% versus 99%) to expect sexual exclusivity than married persons who had never lived together [outside wedlock].”

Other findings from the study included a statement by researchers that although cohabiting couples greatly desire fidelity from their partners, in reality, they fall far short of this goal. “The odds of a recent infidelity were more than twice as high for cohabitators than for married persons,” the sociologists reported.

Another report written by the Center for Law and Social Policy, Inc., supports the California study and includes other pertinent information regarding the subject of cohabitation. For example, cohabitators are more likely to come from families which have experienced marital instability. Also, if a girl has become pregnant out of wedlock, the chances for her to cohabit rather than marry are 46% higher.

For about half of cohabitators, the rela-

tionship lasts around two years and then ends, either as a result of marriage or dissolution. In addition, the male cohabitor’s employment has a significant impact on the length of the relationship. Full-time employment (of male partner) reduces the odds of separation in a cohabiting union by about 40%.

The underlying message of these reports is that cohabitation does not appear to make for better marriages. People in marriages that were preceded by cohabitation have significantly lower levels of marital interaction and higher levels of disagreement and instability than their counterparts who never cohabited.

Family in America, 7/2000;  
www.clasp.org; www.leaderu.com

### **GOVERNMENT**

#### **Loyalty to Constitution lacking**

When it comes to how our nation’s citizens view our U. S. Constitution and its relevancy to life in America today, it’s a pretty sad state of affairs. At least, that’s what a large number of the respondents of a recent national poll indicated.

One of the more shocking findings of the survey, which was conducted by Portrait of America (POA), was the fact that only 51% of Americans would vote for passage of the Constitution if it were presented in ballot form today. In fact, 22% of those surveyed said they would actually vote against the Constitution, while another 27% were unsure if they would support it.

The poll also revealed that only 35% of respondents believe the federal government operates under the Constitution, while another 48% said Washington, D.C., scoffs at its own constitutional limitations.

“The lack of support for the Constitution probably stems from the high levels of public disgust with government and politics today,” said Scott Rasmussen, President of Rasmussen Research. “Recent surveys have found that 72% of Americans now view the federal government as a special interest group that looks out primarily for its own interests... Less than 40% think the government today reflects the will of the people,” he added.

Another bone of contention is the matter of school prayer. The POA poll found

that 63% of those surveyed believe that Congress is using the Constitution as an excuse to ban school prayer. Only 25% of respondents think lawmakers and political leaders really believe the Constitution bans prayer.

If the Constitution could be modified, said 64% of respondents, they would give less power to Congress while only 12% would grant Congress more power.

The poll pointed out that even though more than half (56%) of the people believe the Constitution is the best way to run the nation, 37% said it needs to be updated.

WorldNetDaily, 7/25/00

### **PRO-LIFE**

#### **New abortion pill approved**

“Baby poison.” That’s what Rep. Chris H. Smith (R-NJ) calls it. Rep. Tom Coburn (R-OK) describes it as a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) first: the unprecedented approval of “a drug intended to kill people.” Doctors who want to provide abortions without being singled out by anti-abortion groups like the privacy it provides.

The reference, of course, is to RU-486, the abortion pill whose producers have been trying to get FDA approval for use by American women since 1996. On Thursday, September 29, the FDA did approve the pill and said it would be available in four weeks. It will be marketed under the name Mifeprex.

Three visits to a doctor’s office are required for ending a pregnancy with Mifeprex. Side effects include bleeding, cramping and nausea.

An article in the Washington Times says Planned Parenthood is “elated” that the drug has been approved. The article’s author questions that enthusiasm, and says that the privacy with which Mifeprex can be administered may be crucial because, if the drug catches on, it would remove abortion, literally, from the overt venue of the abortion clinic.

“In other words,” the article states, “the abortion pill could effectively decentralize the practice of abortion, rendering the procedure itself increasingly anonymous, and also decreasingly a tangible target of abortion opponents.”

Mifepristone, the drug’s technical name,



was first approved in France in 1988 and has been used by more than 620,000 women in Europe, China and Israel. In France alone, 40% of the induced abortions result from the use of Mifepristone.

According to a WorldNet-Daily article, 43% of Americans polled by Portrait of America disagreed with the FDA's decision to approve RU-486, while 41% approved. Fifty-two percent said they thought approval of the drug would result in an increase in abortions.

USA Today, 9/29/00, 10/2/00;  
Washington Times, 10/4/00;  
www.worldnetdaily.com, 10/6/00

**Charges against pro-lifer dropped after AFA intervenes**

Calvin Zastrow – Assemblies of God pastor, pro-life advocate and political organizer for the Constitution Party – gave all the glory to God and heartfelt thanks to AFA when he was informed that the city of Billings, Montana, had dropped all charges against him.

Zastrow had been recently arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and failure to disperse the scene of a “riot” while advocating for unborn children outside an abortion clinic in downtown Billings. The AFA Center for Law and Policy (CLP) defended Zastrow with an aggressive pretrial strategy, persuading Billings to fold its hand rather than face trial.

The evidence revealed that Zastrow had done nothing more than engage in sidewalk counseling outside an abortion clinic, and that it was a clinic security guard, not Zastrow, who issued threats of violence.

Contemporaneous with demanding that this boisterous security guard be charged under the local disorderly conduct statute, the CLP filed a twenty-three page memorandum asserting a First Amendment-based defense. CLP attorney Bryan J. Brown told the city of Billings that if the prosecutor’s office would drop all charges against Zastrow, the city would save themselves state court appeals – and Zastrow would not countersue in federal court. Billings’ officials took seriously the offer made by the CLP, and agreed to drop all charges against Zastrow.

Zastrow said he was “glad that these bo-

gus charges were dropped,” adding that “[i]t is time for a major shake-up in government when small-town cops aid Planned Parenthood in murdering pre-born children by arresting persons peacefully praying on public sidewalks.” He said such actions show “a grave disrespect for life, liberty and the very [state and federal] constitutions which the officers are sworn to uphold.”

Bill Krug, a Billings resident and fre-

quent picketer of the Planned Parenthood clinic, said, “Cal’s victory has made a real difference by dissuading the Billings Police Department from undertaking such unconstitutional intimidation and harassment of Christians.” The CLP pledged to represent Krug if he is subjected to the same treatment visited upon Zastrow.

AFA Vice President Tim Wildmon,

IT'S  
FINALLY  
HERE!

One of the  
greatest  
tools of  
evangelism  
that has  
come along  
in the last  
100 years!



Ralph Woerner  
Managing Editor

Gospel Publishing  
Association  
P.O. Box 94368  
Microfilm, AL 36220

# Answer

MAGAZINE

---

## Sharing Christ with your community... one family at a time

We've all been told - more often than we can remember - that we ought to share Christ with our neighbors and friends. The problem is, apart from knocking on their door with a Bible in hand, no one has ever given us a tool by which to do it.

THANKFULLY, THIS IS NO LONGER THE CASE! Answer Magazine has been developed to meet this need! It may sound too good to be true, but through Answer you can now share Christ with others in your community - in a soft and non-threatening way, for **LESS THAN THE COST OF A POSTAGE STAMP!**

For a gift of \$25 we will mail Answer to the first 125 families living on the postal route on which you live, anywhere in the United States. That's only 20 cents a copy!

This is for real. If you would like to make a difference for Christ in the community where you live, call us for a **FREE** sample copy of Answer and a cover letter explaining how this ministry works.

CALL  
TODAY

AFLJ-001

1-800-578-7394

or email us at:

info@answermagazine.com

---

www.answermagazine.com

## Amy's Friends help topless dancers leave life-

Because a topless dancer can earn as much as \$100,000 or more a year, many women are hesitant to leave the lifestyle even though they are miserable. But where there is a desire to change, there is always hope. And hope is exactly what struggling dancers find when they become one of Amy's Friends.

Started in 1998 by Amy Dupree, a former topless dancer, Amy's Friends is a nonprofit, faith-based ministry located in Dallas, Texas. Its mission is to change the lives of women in sexually-oriented businesses who want to leave the darkness for a better life. Dupree started Amy's Friends after attending church and hearing a sermon about a person's body being the temple of the Holy Spirit.

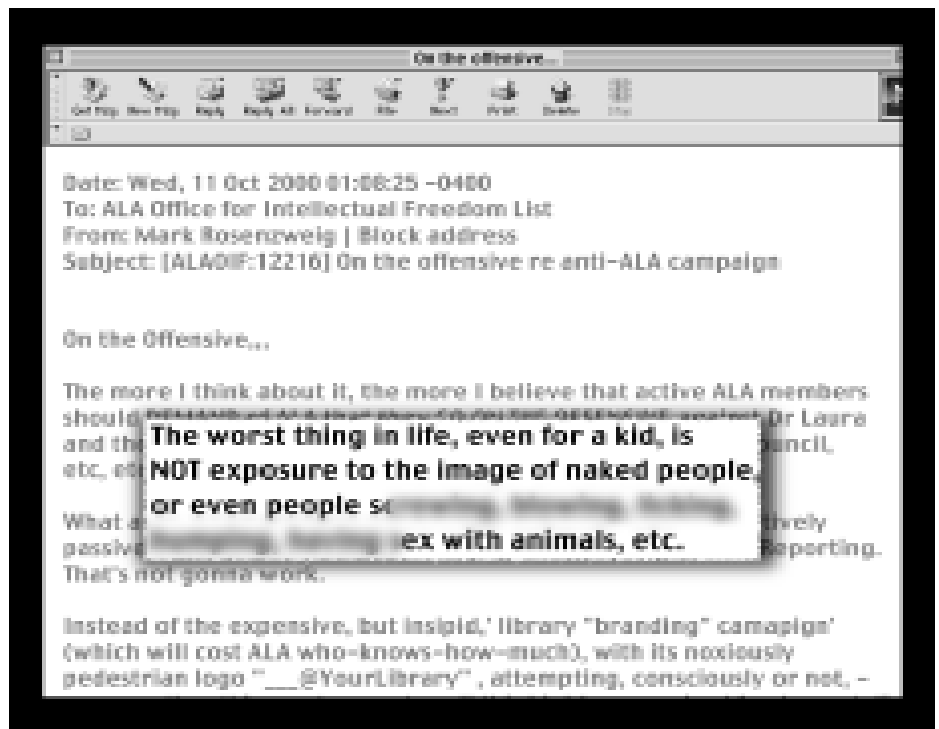
With the support of Preston Road Church of Christ in Dallas and more than 30 women mentors from the church, Amy's Friends provides a four-month, twelve-step program that aims to bring God into the lives of women who need His unconditional love.

The ministry also provides opportunity for participants to attain a GED, get job training, counseling, medical and dental care. This is vital because many women have no job skills. Often, they are single mothers raising kids and are afraid to give up the higher pay. Many are also ashamed and fear that no one else will hire them.

Amy's Friends will hold its first fund-raiser on December 10. A Holiday Home Tour will feature three Dallas homes beautifully decorated for Christmas, with an opportunity to purchase gifts at each home.

Amy, her husband, Kyle, and Melanie Houchin, who does mentor training, will be speaking at various locations in the future.

For more information, go to [www.amysfriends.net](http://www.amysfriends.net), or call 1-800-330-8861. Or you can e-mail Amy's Friends at [afriend@airmail.net](mailto:afriend@airmail.net).



## In vulgar E-mail, ALA leader calls members to fight filtering efforts

A recent memo written by American Library Association (ALA) governing council member Mark Rosenzweig encourages ALA members "to go on the offensive" against groups promoting Internet filtering on library computers.

WorldNetDaily ([www.worldnetdaily.com](http://www.worldnetdaily.com)) obtained a copy of the leaked memo and wrote an exclusive story, warning readers of the offensive language. In part the E-mail reads: "We're as American as apple pie. And we should say so. Loud and clear. The more progressive wing of the [library] profession should intelligently counter the 'erotophobia.' The worst thing in life, even for a kid, is NOT exposure to the image of naked people, or even people sc---ing, bl--ing, l---ing, h---ing, having sex with animals, etc."

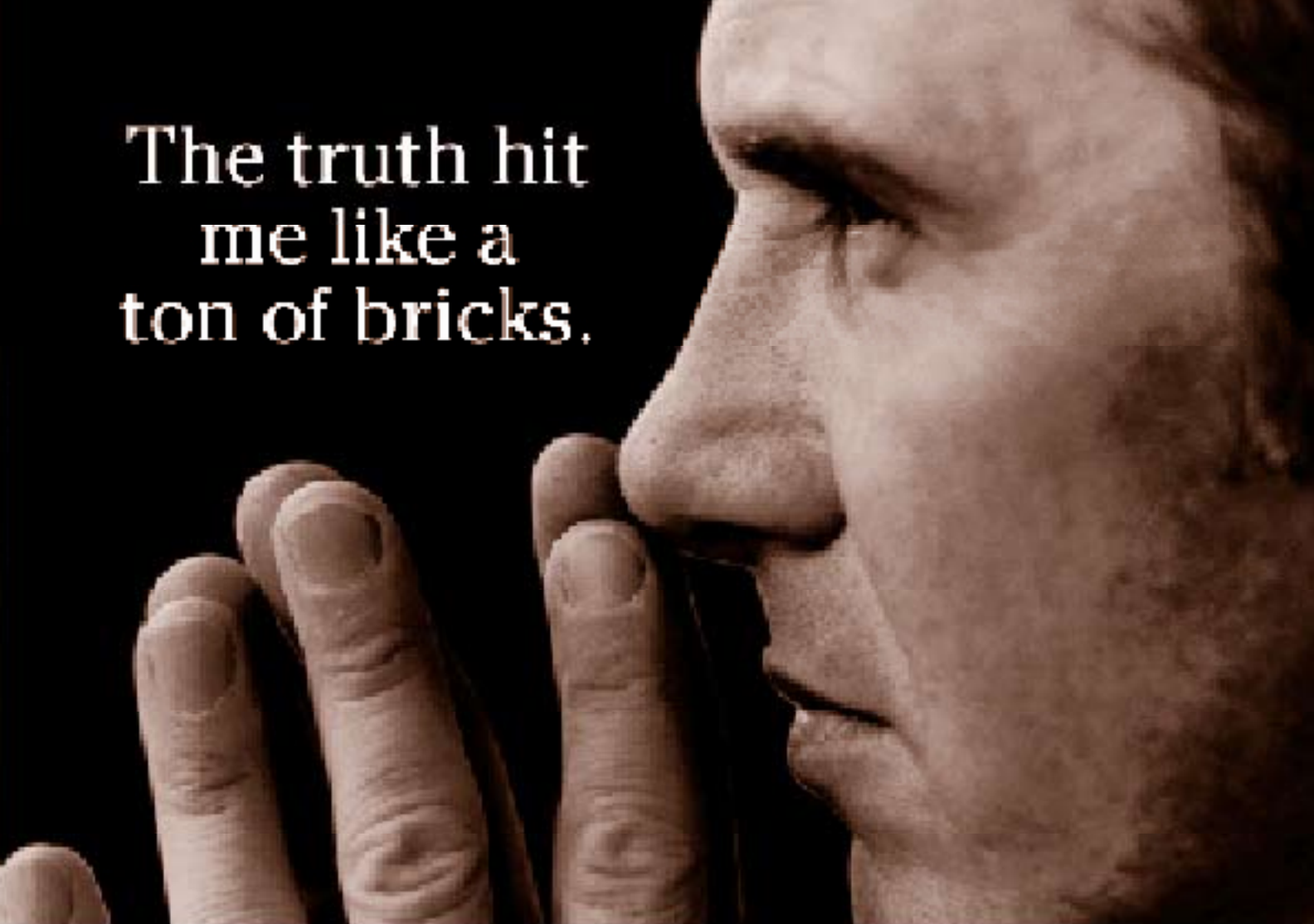
Rosenzweig, a member of the New York State Communist Party, has also encouraged Americans to support former Clinton administration Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders' suggestion that children should be taught to masturbate. The E-mail also offered a list of things that are bad for children, including "corporal punishment," "growing up without resources and access and the ability to make the most of yourself," "prison-like schools," "capital punishment," "no libraries (or poor libraries)," "adult ignorance and attempts to contain the curiosity of kids...."

However, Rosenzweig downplays the damage caused by pornography. "Where does it rate? Nowhere," the ALA official wrote.

AFA and several other pro-family groups have been fighting the ALA for years in its crusade to prohibit filters on computers in our nation's public libraries. Last year AFA produced a video entitled **Excess Access**, a revelation of the ALA's radical policies, especially as they relate to children accessing pornography on the Internet.

For a copy of AFA's video **Excess Access**, go to [www.afa.net](http://www.afa.net). Click on Frontline Issues >Library Internet Filtering.

worldnetdaily.com, 10/20/00



The truth hit  
me like a  
ton of bricks.

When the news came that one of our church deacons was leaving his wife for a woman he met in an Internet chat room, I couldn't believe it.

How could he be so stupid to throw away his family, his church, his friends!

Then the sobering truth hit me like a ton of bricks.

It could be me.

I spend time on the Internet almost every day. Why should I think that I

am immune to such temptations? Stronger Christians than myself have fallen.

You know, I may not be the greatest husband and father around, but I am going to do the right thing about guarding myself against temptation on the Internet. Today, I am subscribing to the American Family Filter.

For only \$36 a year – less than 10¢ per day – the trash on the Internet, including chat rooms and

pornography, is filtered out before it gets to my computer. And the filter can't be deactivated, not even by me.

The thought of losing my family is... well, it's just unthinkable.

Today.

No excuse.

American  
**Family**  
*filter*

Protect yourself and your family. <http://www.afafilter.com>

# homosexual agenda

## Publisher R.R. Donnelley throws book at Boy Scouts

R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company, which describes itself as the leading printer of books in North America, decided it will no longer support the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) with charitable donations because the youth organization refuses to allow homosexuals to be troop leaders.

An interoffice memo from the company's Contributions Committee states, "R.R. Donnelley will not support the Boy Scouts through grants, purchasing tables at dinners or volunteer activity...." The memo said the company had reevaluated its relationship with the Boy Scouts following a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision, which ruled that the BSA have the right to exclude homosexuals from membership based on its religious views.

"R.R. Donnelley has basically said it wants nothing to do with an organization like the Boy Scouts that believes homosexuality is wrong," said Allen Wildmon, Director of Public Relations for AFA. "I guess as a matter of principle, then, the company doesn't want the business of people who believe it's wrong, either."

Wildmon said AFA was encouraging supporters to contact R.R. Donnelley and politely express their disappointment. However, he said company spokesmen were already trying to confuse callers by telling them the company was still allowing its employees to give to the Boy Scouts on a voluntary basis.

"Regardless of whatever else R.R. Donnelley tells people, the company's vice president of corporate communications, George Stenitzer, confirmed the memo's accuracy," Wildmon said. "Any other statement is sleight-of-hand hocus pocus."

To contact the company: R.R. Donnelley, President William Davis, 77 West Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60601, Phone: 312-326-7724.



In a recent TV ad from John Hancock Financial Services, two lesbians rejoice over their new baby, and declare themselves a "family." The company insists it is not promoting homosexuality.

## John Hancock promotes lesbian 'family' in television commercial

AFA criticized a recent television commercial from John Hancock Financial Services, which shows two lesbians adopting a baby and declaring themselves a "family."

"What John Hancock has done is to promote same-sex couples as the equivalent of a husband and wife," said AFA Vice President Tim Wildmon. "That is insulting to millions of people who believe in the sanctity of marriage and the family. And it is especially outrageous that the company ran the ad during the Olympics, when children were watching."

The commercial shows two women at an airport holding a baby, and one of the women whispers to the sleeping baby, "This is your new home." In the conversation, the viewer hears that the child's "papers" – evidently adoption papers – are in the diaper bag.

Then one says, "Can you believe this?... We're a family."

A slightly different version of the ad ran at the end of July. The comment about the lesbians being a family was followed by one woman saying, "You'll make a great mom," to which the other responds, "So will you."

The controversy over that version led to a Chicago Tribune story by Barbara Brotman. When Brotman contacted John Hancock, she was told that the company was deleting the comments about family and motherhood. However, the newer version of the commercial only drops the comments about motherhood.

"I have little doubt that, after the Chicago Tribune story ran, the company came under tremendous pressure from homosexual activists. John Hancock apparently buckled," Wildmon said.

In its own defense, John Hancock told Brotman, "We absolutely were not trying to communicate or promote or endorse one particular lifestyle or another."

Wildmon, however, found that too hard to believe. "That's preposterous. Would the ad look any different if the company were promoting lesbian families? The truth is, John Hancock took a page out of the homosexual playbook and declared two lesbians with a baby to be a family."

Contact: John Hancock Co., Chrm. Stephen L. Brown, P.O. Box 111 Boston, MA 02117;

# Michigan State student assaulted for Christian beliefs on homosexuality

BY RANDALL MURPHREE • Editor, AFA Journal

Jason Van Dyke, a Michigan State University (MSU) junior, charged that the campus paper dismissed him from the staff last spring because of his conservative views. Since then, he has suffered personal assaults on his property, vandalism in his dorm room, theft and intimidation. But Jason Van Dyke is not a quitter.

He is passionate and motivated about issues he believes in, according to Justin Miller, Baptist minister and leader of MSU's Christian Challenge. Miller leads a Bible study in which Van Dyke regularly participates. "Jason is probably one of the few people actually practicing free speech on campus," Miller told AFA.

In an October 10 letter, Van Dyke wrote, "I was fired last [school] year from The State News in controversy involving a column I wrote that described the campus homo-

sexual rights movement as hypocritical in the way they teach tolerance and diversity." The State News is the university's official daily campus paper. Following pressure from a campus homosexual activist group, Van Dyke was fired two days later.

Ironically, trying to silence Jason Van Dyke may be futile. Since he was fired, he has addressed the issue of campus media bias on **C-Span**, **Lansing Upfront** and **Battle of Ideas** television programs; and **Truth Under Fire** and **On the Mark** radio shows. The story has also appeared in *National Review* and *Michigan Review* magazines.

This fall, Van Dyke founded The Spartan Spectator, a bi-weekly conservative newspaper on the MSU campus. The Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI), The Leadership Institute, Accuracy in Academia, and others provided seed money for the new paper.

On October 19, Van Dyke's room was vandalized while he studied in the dormitory study lounge three doors down the hall. This is the most personal of a series of attacks that began last spring. Earlier incidents included the theft of entire stacks of The Spartan Spectator from distribution points.

Explaining the October 19 assault, Van Dyke said, "At first, the damage appeared to be minimal. There was a large amount of popcorn dumped all over the floor. However, when I began to climb into my loft, I saw that...someone had urinated on the mattress and written the word 'DIE' on the loft." Finally, the vandals stole his credit card number and ordered merchandise delivered to Van Dyke's room.

Police say perpetrators, if identified, could be charged with vandalism, assault (because of the word "DIE" written on Van Dyke's loft), and theft (for the stolen credit card number).

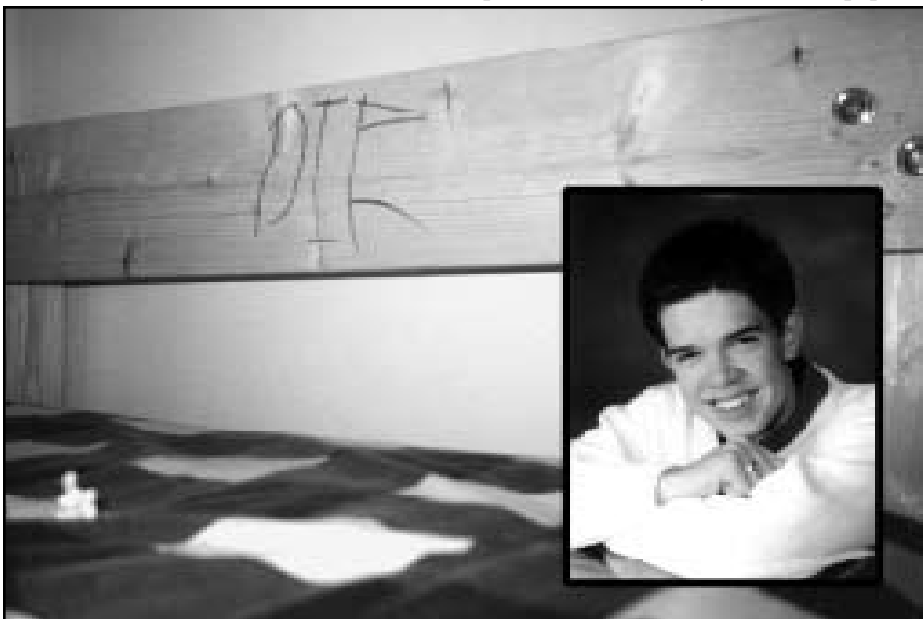
Gary Glenn, president of AFA of Michigan, said, "On the MSU campus, it appears the First Amendment [freedom of speech guarantee] applies to everyone except a student who disagrees with the homosexual political agenda."

Van Dyke's situation is not unique. Across the nation, conservative and Christian journalists are often carefully excluded from official campus publications. According to Family News in Focus (FNF), conservative editor Wesley Wynne discovered last year that his papers had been stolen from news stands at University of Texas. "We know they were stolen," he told FNF, "because we would come back an hour after they were put out and they would all be gone."

Now with ISI, Wynne says, "Jason Van Dyke is a fearless kind of guy. He'll say what he believes and not back down."

The Spectator has a budget of more than \$10,000 for this school year, but even with the seed money grants, it still needs \$5,000 to keep the paper afloat, some of it immediately. The Spectator is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.

Jason Van Dyke didn't set out to be a martyr. Or even a hero. But he's not a quitter. He has the passion and the perseverance to use his gifts and talents to s



On October 19 Jason Van Dyke (inset photo) returned to his dorm room at Michigan State University to find it vandalized and the word "DIE" written on the loft.

# Violent video games teach aggressive behavior

BY JOHN GOCKE, *video game reviewer* © 2000 [www.AIMenconi.com](http://www.AIMenconi.com)

Two studies published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* on April 23, 2000, clearly demonstrate that violent video games DO negatively affect the behavior of those who play them.

One study demonstrated that graphically violent video games produce an immediate increase in aggressive thoughts and behavior.

The other study found that violent game play not only increased aggressive behavior, but produced a long-term, real-life impact on the behavior and relationships of the players.

Psychology professors from the University of Missouri, Columbia and Lenoir-Rhyne College, conducted the study on 227 undergraduate college volunteers drawn from introductory psychology courses. Psychologists Craig Anderson and Karen Dill found that violent computer games affect the player in the following ways:

**1. The player identifies with the aggressor.** In “first person” video games, the player assumes the identity of the shooter and sees the world through the character’s eyes. In effect, the game puts the weapon in the hands of the player to heighten the game’s impact as he kills the enemy. They found that players became emotionally involved with their character and “enjoyed” killing the bad guys. (It is one thing to watch the “Terminator” work. It is another thing to BE the terminator.) As a result:

- Players develop positive attitudes toward the use of violence.
- Players develop expectations that others will behave aggressively.
- Players assume that others have similar attitudes of aggression.
- Players come to believe that violent solutions are effective and appropriate for solving problems in life.

**2. The player actively participates in the violence.** These studies illustrated the

idea that playing violent video games is a way of rehearsing violent behaviors, and

makes it easier to bring that behavior into real life. If you practice shooting basketballs thousands of times, you get better at scoring. If you practice killing thousands of times, you get better at that as well. The Columbine shooters, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, had been playing “first person shooters” for more than a year before that fateful day. When the time came to “play the game” in the real world, they were ready. As a result:

- Violent video games teach a total dis-



Ratings appear on game packaging like the ones above. To check the ratings of particular games, call the ESRB at 800-771-3772 or visit [www.esrb.org](http://www.esrb.org).

## Video game rating guide for par-

**EC (Early Childhood)** – Suitable for ages 3 and up. Games with this rating, according to the Entertainment Software Ratings Board (ESRB) website, “do not contain any material that parents would find inappropriate.”

**E (Everyone)** – Suitable for ages 6 and up. “These titles will appeal to people of many ages and tastes. They may contain minimal violence, some comic mischief (for example, slapstick comedy), or some crude language.” Note: On January 1, 1998, this category replaced the “K-A” (Kids to Adults) rating, although some games may still carry the older symbol.

**K-A (Kids to Adults)** – see “E” above.

**T (Teen)** – Suitable for persons ages 13 and older. Games with this rating “may contain violent content, mild or strong language, and/or suggestive themes.”

**M (Mature)** – Suitable for persons ages 17 and older. “These products may include more intense violence or language than products in the Teen category. In addition, these titles may also include mature sexual themes.”

**AO (Adults Only)** – Suitable only for adults. These games “may include graphic depictions of sex and/or violence. Adults Only products are not intended to be sold or rented to persons under the age of 18.”

**RP (Rating Pending)** – This symbol means the product has been submitted to the ESRB and has not yet received a final rating.

Parents can usually find additional content descriptions on the back of a game package. For the meanings of those descriptions, visit the ESRB website.

regard for societal norms, property rights, and even the general value of other lives.

- The world is seen as a violent, unsafe place. (Everyone is out to get me.)
- The player learns that aggressive actions against others, such as fighting and shooting, may be appropriate, even necessary.

**3. Violent video games have an addictive nature.** Players receive constant and immediate reinforcement for aggressive performance in the form of visual and auditory (sensory) stimulation. This positive stimulation is reinforced during a “kill” with special effects such as exploding body parts, blood, gore, and general mayhem. It provides an excellent environment for learning aggression. As a result:

- Violent video game exposure contributes to aggressive personality traits in the player, and further playing can make an already aggressive person even more aggressive.
- As players become more aggressive, it changes their outlook on life and socializing. They tend to choose to socialize with others who demonstrate the similar attitudes of aggression.
- The player’s socialization with teachers, parents, and non-aggressive peers are likely to degenerate.
- The more realistic the games are, the stronger the negative impact.

In conclusion, if you observe your child developing aggressive attitudes towards others, you may need to make an evaluation of his video games and other forms of entertainment.

These two studies validate the probability that your child will become more aggressive, irritable, and possibly even violent if he plays violent video games.

Their findings also coincide with Colossians 2:8, which warns us that submitting our minds to the empty philosophies of this world will undermine our Christian life.

If you would like to read more on what a parent can do about the influence of video games, go to [www.gospelcom.net/menconi/games](http://www.gospelcom.net/menconi/games).



M A K E  
**THE RIGHT CALL**

**Active Citizens Help**  
With Lifeline's "Connections" or "Sunday Connections" calling plans, you'll receive 10 FREE minutes each month to call your congressional representatives or senators.

Making the right call can change the world we live in. One call to Lifeline Communications will. When you sign up for Lifeline long distance you'll be supporting Christian ministries and organizations like AFA through our 10% "Give Back" program. By simply making phone calls, AFA members have donated over FIVE MILLION DOLLARS to support family values and our country. With rates as low as 4.9¢ on Sundays,\* you can't go wrong. Doing the right thing has never been so easy.

\*Monthly fee is \$5.95. Monday through Saturday rate is 6.9¢ per minute.

**CONNECTING PEOPLE. CHANGING LIVES.**  
1 . 8 0 0 . 9 9 0 . 0 1 0 9

NPO-AFA-0002

## ACTION IN-

Use this information to write or call advertisers cited in this issue's television reviews.

Burger King Corporation  
Chrm. John McGrath  
P. O. Box 020783  
Miami, FL 33157  
Phone: 305-378-7011  
Fax: 305-378-7262  
www.burgerking.com  
Products: Burger King restaurants

Cosmair, Inc.  
V. Pres. James A. Nixon  
575 Fifth Ave.  
New York, NY 10017  
Phone: 212-818-1500  
Fax: 212-984-4056  
Toll Free: 1-800-322-2036  
Products: Garnier haircare products, L'Oreal hair care products, Maybelline cosmetics, Plenitude, Preference hair dye, Studio Line products

General Motors Corporation  
Chrm. John F. Smith  
100 Renaissance Center  
Detroit, MI 48243  
Phone: 313-556-5000  
Fax: 313-556-5108  
www.gm.com  
Products: Buick, Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Pontiac and Saturn automobiles, DirecTV direct satellite broadcasting

The Procter & Gamble Co.  
Chrm. Durk Jager  
P. O. Box 599  
Cincinnati, OH 45201  
Phone: 513-983-1100  
Fax: 513-983-4381  
www.pg.com  
Products: Cheer detergent, Febreze household product, Mr. Clean cleaner, Secret deodorant, Sinex, Vicks medication, Zest detergent bar

Toyota Motor Sales, USA Inc.  
Pres. Yoshio Ishizaka  
19001 S. Western Ave.  
Torrance, CA 90509  
Phone: 310-618-4000  
Fax: 310-618-7820  
Toll Free: 1-800-331-4331  
Products: Lexus automobiles, Toyota motor vehicles

# Disney, GM sponsor sleazy sit-

The sleaze factor soars high in the fall season sitcoms. The reviews below are not necessarily the worst, but are simply representative of what fills most 30-minute sitcoms. Along with General Motors and Disney, Tricon Global (Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and KFC) is a major sponsor.

### ► **Becker** **H P23 S** **TVPG-DL**

CBS, 10/16 – The series' commitment to profanity is illustrated with this episode in which Dr. John Becker, series hero, is again the chief offender. One story line follows the promiscuous Linda (Becker's office employee) who fantasizes about their new neighbor Chris as a potential male sex partner. She is shattered when Chris turns out to be a lesbian.

Advertiser: General Motors

### ► **Drew Carey** **H P10 S V** **TVPG-DL**

ABC, 10/4 – This sixth season premiere promises nothing new for this series, with jokes about sexually transmitted disease, lesbianism, bestiality and oral sex between teenagers. The episode also had rather violent overtones. In one scene Mimi makes a nasty joke about someone blowing his head off with a shotgun, and when Lewis wakes up after a drunken party with what appears to be blood all over his shirt (it turned out to be cherry pie), there is a series of jokes about him stabbing people to death.

Advertisers: Disney, General Motors, Toyota

### ► **Everybody Loves Raymond** **P3 S** **TVPG-DL**

CBS, 10/16 – There is sexual double entendre (regarding the Romano men's genitalia size) as Dad, Raymond and Robert discuss Robert's dilemma — he's seeing three women. Amy wants a "relationship," but he recently had casual sex with Sofonia on vacation, and his ex-wife wants casual sex.

Advertiser: Disney

### ► **Family Guy** **P9** **TV14-L**

Fox, 8/29 – The Griffin family goes to New York, where Chris (about 12) has the opportunity to become a rich and famous artist. In offensive scenes, baby Stewie (about 2) curses, a staple ingredient for the show, and Walt Disney demands that Minnie Mouse strip so he can draw her naked.

Advertiser: Disney

### ► **Friends** **H P6 S** **TVPG**

NBC, 10/12 – Monica and Chandler finally get engaged in this eighth season premiere, but they've been having sex all along. When Chandler is unable to sexually perform for one of their trysts, there are numerous jokes about male arousal. There is a constant stream of sexual dialogue among all the characters in the episode, as well as a few jokes about homosexuality.

Advertiser: Toyota, Tricon Global

### October 12 **P11 S** **TVPG**

There is plenty of humor involving pornography on this show, as Joey, already a known porn aficionado, finds out that Rachel has been reading a "dirty book." Ross also admits using pornography on a regular basis. Rachel teases Joey, saying "sex me up" and prepare for "a rough ride." There is a good message about how a man and wife are supposed to cooperate and communicate during marriage, but it is overwhelmed by the constant barrage of sex talk in the episode.

Advertiser: General Motors

### ► **The Geena Davis Show** **P8 S** **TVPG-DL**

ABC, 10/17 – Co-workers Teddie (the series heroine), Judy and Hilary discuss their sex lives at work. Hilary is promiscuous and proud of it. Teddie's work has consistently come before her promises to family. Her husband is a journalist writing an article on Barney Frank, homosexual congressman and standard bearer for the homosexual activist agenda. Teenage son Carter has an attitude (disrespect, of course, for parents).

Advertisers: Procter & Gamble, Tricon Global

### ► **Just Shoot Me** **P7 S** **TVPG**

NBC, 10/12 – The premiere of this show's fourth season finds promiscuous Nina trying to seduce Dennis, with plenty of filthy suggestiveness in her dialogue. The headlines of *Blush*, the magazine on which they work, are typical of such fare, with articles about faking sexual enjoyment and sexual escapades in the bedroom ("Bed-Athalon").

Advertisers: General Motors, Procter & Gamble, Toyota

### ► **Norm** **ACH P10 S** **TVPG-DL**

ABC, 10/4 – This episode's jokes about transvestites, prostitution and homosexual group sex are fairly typical for this series, but Norm also makes a remark that is blasphemous and very



insulting to Christians. He claims a personal sacrifice he made was “not unlike that guy Jesus Christ Almighty.”

Advertisers: General Motors, Toyota

► **Spin City** **H P8 S** **TVPG-DL**

ABC, 10/18 – This was the season premiere and the debut of the series’ new central character, bad-boy Charlie Crawford, whose reputation for promiscuity was played for laughs. Series pervert Stuart says he is against the “war on pornography,” and there are jokes about prostitution, Caitlin’s breasts and sexual arousal. A guy picks up homosexual character, Carter, in a bar, and then tries to pick up Charlie.

Advertisers: Procter & Gamble, Tricon Global

► **That '70s Show** **P15 S SA** **TV14-LD**

Fox, 10/3 – Steven Hyde, a teenager living with the Formans (the series’ main characters), is busted for drug possession. Red Forman promptly kicks Hyde out. Ironically, the next-door neighbors use marijuana, as do all of the six teenagers in the show. In fact, it turns out that the kids have been smoking marijuana since age 12 – in Red Forman’s basement. In addition to the pro-drug theme, there are a number of sex jokes.

Advertisers: Disney, Volkswagen

► **Titus** **P8 S** **TVPG-DL**

Fox, 10/3 – Chris’ dad’s promiscuous lifestyle is portrayed as a desirable thing, and his alcohol abuse is a funny thing. In addition, there are a number of homosexual jokes in the episode. The main story line centers on Chris having a nurse shave Dad’s testicles when he is in the hospital.

Advertiser: General Motors

**October 10** **P10 S** **TVPG-DL**

Chris and Erin fight over the fact that each had sex with someone else immediately after breaking up with each other. Since Chris didn’t use a condom during sex, his dad, who had always been unfaithful to his previous wives, reminds Chris to “cheat responsibly.” There were some very graphic sexual discussions between the characters. Everyone thinks Tommy is “gay,” although he denies it.

Advertiser: Tricon Global

► **Tucker** **P4 S** **TVPG**

NBC, 10/2 – Following a divorce from the husband who left her for a younger woman, Jamie takes her 14-year-old son, Tucker, and goes to

live with her self-righteous, condescending sister, Claire. Sexual arousal (Tucker’s), homosexuality and Tucker’s sexual obsession are subjects for jokes.

Advertisers: General Motors, Tricon Global

► **Two Guys and a Girl** **P14 S** **TVPG-DS**

ABC, 10/6 – In this fourth season premiere, the show’s characters use God’s name in vain an amazing 12 times in just a half-hour sitcom. Irene and Berg continually have sex even though they both think the relationship is wrong for them. Couples Pete and Marti and Johnny and Sharon also talk plenty about sex, and a wedding photographer is nonchalant about the fact that he takes porn pictures on the side. In that context it is mentioned that the photographer also has pictures of a dog licking itself.

Advertisers: Disney, Toyota, Tricon Global

**October 13** **P6 S** **TVPG-D**

ABC, 10/13 – In this episode, the focus is on Berg’s casual sex with Irene, and their trying to keep it secret from their friends. Berg is clearly taking advantage of Irene, who is emotionally unstable. A fantasy fetish is implied in one scene.

Advertiser: Tricon Global

► **Will & Grace** **H P14 S** **TVPG**

NBC, 10/12 – The third season of this pro-homosexual series kicked off with lots of sex talk. Grace is having sex with two different boyfriends, and can’t decide which one to dump, although at the end one of them turns out to be homosexual. Jack’s homosexual promiscuity is a constant punch line on this show, as is his appetite for “gay” porn. There are several genitalia jokes.

Advertiser: Volkswagen

**October 19** **H P9** **TVPG**

This episode promotes same-sex families when Will and Jack are surprised to discover that six of their party buddies have coupled up and now have infants to care for. One man tells them, “I have what I’ve always dreamed of – a family.” Will says he can’t wait to have the same thing. There are jokes about oral sex, the size of male genitals, and promiscuous “gay” sex. Grace’s misunderstanding when Ben asks her if she wants “to go for a ride on my boat” is played for laughs on a number of occasions.

Advertiser: Toyota

► **Yes, Dear** **MORE REVIEWS NEXT PAGE** ►

Tricon Global Restaurants, Inc.  
Chrm. Andrall E. Pearson  
1441 Gardiner Lane  
Louisville, KY 40213  
Phone: 502-874-8300  
Fax: 502-874-2690  
Toll Free: 1-888-874-4986  
www.triconglobal.com  
Products: Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell

Volkswagen of America, Inc.  
Pres. Gerd Klaus  
3800 Hamlin Road  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326  
Phone: 248-340-5000  
Fax: 248-340-5540  
Toll Free: 1-800-822-8987  
www.vw.com  
Products: Audi and Volkswagen automobiles

The Walt Disney Company  
Chrm. Michael Eisner  
500 S. Buena Vista Street  
Burbank, CA 91521  
Phone: 818-560-1000  
Fax: 818-526-1137  
Products: Buena Vista Pictures, Hollywood Pictures, Miramax Films, Touchstone Pictures, Walt Disney Pictures

**AFA TV CODES**

- AC** Anti-Christian
- H** Promotes homosexual agenda
- P** Profanity; the number following the “P” is the number of times profanity is used in the program.
- PC** Politically correct in dealing with an issue identified in the review
- S** Objectionable sexual content (may include partial nudity)
- SA** Substance abuse (drugs or alcohol)
- V** Violence (graphic or gratuitous)
- +** Positive theme with no objectionable elements (A good story told with profane language earns no commendation.)
- TV** TV network ratings are indicated in black.

## Burger King, Cosmair advertise on shows with positive val-

► **Daddio + TVPG**

NBC, 10/16 – The first day of school gives the entire family plenty of anxious moments. Dad has a good talk with his son Max about being scared and facing his fears.

Advertiser: Cosmair

► **Boy Meets World + TVG**

ABC, 9/1 – Shaun decides not to hold Angela back when she gets an opportunity to go to Europe for a year with her father, who's in the military. This episode focuses on Shaun's self-sac-

rifice for her happiness, and the other characters applaud his unselfish decision.

Advertisers: Burger King, Cosmair

► **Touched by an Angel + TVPG**

CBS, 9/3 – Rickey is a 19-year-old who's angry at life. Feeling hopeless and alienated, he is losing his job, he can't go to college and he has to care for his mother and younger brother. Then his gift for writing poetry comes to light, and the angels help him overcome some major obstacles.

Advertisers: Burger King, Cosmair

## Dramas get Toyota, P&G, Volkswagen support

► **C.S.I. P29 S V TV14-DLSV**

CBS, 10/6 – This debut episode suggests that the series will be a leader in profane language (29 incidents), and portends that illicit sex will be a mainstay (with its two skin scenes). **C.S.I.** (crime scene investigation) also promises to provide plenty of violence. Story lines include sexual innuendo between two principal characters and a man who passed out after going to have sex with a hooker.

Advertiser: Toyota

► **Deadline P17 V TV14**

NBC, 10/2 – Reporter Wallace Benton is the main character in this new drama. In the debut, he works for the release from death row of an innocent man who had been convicted partially because of Benton's reporting. Benton's estranged wife is dating another man, even though they are not divorced.

Advertiser: Procter & Gamble, Toyota, Tricon Global, Volkswagen

► **Freakylinks P11 S V TVPG-LV**

Fox, 10/6 – This debut episode promises another bizarre sci-fi/horror drama from Fox, as Derrick and his team of investigators look into metaphysical goings on. The only beneficial message from this series would be that those who mess around with the occult will find trouble, although the occult is not portrayed in a biblical fashion.

Advertisers: Disney, General Motors, Volkswagen

► **That's Life P14 S TVPG-L**

CBS, 10/1 – The debut of this new series demonstrates that CBS thinks life is about sex. Lou and Lydia are sleeping together before marriage, and when Lydia attends her first college class on human sexuality, viewers are treated to a huge diagram of male genitalia, and a graphic discussion of male sexual arousal. A girl in another class is drawing a pornographic picture of a man and a woman having sex, and we see Lydia's fantasy about having sex with the professor.

The positive messages about perseverance and the importance

of education are forced to compete with the episode's in-your-face sexuality.

Advertiser: Procter & Gamble

► **The Titans P6 S TV14**

NBC, 10/4 – At her wedding, young Heather Lane is escorted by Chandler, son of Richard Williams, the man she's marrying. As they walk down the aisle, Heather whispers to Chandler that she is pregnant and he is the child's father. In another scene, Heather drops her robe to go skinny-dipping in front of Chandler's brother, Peter. Sex will obviously be the mainstay of this new prime-time soap opera. Ex-wife Gwen lives across the street, and is still a major player in the Williams family corporate operations.

Advertisers: General Motors, Procter & Gamble, Toyota

► **The West Wing P14 PC TV14**

NBC, 10/4 – This two-hour special season premiere answers questions from last spring's cliff-hanger. The president was not the one injured in the shooting, but one staffer is seriously hurt.

A "White Pride" group is responsible for the attempted murder of Charlie, the president's young black aide, who is dating the president's daughter. The ultra-liberal presidential team take predictably politically correct views on gun control and poverty.

Advertisers: Procter & Gamble, Toyota, Tricon Global, Volkswagen

**October 18 P2 TV14**

This episode again preaches politically correct ideology, this time on the issue of homosexuality. In a tense segment, the president verbally assaults Dr. Jacobs, a conservative television show host. Dr. Jacobs is portrayed as self-righteous when she quotes the biblical view of the sin of homosexual behavior.

The Dr. Jacobs character is clearly patterned after Dr. Laura Schlessinger. To validate his attack, the president quotes scripture on various other moral issues, painting himself as the biblically literate standard bearer for morality.

Advertisers: Disney, General Motors, Procter & Gamble, Toyota

# Crown of Thorns

*More than just jewelry*



Actual size



Brad & Debbie Ferguson  
and Samaritan Arts Jewelry  
www.samaritanarts.com  
©1980 by Brad Ferguson

## ORDER INFORMATION

INTERNET: [www.samaritanarts.com](http://www.samaritanarts.com) (VISA, MC, Discover)

PHONE: 1-800-658-6148 (VISA, MC, Discover)

MAIL: Clip and mail this form (VISA, MC, Discover, money order or personal check.)

Name _____	Please send me:	Quantity	Price
—	Yellow gold pendants	_____	\$ _____
Address _____	White gold pendants	_____	\$ _____
City/State/Zip _____	Shipping (1-2, \$8.50; 3 or more, \$10.50)		\$ _____
		Total	\$ _____

SAMARITAN ARTS • 2427 I-40 WEST • AMARILLO, TX 79109



Ten thousand evangelists gather for Amsterdam 2000.

## Like Amsterdam, is America headed for quick de-

BY MATT FRIEDEMAN



My graduate school encouraged me to take a trip to Amsterdam this summer as a faculty enrichment opportunity. It would, they supposed, be a broadening experience.

Truly, it was. Billy Graham is, of course, one of history's well-known Christian statesmen whose organization (The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association) aims to promote evangelistic endeavor. Occasionally, Graham sponsors international conferences. This most recent Amsterdam event gathered 10,000 evangelists from 209 nations to the Netherlands for purposes of spiritual growth, planning strategy and mutual encouragement.

Graham, who recently underwent surgery, was unable to attend the nine-day conference but during the last gathering he sent a taped message that admonished those present to keep the faith and to never forsake going into a sinful world to proclaim the gospel of Christ.

At that moment the inquiring mind, if it was paying attention, might understand why Amsterdam was the locale chosen for

the assembly. If it's a sinful world you are concerned about, then what better place.

Not that Amsterdam isn't charming in its own way. It is so European, with its flowers and trams and buses and tourists and bakeries and the arts and museums.

But the city is known for more than that.

Walk out of a Graham event and you will have heard about God, the Bible, Christian responsibility, the fellowship of the saints. Walk into Amsterdam and you will see empty shells that were once flourishing churches, smell the aroma of legalized marijuana as you stroll past the bars, see an official red light district and notice other places that may as well be. Television and store advertisements are full of the risqué, and natives have adopted a sort of pride that all this can subsist alongside even a week-long Billy Graham conference.

It had initially escaped my notice that we were in the city where Anne Frank and family hid from the Nazis and then were captured, though not before the world's most famous diary had been penned and saved. Upon discovering that Anne Frank's

house was a mere stroll from our hotel, I hiked over and toured the canal-side office/residence where for 25 months the young Frank rested secure from the world turned upside down outside her "Secret Annex."

And it dawned on me, suddenly. Were she alive today, Ms. Frank would be 71. She could return and visit her annex, mourn the death of her friends and family, remember her diary and her life since.

She could stare out the window of her father's business with its offices and storerooms and during the week of our conference see a canal filled with partying people.

For it was the week of Amsterdam's Gay Parade. Thousands of tourists and city folk laughing at homosexuals floating down Amsterdam's canals strutting their stuff – transsexuals, cross dressers, lesbians kissing, homosexuals touching, decency and traditional values mocked and derided.

It was quite a contrast. Innocence mocked just 30 yards away from one of the world's monuments to innocence. A couple of kilometers away stood the red light district – legal prostitution, legal everything.

What better town, I supposed Graham must have thought, to remind the world's evangelists of their task. And what better place for Americans to be reminded where we as a nation can go, if we choose to, and in so short a time as it takes a precocious child to grow to the age of retirement.

### And what of America?

Couldn't happen here, right?

New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan would beg to differ. Moynihan, hardly a conservative icon, once wrote in the *American Scholar* (Winter, 1993): "The amount of deviant behavior in American society has increased beyond the levels the community can 'afford to recognize' and that, accordingly, we have been redefining deviancy so as to accept much conduct previously stigmatized, and also quietly raising the 'normal' level in categories where behavior is now abnormal by any earlier standard."

Moynihan would become well known in the nineties as the statesman who coined the phrase "defining deviancy down." And since he wrote those words in the *American Scholar* we have defined it further down, and down, and down. Abortion, fatherlessness, families asunder, immorality of all

kinds flourishing.

**Who's to blame?**

Let's talk straight. We have become experts blaming everybody but ourselves.

I was once on a TV show as part of a panel discussing our Jackson, Mississippi, community. The city council was in disarray as the president and another councilman were headed off to jail. The council president, for his own part, had made a secret deal with a strip club for the purposes of a re-zoning ordinance, was caught in the crime and was sent to a correctional facility.

The moderator, a newslady named Katin Rankin, looked at me during the give-and-take and asked me, "Matt, whose fault is all of this?"

I became, suddenly, agitated. My face began to get red and I prepared to tell her in dramatic on-air fashion that we are a nation of laws and that, frankly, the city council president had looked at that law, trampled on it, tried to get some cash flow he shouldn't have had as a public official and, well, if we were looking for blame there was only one place to put it – smack dab in his lap as he sat in his well-deserved jail cell.

That is what I was going to say. But I never got the words out. One of the panelists sitting next to me was a gentleman named John Perkins – author, teacher, community developer, national evangelical leader. As my finger stiffened and my face reddened, I prepared to answer Ms. Rankin with my vehement tirade but was interrupted by Dr. Perkins before I got a word out.

"Its my fault," he answered Rankin.

All heads, naturally, turned his way.

"I have lived in this community for decades as a Bible teacher. I should have been able to create an environment where what our council president did would have been unthinkable because of my efforts.

"You want someone to blame? I'll take the blame. All of it."

You could have heard a pin drop. I reflected on my own lack of community effort. But he made his point, and one we should remember when thinking about Amsterdam and the direction of America.

Whose fault? Our fault. And that is something we can change.

*Matt Friedeman is a professor at Wesley Biblical Seminary. Contact him at P.O. Box*

**G I F T A N N U I T I E S**

**“Since Walter passed away, I have to be careful with my money.”**



I need to invest so that I have income to live on. At the same time I love the Lord. It's important to me that I am able to support the Christian family values Walter and I so cherished as we raised our children.

My friend, Amy, suggested I consider a charitable gift annuity with American Family Association (AFA). She said I can transfer stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or real estate to AFA and receive income for the rest of my life. In addition, I can deduct a portion of the transfer as a charitable gift. I also will receive part of the income tax-free. I am excited that I can accomplish all of this and the Lord's work will benefit too.

*To learn how you can create a charitable gift annuity, complete the form below and mail it to Glen Fradenburg at the AFA Foundation. This will enable Glen to prepare a no-obligation, confidential illustration for your review. Or call 800-326-4543, X289.*



**Complete and mail this form to the address below**

AFA Gift Annuities may not be offered in every state.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- Date of birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (one-life annuity)
- Spouse's date of birth (if applicable) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (two-life annuity)
- Annuity funded by  cash  stock  mutual funds  real estate

**AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION  
P. O. BOX 3933 • TUPELO, MS 38803 • 800-326-4543, X289**

**HOMOSEXUALS...** from page 2  
teens and 80 adults.

### Tarnishing the buckle of the Bible Belt

Fresh off its success in New England schools and elsewhere, GLSEN has decided that the nation's Bible Belt is far too straight for its own good. The organization is preparing to send trained activists south of the Mason-Dixon line to repeat its achievements in Massachusetts and Vermont.

In a press statement released this summer, GLSEN said it had trained 15 "Southern activists" from its fifth annual Leadership Training Institute held in College Park, Maryland. The training of representatives from six Southern states – Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, Tennessee and

Texas – was aimed at "increasing the ability of chapter leaders to organize effectively in hometown schools and communities."

Brenda Barron, who holds the title of Assistant Director for Southern Organizing, said it was necessary for GLSEN to "create strong chapters with a strategic and highly-localized approach" in order to combat

what she called "anti-gay bias" in Southern schools. GLSEN's press release said schools throughout the South scored well below the "national failure rate" in "protecting and serving" homosexual, bisexual and transgendered students.

What protect and serve means to GLSEN, however, and what it means to parents, are



## Early Retirement

More golf. More fishing. More traveling. More puttering around the house. Sounds great, doesn't it?

### But are you ready?

There are important decisions to be made. Do I get another job until my pension plan kicks in? Will I be penalized for withdrawing money from my retirement account? Should I keep my retirement plan with my employer or roll it over into another type of account?

At EFP we have helped retirees across the nation analyze their options. **And we can help you.**

For example, we can tell you about a little known method of receiving retirement account withdrawals that allows individuals to take distributions from a rollover IRA before reaching age 59½, without incurring a 10% premature distribution penalty. This strategy can help close your income gap during this important transition period, while preserving the bulk of your retirement assets for the future.

Most importantly, EFP can help you make investment choices that are consistent with your values.

*Planning and trust* – these are the keys to a secure retirement. At EFP these are our specialties. Call us at 888-841-0254, or you can reach us by E-mail at [nclement@efpinc.com](mailto:nclement@efpinc.com).

\$25,000 minimum investment required. Securities offered through **FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION**, a registered broker/dealer. Member NASD and SIPC.

NEAL CLEMENT

**EFP Investment Advisor**



### Is pornography the other woman in your marriage?

It's a difficult question to ask. But we can help you deal with it...and many others.

At Esther Ministries we know how pornography and sex addiction can wreck lives and ruin marriages.

It's our calling to bring hope and help to wives who may be suffering in a relationship with a sexually-addicted man.

Learn more about this unique ministry at [estheronline.org](http://estheronline.org) or call 662-842-0580.

ESTHER MINISTRIES

P. O. Box 2874 • Tupelo, MS 38803



# The greatest gift

BY TIM WILDMON • AFA Vice-President

I had been watching this guy for, I guess, about two years. Almost every time Alison went in Wal-Mart he was there. And almost every time Alison goes in Wal-Mart, I stay in the van and park close to the front of the store. Saves us the trouble of finding a real parking place – and saves me the trouble of having to go in and pretend to enjoy something I personally loathe.

Nothing against the fine folks at Wal-Mart; it's just that I am not a shopper, even for the bare necessities. I don't even know what brand of shampoo we use. All I know is that it's always there.

But back to the guy in the parking lot. The one who gathers the buggies from all over the lot, lines them up, and pushes them – 50 at a time sometimes – back up to the store. Talk about a thankless job. I don't know what these guys get paid, but it should be above average. No matter what the weather, they must retrieve the buggies.

I have observed him in the hot mugginess of a Mississippi August as I sat in my air conditioned van. I have watched him as my windshield wipers worked overtime during a hard April shower. And he has gained my respect as I sat inside my warm van on a cold January night when the wind cuts like a knife. The guy is a rock, I've thought many times. I don't exactly know why this fellow and his work captured my attention the way they did. I suppose it was because I knew if I were out there, I would have quit a long time ago.

And I have worked hard manual labor before, my friends, so don't think me a complete office wimp. Worked a summer while I was in college for a metal chair manufacturer. They put me to work stacking sets of five boxed metal chairs on wooden pallets. For eight hours a day. First day I almost died. Seriously. I went straight home and went to bed. It was then I knew what a mule's life was about. Pain. Both mental and physical. It would have been emotional as well, but I was too tired for emotions. But I went back the next day. And then another. And finally the summer was over and I returned to college with a new appreciation for making a living with my head rather than my back.

Last December I decided that, after admiring my Wal-Mart man for two years, it was time I met him. One day Alison came back to the van and I pointed him out to her and told her I wanted to do something for him for Christmas. She agreed it was a good idea, so we went over to the Christian bookstore and purchased a really nice Bible and a card.

(Yeah, I broke down and went shopping.) A couple of days later we were at Wal-Mart again and – as always – there he was. I had the gift with me and Alison was inside, so I just walked up to him and said, "Excuse me, how are you?"

"Fine," he said. "Can I help you?"

"My name's Tim Wildmon and you are...?"

"David Johnson," he answered.

"Well, David..."

"Say, are you kin to Brother Don Wildmon?"

"Well, yeah, David I am. He's my dad. Why?" (I never know what kind of reaction I'm going to get to this.)

"Oh, I listen to his radio station some. Really enjoy it." (AFA owns and operates a Christian radio network including a station in Tupelo.)

"So, you are a Christian?"

"Yes, I am."

"Well, David, I come here a lot and I've been watching your work and I just wanted to say I appreciate what you do and I want to give you a little something for Christmas."

David unwrapped the box and opened it to find the Bible. A smile came to his face. He thanked me and said he needed a new one. He told me some about himself and where he went to church. I also told him to open the card later, that I had given him a little something to go to dinner on. We shook hands, I told him that God loved him, to have a merry Christmas, and back to work he went. And to the comfortable van went I.

That gave me a great feeling that day. Inside that Bible I gave David can be found a story of the greatest gift of all time. The gift God gave to David, to me, and to all who would only believe. The gift of His Son Jesus Christ. Take time to read and reread the ~~story~~

## The Trip of a Lifetime

The Holy Land & Rome

March 7-17, 2001

Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Jordan River, Jericho, the Sea of Galilee & more  
In Rome – the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Square, the Coliseum  
and the catacombs

Hosted by AFA VP Tim Wildmon and his brother, Mark

14 years experience leading tours to Israel

Free brochure: P.O. Drawer 2440 • Tupelo, MS 38803 • e-mail twildmon@afa.net

1-662-844-5036

# This video could save your teenager's life

On TV, in the movies, in the news and even in many schools, your children and grandchildren are bombarded with the message that homosexuality is normal. In some cases, teens are being encouraged to experiment with homosexual activities.

If you love your teenagers, make sure they see *It's Not Gay*. Without moralizing, without preaching, without judgmental or hateful language, *It's Not Gay* reveals the brokenness of the homosexual lifestyle – a story that is seldom portrayed in the media, but lived out daily in broken lives.

Your teens will hear from those who have lived the homosexual lifestyle – their own stories in their own words. Along with medical and mental health experts, these former homosexuals testify to the physical and emotional devastation of homosexual behavior.

Before their view is shaped by those who are promoting this tragic agenda, let your teens see the other

side of the issue. It could save their lives.

## TO ORDER

**Internet:** itsnotgay.com

**Phone:** 662-844-5036, ext. 4

**Mail:** Complete and mail the form below to: *It's Not Gay* (AFA), P. O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803.

Include personal check, money order or credit card information.

Visa, MC, Discover cards accepted on all orders.

Suggested donation: 1 for \$25; 2



## ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. of videos \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Total order \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Price includes shipping.)  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ VISA MC Discover (circle one) Exp \_\_\_/\_\_\_

AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

# JOURNAL

P.O. Drawer 2440  
Tupelo, Mississippi 38803

**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Internet websites**

www.afa.net  
www.afr.net  
www.afajournal.org

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit No. 36  
Gordonsville, VA

If your mailing address has changed because of the 911 program, please send AFA your correct address. The U.S. Postal Service will not send us your address correction nor forward your Journal after one year.