# Time Warner subject of boycott for marketing 'Cop Killer' music

The war against Ice-T's "Cop Killer" is heating up as law enforcement officers, Congressmen and others join in criticism of the rap song, while police groups are implementing a boycott of Time Warner, the distributor.

Fifty-two members of Congress have penned a letter to Time Warner, Inc. expressing "outrage" over the company's decision to market the song.

The letter states that Time Warner "appears (to) have chosen potential profit over any reasonable sense of public responsibility."

Atlanta-based Super Club Music Inc. said on June 17 it would stop selling **Body Count** (the album which includes "Cop Killer") at its 300 stores in 19 states that go by the names Turtles, Record Bar and Tracks.

The decision was made because of complaints from police, religious groups and Alabama's governor, said a spokeswoman for the retailer.

The New York State Sheriff's Association demanded that Time Warner subsidiary Sire Records pull copies of the song off music store shelves. A list of Time Warner products is being sent to agencies across the state in the hope that New York's 50,000 police officers and their families will join the boycott, Kehoe said. He said he'll encourage police groups across the country to join.

A national sheriffs' group urged all law officers and the public to join a boycott of Time Warner Inc. until the company pulls the song, a profanity-filled song that Ice-T describes as a protest against police brutality. It includes the lyrics, "I'm 'bout to dust some cops off. ... Die, die, die pig, die!"

"This song puts a target on the back of every officer in the United States and says, essentially, 'It's open season, kill a cop,'" Frank Policaro, Jr., president of the National Sheriffs' Association, said.

The boycott resolution was approved on a voice vote by more than 2,000 sheriffs and deputies gathered for the association's annual conference.

Law enforcement groups in Texas also helped launch the boycott, and at least three record store chains have stopped selling the song.

The company will continue selling the record because, "We stand for creative freedom," said Time Warner President Gerald M. Levin.

New Los Angeles police chief Willie Williams blasted rapper Ice-T and the music industry for "Cop Killer."

"I have major problems with it as an American, as a parent and as a 30-year police officer," Williams said.

"I have a son in law enforcement," he added. "And I have buried five police officers during my career...I think it's a disgrace that any singer would use such vulgarity and give the implication that killing an officer is OK."

Their address: Chrm. Steven J. Ross, Time-Warner, Incorporated, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019, Phone 212-522-1212, fax 212-522-0907, Atari games, Chaps cologne, People magazine, Sports Illustrated magazine, Time magazine.

*Compiled from various media reports*

## Carter, Tutu chair homosexual advocacy event

Former President Jimmy Carter and Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa agreed to serve as honorary co-chairs of the Human Rights Campaign Fund's fifth annual Atlanta Dinner. The event, which raises funds for the nation's largest homosexual advocacy organization, was held on May 16 in Atlanta. An HRCF spokesman said "their willingness to lend their names to this effort is very important." Carter is the first president of the United States to associate himself with a fundraising effort in the homosexual community. In a letter to the organizing committee Carter said, "I am pleased to be named an honorary co-chair of this important event."

*Bay Area Reporter, 5/14/92*

## Ex-porn star enjoying sober life

Harry Reems, who once appeared in hundreds of pornographic films and co-starred in **Deep Throat**, is today a happily married church trustee.

Television talk shows have been after Reems to tell viewers about his films and his 30-year struggle with alcoholism, but he says his sole purpose these days is to save people from killing themselves with alcohol.

"I know today that those of us who are spared, every day we live, we live with the grace of God," said the 44-year-old Reems, now a real estate agent.

He says he was given a glass of scotch by his father at age 11, and ended up drinking a gallon of vodka a day. His movie earnings bought him a palatial Malibu beach home, but he later wound up living in a Los Angeles supermarket trash bin asking for handouts.

On July 1, Reems celebrated three years of sobriety. He's become a trustee in the Park City Community Christian Church and he's been married for two years.

"I have learned what a miracle is," he said.

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## Quayle: Media favor abortion

Vice President Dan Quayle took another swing at what he has dubbed America's "cultural elite," accusing them of supporting abortion and treating the fetus "as an inconvenience to be discarded."

"They believe in the right to dispose of life. We believe in the right to life," Quayle said to cheers from more than 600 people at the National Right to Life convention.

He said the public response to his advocacy of family values has been overwhelmingly favorable, but not in "some of our newsrooms, sitcom studios and faculty lounges."

"The cultural elite don't want me to talk about values, but the American people do. The cultural elite's reaction has been outrage, ridicule and scorn," he said.

*Clarion Ledger, 6/12/92*

## The 'Bundle Baby'

One of the greatest joys of becoming a mommie has been the chance to be a kid again. I have an excuse to browse in toy stores, to pick up a trinket for my daughter—what fun! A lot of today's toys are nifty—or so I thought until I heard about Mattel's "My Bundle Baby," unveiled at toy fairs last month. The venerable manufacturer of Barbie has produced a doll that has a heartbeat, kicks and comes in a pouch with a banner announcing "It's a Boy" (or a girl, or twins).

In the era of AIDS and condoms and adolescent pregnancy, a toy that suggests playing pregnant seems cynical and hugely inappropriate. Traditional doll play already teaches the nurturing aspects (if not the headaches) of motherhood. Why encourage little girls to go beyond that, especially in a culture where sexuality has long been separate from love and abstinence is preached weakly to kids, while they're given condoms out of fear for their lives? Should a parent who gives a kid a Bundle Baby be surprised when Mary and Johnny play let's-make-a-baby in the sandbox?

While Mattel spokeswoman Donna Gibbs says Bundle Baby isn't intended to be an educational toy, she also says: "Toys are a reflection of culture, a way for children to understand the world around them—to emulate what they see in adults and test it out in a safe environment."

Instead of being more imaginative then ever, too many children are literal-minded like adults—victims of too much television, too much awareness of adult behavior, and too little time for old-fashioned use-your-imagination childhood.

*-From commentary by Linda Wright Moore, Philadelphia Daily News, 3/26/92*

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## GLAAD praises Sony, TV station

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/L.A. has praised KCBS-TV and Sony Pictures Entertainment for participating in events honoring homosexual pride.

SPE held a celebration for its employees as part of Sony's Celebration of Culture series. KCBS participated in the L.A. Pride Parade on June 28 with a float in the shape of a mini-cam.

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## Hoffmann, Donohoe latest to be axed from 'L.A. Law'

Cast and crew members of the NBC drama series L.A. LAW are arriving and departing with the frequency of firm-hopping attorneys.

After little more than a season, actors Cecil Hoffmann and Amanda Donohoe have been dropped from the series, NBC's Brian Robinette said. Donohoe has played a bisexual character, participating in prime-time's first lesbian kiss and in numerous bisexual affairs.

The two join a growing list of on-and off-camera departures from the once hugely successful program. The prolonged reshuffling of L.A. LAW personnel has been accompanied by a continual drop in ratings.

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## Knights of Columbus blast Hollywood, call for TV, movie decency code

The largest Catholic men's organization in California, the Knights of Columbus, has called for the reinstatement of an independent motion picture and television production code based on the "Hays Code" that ensured the decency of movies from 1934 to 1966. The group voted unanimously for the code at its annual state convention in Fresno in May.

The Knights charged that "the glorification of evil" on the screen "worsens the problems of rape, date-rape, sexual harassment, child molestation, sex addiction, serial killings, AIDS and venereal disease" in today's society.

"Much of the motion picture and television industry," the Knights said, "is robbing our families, our nation and our world of decency by presenting nudity, fornication, promiscuity, obscene language, excessive and graphic violence, blasphemy and anti-religious bigotry."

The group recalled that the Catholic Bishops of the United States established the "Hays Code" in the 1930s. The Knights back an updated version proposed by Dr. Ted Baehr of the Christian Film and Television Commission in Atlanta.

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## Porn magazines depend on PM/General Foods, Warner-Lambert for ad support

August issues of the two leading porn magazines feature ads from numerous companies that offer products for the family.

Advertisers in *Penthouse* included: Chrm. Michael A. Miles, Philip Morris, Incorporated, 120 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017, fax 212-878-2167, TOLL FREE: 1-800-343-0975, General Foods products, Kraft food products, Minute Rice, Post cereals.

Chrm. Toshio Kashio, Casio, Inc., P.O. Box 7000, Dover, NJ 07801, Phone 201-361-5400, fax 201-361-3819, Casio electronics.

Purchasing ads in *Playboy* were: Chrm. Dr. Theodore Cooper, Upjohn Company, 7000 Portage Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49001, fax 606-323-7034, TOLL FREE: 1-800-253-8600, Cortaid, Dramamine, Kaopectate medicine, Motrin pain medication, Rogaine.

Chrm. Melvin R. Goodes, Warner-Lambert Company, 201 Tabor Road, Morris Plains, NJ 07950, fax 201-540-3761, TOLL FREE: 1-800-223-0182, Certs breath mints, Efferdent denture cleaner, Schick Super II razor.

Chrm. William F. Farley, Farley Industries, 233 S. Wakcer Drive, Ste. 5000, Chicago, IL 60606, Phone 312-876-1724, fax 312-993-1749, Acme boots, Arrow shirts, BVD's underwear, Fruit of the Loom underwear.

## Researchers cite effects of daycare

Researchers Jay Belsky and David Eggebeen discovered that "children whose mothers were employed full-time beginning in their first or second year of life scored more poorly on a composite measure of adjustment than did children whose mothers were not employed during their first three years."

According to The Family in America, this conclusion came from a recent study at Pennsylvania State University, where researchers Belsky and Eggebeen investigated the social and emotional development of over 1,200 children ages four to six.

*The New York Guardian, 6/92*

## Judge brushes aside NEA decency policy

A U.S. District Court judge on June 9 struck down the decency language used by the National Endowment for the Arts in its grant-making process, saying the language is "vague" and "overbroad" and ultimately unconstitutional.

Artists and free-speech advocates hailed the decision as a major victory, saying that it sends a powerful message to the White House and Congress.

"This is a clear victory for artists in America who have been used as the scapegoats in the current political battles over values," said David Mendoza, executive director of the National Campaign for Freedom of Expression.

The clause in question, contained in an NEA statute, states that grants would be assessed on their "general standards of decency and respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the American public."

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## Program for children protects them from porn

How do we protect our children's minds from the destructive influences of pornography? It's been said that the best offense is a good defense. Janeen Brady, a nationally-known composer of children's music, took this saying to heart and wrote *Safety Kids Protect Their Minds*, a cassette tape and coloring book for children, to defend them from offensive attacks from the media. *Safety Kids Protect Their Minds* uses the same strategies used in the media—catchy songs, phrases, and visual images—to help children understand the dangers of involving themselves with pornography, and at the same time reminds them that we should never be ashamed of our bodies.

This program addresses with music such issues as not being able to forget something bad you've seen, becoming what you think about, becoming addicted to pornography, becoming desensitized, and pollution of the mind.

"*Safety Kids Protect Their Minds* has been done in excellent taste and is no way offensive, yet it is scientifically accurate," says Victor B. Cline, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology at University of Utah.

Brady has received endorsement from two U.S. Senators, recognition in the Congressional Record in June 1985, and received a Gold Seal Award from *Parents' Choice* magazine in 1986 for her songs