funding 50% of the $1.1 million for the movie. It will show Jesus returning in many forms, one of them being a political terrorist.

46. Leaders of the American Jewish Committee in their national meeting last summer released a pamphlet titled "The Transformation of Jewish Politics," in which the AJC said American Jews must defend themselves against "two major hostile pressures—the threat of anti-Semitic prejudice and discrimination and the incorporation into American public life of Christian symbols, practices and values."

47. Ted Turner tells a group of broadcasters that "Christianity is a religion for losers" and says the Ten Commandments are out of date.

48. Stewart Copeland, founder of the rock music group The Police, has written an opera "Holy Blood and Crescent Moon." He depicts Jesus as having been married and having a family. Informed that some people would be upset, Copeland, an atheist, responded: "I find the subject of religion fascinating; the historicity of Christ, how little he had to do with the invention of Christianity about 100 A.D. Obviously, these Holy Rollers, these fanatics, bridle at any suggestion or any discussion on the subject. My feeling is, [expletive] them!"

49. U.S. Senator Howard M. Metzenbaum (D-Ohio), told a Jewish audience at the Wise Center in Cincinnati, "Do not let the forces of evil take over and make this a Christian America."

50. The ACLU called CLeaR-TV members a group of "religious fundamentalists" and vowed to boycott any TV advertiser which withdraws ads from any program which contains material offensive to the values and concerns of CLeaR-TV. The ACLU threw their support behind the Mennen Company and Clorox Corporation for sponsoring sex, violence, profanity and anti-Christian bigotry on television. The ACLU announced a "buycott" and urged their members to go out of their way to buy Mennen and Clorox products.

Case could re-define parenthood

A case that could expand the legal definition of parenthood to include homosexuals has recently gone to trial in state court in Los Angeles. The case involves a lesbian's right to seek custody of her lesbian lover's child who was conceived through artificial insemination.

The former partner of a lesbian mother claims that her role in the child's conception and her financial support entitles her to participate in the child's upbringing. The case is significant, said Nathan Goldberg, an attorney for one of the lesbians, "because lesbians couples are now becoming parents" and "there is no law that talks about the rights of lesbian parents."

Terri Sabol claims that since she assisted in the insemination process, paid pregnancy expenses, supported the mother and child, and since her relative donated the sperm—she deserves custody.

The Wall Street Journal, September 8, 1989

Youth getting hooked on gambling

Many American youth are getting hooked on gambling at a young age. Ten students at Carter High School in Dallas, including members of the state championship football team, turned to armed robbery, apparently to cover gambling losses in high-stakes dice games. Several pleaded guilty and now face prison terms.

Some of the students told the *Dallas Morning News* that gambling is widespread among their peers, and often runs into "big money."

The incident comes in the wake of national reports that betting among teenagers is on the rise. The National Council on Compulsive Gambling says the United States may be headed into a decade where gambling will be the "addiction of choice" among young people.

The National Center for Pathological Gambling says that in the 1960s the compulsive gambler was typically a middle-aged white businessman. But now, treatment programs are often sought by teenagers and those in the early 20s who are deeply in debt from betting, sometimes contemplating suicide, and often threatened by bookies.

Valerie Lorenz, the center's executive director, says the increase in state lotteries and other legally sanctioned games of chance is making more people, including teenagers, gambling addicts. She says that public promotion of lotteries is making it easier for susceptible people to get hooked.

When a hot-line number of New Jersey's Council on Compulsive Gambling was posted on lottery machines statewide, one early caller was a 15-year-old boy who said he had been spending about $35 a week on tickets for two years. He was referred to a local chapter of Gamblers Anonymous.

Lorenz added: "A society that emphasizes chance and holds up to its youth the glitter of instant gratification shouldn't be surprised about the lure of gambling. The development of spiritual values at an early age, on the other hand, could beat the odds and agony of the point spread."

Lexington, Kentucky, Herald Leader, August 13, 1989

Church co-op offers Christian videos

More than 25 churches in Metro Atlanta have joined together to provide their members with Christian VCR tapes through their church libraries. Each church pays the cost to purchase 10 videos. Every two months, each church library receives 10 videos; the 10 already on hand are sent to the next church in the co-op.

The co-op is beginning its fourth year. Those interested in learning more about it may contact Randy or Susan Johnson at 404/998-7607.

Editors band together to promote abortion

Editors from 18 women's magazines gathered at a special meeting in New York last spring to develop a pro-abortion strategy. However, none of the magazines informed their readers about their meeting.

Organized by Cosmopolitan editor Helen Gurley Brown, the meeting was attended by editors from *Family Circle, New Woman, Columbia Journalism Review, Essence, New York Woman, Ladies' Home Journal, Woman's Day, Woman, Harper's Bazaar, Glamour, Mademoiselle, Savvy, Redbook, Lear's, Ms., Good Housekeeping* and *Mirabella.*

National Abortion Rights Action League executive director Kate Michelman asked the editors to publish an open letter from her organization to their subscribers. They did. The letter concerning abortion reads in part: "Religious extremists must not be allowed to impose their narrow beliefs on society as a whole, rather, each of us must be permitted to heed our own conscience and faith."

Citizen, September 1989

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concerns of their people and acted promptly when information concerning the situation became available.

Holiday Inns is the largest distributor of in-room porn movies in America. Approximately 1200 Christian leaders, including the heads of 50 denominations, have endorsed a boycott of Holiday Inns until the motel chain drops the in-room porn movies. The boycott has received growing support from many denominational groups in the past few months.

In a similar move, the North Dakota Right to Life Association moved its state convention from Fargo to Moorhead in order to honor the boycott of Holiday Inns. Carol Long, director of the Right to Life group, said, "If the Holiday Inn is going to be showing pornographic movies, we don't want to be giving them any money." No other motel in Fargo was large enough to host the convention, so the group moved to Moorhead.

The State Board of Marriage Encounter—United Methodist of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland has notified Holiday Inns that they will no longer consider a Holiday Inn facility as a location to hold their functions. Members of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) in Dunellen, New Jersey, passed a resolution supporting the boycott.

Mrs. Edna Jolly of Clarksville, Tennessee, wrote Holiday Inns to say that she will be asking her husband's Naval squadron of retired personnel (about 200 people), as well as another squadron of approximately 500, to boycott . And to dispute the claim by Holiday Inns that no business was being lost because of the boycott, David Leathers of Warner Robins, Georgia, sent them his receipt from another motel for $149.46.

While some locally-owned motels do not carry the movies, all corporately owned Holiday Inns continue to carry them. In order to learn if the individual Holiday Inn carries the movies, ask if they carry Satellite Cinema channel 3. That is the porn movie channel.

AFA urges concerned citizens to call Holiday Inns at 1-800-HOLIDAY to complain. Pastors are urged to put the information in their bulletins and newsletters and encourage their members to call. AFA also asks concerned citizens to contact their local Holiday Inn and find out if they carry the porn movies. Boycott them if they do. In several cities, the largest group of customers for Sunday lunch comes from Christians.

Those concerned can also write to complain: Chrm. Michael Rose, Holiday Corporation, 1023 Cherry Road, Memphis, TN 38117. Holiday Corporation also owns Embassy Suites and Hampton Inns.

Churches, groups and businesses are asked to endorse the boycott. Denominations, districts, councils, etc. are urged to adopt the following or a similar resolution:

"We wish to express our concern to Holiday Inns concerning the in-room pornographic movies available in all their corporately owned and many locally owned motels. We believe that pornography is detrimental to the moral fabric of our society. We are especially distressed that Holiday Inns is the largest provider of in-room pornographic movies in the world. We call upon the management of Holiday Inns to show corporate concern for members of our society, especially women and children, by removing these movies and returning Holiday Inns to its historic image of a family-oriented company.

"Until Holiday Inns takes such positive action in disassociating itself from pornography, we urge concerned individuals, churches and businesses to discontinue doing business with Holiday Inn motels which provide the in-room pornographic movies."

Please forward a copy of any resolution passed regarding the Holiday Inns boycott to AFA.

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Clorox Corporation for sponsoring sex, violence, profanity and anti-Christian bigotry on television. The ACLU announced a "buycott" and urged their members to go out of their way to buy Mennen and Clorox products.

New boycott cards available

AFA has available new three-part boycott cards. There is a card listing the products of Mennen and Clorox on one side with an explanation of the boycott on the reverse side. There are also pre-printed postcards to mail to Mennen and Clorox.

These cards are excellent inserts for church bulletins and newsletters. Also, local pro-family groups can use them as inserts in their newsletters.

The price is $3 per hundred including shipping. Order from: Boycott Cards, AFA, Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803.

CLeaR-TV leaders have called for a one year boycott of Mennen and Clorox products. The two companies refused to drop sponsorship of sex, violence, profanity and anti-Christian bigotry after being asked to do so three times by CLeaR-TV.

In the meeting at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles on October 12, the ACLU also blasted the American Family Association because AFA complained about the use of tax dollars by the National Endowment for the Arts in promoting anti-Christian bigotry. In recent competition, the NEA honored Andres Serrano with a grant for his exhibition which included a photo of Christ hanging on a cross submerged in Serrano's own urine and titled "Piss Christ". The NEA gave Serrano $15,000 prize money, funded by tax dollars.

Ramona Ripston, executive director of the ACLU of Southern California, told the crowd of more than 100, "We will steadfastly defend the television industry's right to produce and air its creative products without fear of censorship or the loss of corporate sponsors." Ripston threatened TV advertisers by saying that the ACLU would boycott any advertiser which shared the concerns of CLeaR-TV and withdrew their support from any program because of those concerns. "To those sponsors who, because of fear, ignorance or inconvenience, decide that the mere threat of opposition from the small but vocal groups is reason enough to abandon their commitments—to those sponsors, beware. We are here and we are waiting. And that's our bottom line." Ripston also told the group that they "can take heart from those who have been fighting for our reproductive rights."

Danny Goldberg, president of Gold Mountain Records, talked with the group about "lunatics like [AFA executive director Donald E.] Wildmon" and said the Christian leaders were a "bothersome, almost odious undertow in our culture." Goldberg said that Hollywood would have to present their efforts opposing the Christian leaders as a spiritual cause. "We have to present our position as a moral, dare I say spiritual solution," Goldberg said. The moderator of the program was Allan Parachini of the *Los Angeles Times,* and guest speakers included Burt Lancaster and Ali McGraw.

Christians were the only group singled out by the ACLU for their reprisal boycotts. The ACLU did not object to advertisers listening to other groups, such as homosexuals or feminists. The ACLU action was a blanket threat to the advertisers without taking into consideration the merit or worth of individual programs to which the Christian leaders might object. The ACLU's threat gave no exceptions. Any advertiser which shared the concerns of the Christian leaders and acted on those concerns, for any reason, would be boycotted by the ACLU.

Despite the action by the ACLU, the boycott has gained the support of the "mainline" churches in addition to the "evangelical" and "fundamental" churches. Several United Methodist, Presbyterian Church USA, Episcopal, Catholic and other churches are promoting the boycott.

Among the many publications which have endorsed the boycott is *Christianity Today. The Advent Christian News,* serving the Advent Christian Church, highlighted the boycott in their September issue.

Rev. Jim Lyon, Senior Pastor of the Fairview Church (Church of God, Anderson) in Seattle, Washington, wrote both Mennen and Clorox that he was joining the boycott and encouraging his 500 people to participate. "I have never written a letter like this before—nor have I ever participated in a boycott of any kind. Until now."

The National Ladies Society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America is mobilizing their church to promote the boycott. Dr. Dennis Jarrard, Chairperson of the Los Angeles Catholic Archdiocese Commission on Obscenity and Pornography, has endorsed and is promoting the boycott.

Among the many groups promoting the boycott are The Board of United Christian Citizens, Inc. of Baltimore, Maryland; the Session of 1500-member Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) in Clearwater, Florida; and the Board of Directors of Good News, the evangelical organization in the United Methodist Church.