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HOLLYWOOD SALUTES IT'S WMDs

Well, I've sent in my Oscar ballot. I'm a singer, an actor, a "member of the Academy," an entertainer. Believe it or not, for a while in the early part of my career, I was one of the top-10 box office stars, along with my pal Elvis. I've loved being in this unpredictable, exciting, universally influential phenomenon called entertainment.

But this year, as in the last several years, I've voted with great misgivings. When Elvis and I came into the business, we and the producers and the studio execs were all aiming at the vast "family audience," the moms and dads who gathered their kids on a Friday or Saturday night and headed to the local movie theater. Of course, we hoped to appeal to the teens, but we were aware that real success depended on our entertaining the whole age range - and certainly not offending parents by "going over the line," sexually or morally in any way. No nudity, no profanity, no brutality and absolutely no explicit, graphic sex scenes.

We had hit movies, one after another. Big bucks, huge audiences, worldwide acclaim. And the movie business itself was prospering like never before, with weekend family attendance a predictable ritual. I had "April Love" and "State Fair" and "Journey To The Center of The Earth," while Elvis had "Love Me Tender," "King Creole," "Blue Hawaii" and many more. There was no "X" rating, or even "PG"; movies were for the whole family, and families all over the world ate 'em up and envied the glorious country they reflected.

All that has changed, drastically. Today the movie studios belch forth silly, raunchy, titillating teen schlock, "chick flicks" (soapy, sexy women's stories), and over-violent car chase or bloodletting fantasies. Or they give us all-out soft porn - morbid, taboo-busting and hopelessly dark productions clearly intended to appeal to every base instinct known to man. The current "horror films" manage to combine all these elements into a mindless sensory blitz of blood, sex, violence and fear, a modern American staple.

I don't think it's a stretch to call many of Hollywood's latest films - including the nominated ones this year - WMDs.

Why? Well, what's the definition of a WMD? The term still doesn't appear in most dictionaries, but the name itself tells you: It's a weapon, by its nature destructive, and it's aimed at masses of people. Right?

So look at what most of this year's Oscar nominees, for sad example, are accomplishing. All are beautifully produced and powerfully acted; they are fashioned and marketed by giant studio machines; and, because of their negative messages and content, they are like guided missiles. And the combination of major stars, provocative advertising and millions spent on marketing around the world effectively targets the masses.

It's the payload, the content, that makes them so destructive. I'm still a member of the Academy, so I get DVDs of almost all the films that are clamoring for nomination, in order to vote knowledgeably. I'm no prude, for Pete's sake, but this year I could only find five to vote for in any category, and some I quit watching after 10 minutes!

In the five nominees for "Best Picture," there's "There Will Be Blood," a magnificent trashing of America's early oil exploration. "Michael Clayton" dramatically "exposes" decadent money-crazy big business in our country. "Juno" charmingly documents a 15-year-old girl's unemotional sex with the neighbor boy, and her brave decision to have the baby and hand it off to a woman whose marriage breaks up during the pregnancy. The message: No harm, no foul;

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For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the “people in the box” the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Rick Richmond came home Monday after a bout with a blood clot.

Emerson Coriell is going through chemotherapy.

Diane Piccone (Lisa Hoskins mother) has been moved to a nursing home for convalescence.

Sara Gilliland’s test results were inconclusive and she will have more. She is also being prepared for possible back surgery.

Praise Report: Matthew Risner had his shoulder surgery at Children’s in Cincinnati on Friday and all has gone well. He was released to come home on Saturday.

Victor Knore had a mild stroke or spell that affected one side of his body. He is recuperating well and is scheduled to come home this weekend.

Kristine Coriell is going to OSU Hospital on Wednesday to determine if she needs a pacemaker for her heart. This is to correct “pauses” in her heart beat which have caused dizziness and black outs.

Chris Blume is in OSU Hospital with another episode of Crohn’s disease.

Becky Blume (Chris’s aunt) is also in OSU Hospital recuperating from abdominal surgery that was much more complex than doctors expected.

Praise Report: Sharon Gampp gave us an update last Sunday PM about her kidney condition. She has regained about 10% of her total function, now about 40% vs 30% a few months ago. She thanks the church for supporting her with prayer and asks us to continue.

Alison Cline, infant daughter of a friend of Mandy Coriell, has been diagnosed with a mass on her brain stem. Further testing is to be done to determine if it is cancerous.

Library Closing Temporarily

Sometime this week the Children’s Library will be closed down and packed up so that some remodeling can be done in the library and foyer area. The elders will have an announcement about that this morning. However, please make an effort to get all of the materials back to the Library by this evening. It will be reopened in another location in a few weeks.

Rental Needed

Sam and Carol Sievering (known to us through the Angel Food Ministry and neighbor to Sara Gilliland) are needing a new place to rent in the next 30 days. Their house has been sold. If you have knowledge of a local place that is very reasonable, get with Jason Coriell.

Tabernacle on Display

Christ Community Church has built an almost full-scale model of the Tabernacle and it’s furnishings that is on display from 8-5 M-F at their church building in Portsmouth. I have had several of our members comment to me about how impressive it is. Check it out. Steve.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Wilma Duckson** who passed away on Tuesday. Her funeral was Saturday in Minford.

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

In view of the decisions being made at this time by our congregation and our need for unity and faith and direction from the Lord and protection from the Evil One, we are asking all of our members to participate in a 24 Hour Prayer Vigil starting Friday, March 7, at 6 pm and continuing through Saturday, March 8, 6 pm. We’re breaking the 24 hour period down into 24 one hour segments and asking people to find a prayer partner and to sign up for at least one of those segments. More than one couple can sign for a slot, but we would definitely like to cover all 24 hours here at the building if at all possible. Be preparing your own prayer list and also be aware that there will be a sheet of specific requests from the elders to be included in our prayers. Sign up Sheets will be up next Sunday. Some of you may not be able to get to the building, you can pray your hour from wherever you are. Also, for those who are open to it, let us also fast for these 24 hours. We need God’s power and direction now.

Thank You Received

From the Tick Ridge Free Will Baptist Church. A few weeks ago the Tick Ridge church asked us to help them meet a critical need where 5 children were found living alone in a house with 1 small electric heater, no water, no blankets, and little food. Excess funds from our Coats for Kids program were sent to help in the situation and now things are much better. The thank you note is posted on the bulletin board.

Innermission Meals

We’re past the holidays and school is back in session. If you would be willing to prepare a lunch for the Innermission gang on a Tuesday in February, sign up for an open date. The pad is on the table in the foyer.

Teachers, Look!

Rich Book wants you to remember that Sunday, March 2, is the first Sunday of the new Quarter.

Verse of the Month

Matthew 7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the law and the prophets.

Spirit Club Attendance

Parents, we've had a couple questions about attendance at the Sun PM Spirit Club Meeting

and qualifying for the end of the month pizza party. Here's what we've come up with.

1. Parents are responsible to mark their children's name as present for the meeting. If you are late, it will be up to you to decide if it's too late to be counted present or how much "make-up" time you'll spend at home on the verse. Anyway, we (Steve, Kim, Aaron) don't want to be the one's deciding this.

2. We want to allow one "miss" each month and still allow a child to come to the end of the month party. This will give you as parents a little flexibility for the times you are out of town or sick. Again, maybe a little "make-up" work at home could be substituted. Thank you for bringing your children. Let's make this little meeting work for the spiritual benefit of our children.

Spirit Club Verses for 2008

If you are doing the "monthly verse" with your child rather than the handbook verse, here are the verses we are doing for 2008. All of these "monthly verses" are found on a CD by Steve Green entitle Hide "Em in Your Heart. The CD can be purchased at Praises in Portsmouth for about \$10.00. Cut this list out of the bulletin and keep it so that you can know in advance what the next verse is.

2008 SPIRIT CLUB VERSES	
January	Mt 19:14
February	Mt 7:12
March	1 Jn 3:16
April	Ro 12:21
May	Ps 56:3-4
June	Eph 6:1
July	Mt 6:9-13
August	Mt 6:9-13
September	Acts 16:31
October	Mt 5:14-16
November	Ps 34:13
December	Mt 22:37 & 39

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

2/24	Acts 23
3/2	Acts 24
3/9	Acts 25
3/16	Acts 26
3/23	Acts 27-28
3/30	Romans 1-2

Wednesday

2/27	Joel 1-3
3/5	Amos 1-6
3/12	Amos 7-9
3/19	Jonah 1-4
3/26	Micah 1-6
4/2	Nahum 1-3



2/24-25 **No Debt, No Sweat** in Vienna, WV
 3/7-8 **24 Hour Prayer Vigil** at Sunshine Church of Christ
 3/9 **Girl Scout Sunday**

Spirit Club Party/Meeting

Tonight, at 5:30 pm, here at the building, there will be a pizza/cool-aid party for the Spirit Club Kids who have been faithful in attendance in February (no more than one miss). If adults want to have a couple pieces of pizza along with the kids, be sure to give \$1 to Kim McCray and let her know you are coming. We'll spend a half hour celebrating then go out to the auditorium to work on those verses.

HOLLYWOOD SALUTES

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life goes on happily. "Atonement," produced in England but honored here, is the beautiful saga of early very graphic sex and lies, followed by later graphic sex and disillusionment. We didn't receive our copy of "No Country For Old Men," but the TV previews leave no doubt that it's the most violent, bloody, profane entry of the bunch.

That's the top five, but in other categories like Best Actor and Actress, we can choose among a musical "snuff film" in "Sweeney Todd," a mob violence and sadism romp in "Eastern Promises," or a murder mystery portraying American soldiers and police as murderous and duplicitous, right here at home, in war time, in "In The Valley of Elah."

Of course, there's "American Gangster," in which Australian actor Russell Crowe is the only honest cop in New York, trying to bring down the murderous black drug and crime lord, played by our much-honored Denzel Washington; all the New York police and government officials are seen as sleazy, corrupt and "bought off" . and it purports to be a true story!

These are just some of the "cream" films, the ones the industry likes most, but there

are scores of others that racked up big grosses and millions of viewers worldwide - films that absolutely undermine the honor and integrity of our leaders, our military, our business leaders, and even Christian ministers and churchgoers.

Why do I refer to all these classy-looking but decadent films as WMDs? Because, while they rack up tremendous profits and self-acclaim, they cause as much permanent damage to America's reputation and standing around the world as would neutron bombs! They contribute to the immorality and degradation of Judeo-Christian principles among young people everywhere, much like poison gas released in cities, subways, high schools and places of worship. Instead of extolling America, our long-established way of life, our freedoms and ingenuity and commitments to valor, our neighborliness and our pursuits of legitimate happiness - as Hollywood used to do in history's most successful films - the industry seems intent on fulfilling the fondest hopes and expressed aims of the Communists in the 1950s. As Sen. Joe McCarthy and even Ronald Reagan, then president of the Screen Actors Guild, found, foes determined to destroy the United States realized they could most effectively undermine us by infiltrating and corrupting our image in the movies! These Communist sympathizers were routed, temporarily; but today, capitalist, money-motivated producers are furthering identical goals!

As an actor, as an American, I'm dismayed. As we watch the Oscars, I'll be remembering the Psalmist's observance:

"The wicked freely strut about when what is vile is honored among men."

Pat Boone

Those Who Serve

<u>Sunday Morning</u>	<u>February 24</u>
Welcome & Prayer	Wayne Gampp
Song Director	Nick Davis
Scripture Reading	Eric McLaughlin
Prayer	Troy Gahm
Lord's Supper –Bread	Josh Coriell
Wine	Greg Coriell
Server 1	Ryan Coriell
Server 2	Barry Gampp
Server 3	Price Gammon
Server 4	Aaron Franke
Server 5	Michael Dixon
Server 6	Gregg Ferrell
Message	Jamie Riley
Closing Prayer	John Berry

March 2
 Tom Kelley
 Ralph Gampp
 Dewey Cordle
 Aaron Kallner
 Jeff Hayward
 Spike Ferrell
 Bill Gammon
 Tim Coriell
 Ira Coriell
 Lane Raiser
 Barry Hayward
 Matt Gampp
 Steve Miller
 David Gampp

Regular Service Times

Sunday
 Worship - 10:00 am
 Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday
 Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Evening

Song Director	Gabe Coriell	Mark Gampp
Scripture Reading	Rich Book	Bob Havens
Lord's Supper	Tim Gampp	Caleb Miller
Assist	Shawn Gragg	Mark Risner
Prayer	Jason Coriell	Don Ramey
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	<i>Acts 23</i>	<i>Acts 24</i>

Wednesday Evening

Song Director	Aaron McCray	Matt Hoskins
Prayer	Jeff Hayward	Mike Gampp
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	<i>Joel 1-3</i>	<i>Amos 1-6</i>

Children's Bible Time

February 3/5: June Book, Rich Book, Rachel Jarvis
 February 6/8: Cathy Coriell, Emerson Coriell, Becky Jarvis, Chuck Jarvis
 March 3/5: Kim McCray, Aaron McCray
 March 6/8: Kendra Cram, Derria Kelley, Meaghan Miller

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute. Thank you.



Who's Who In The Bible Crossword

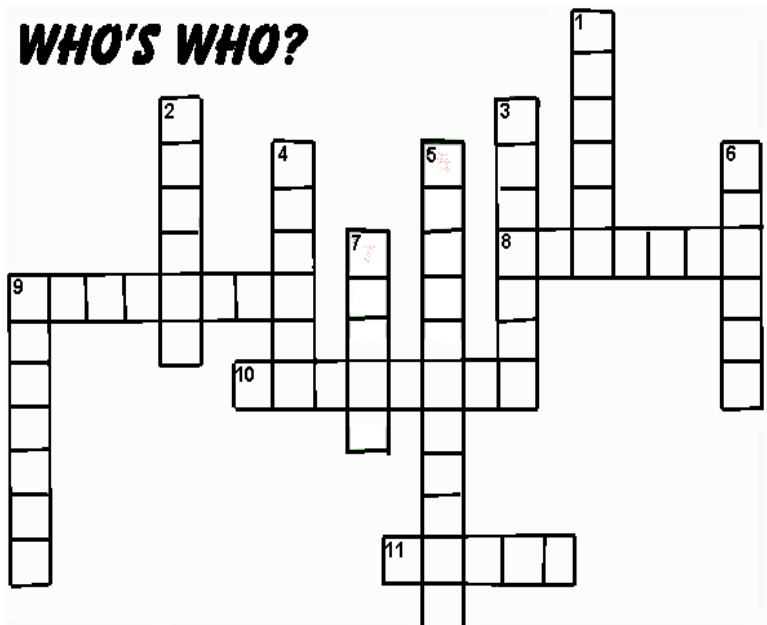
Across

- 8. Son of Abraham by Hagar.
- 9. Daughter of Jethro
- 10. Eldest son of Joseph.
- 11. He left Paul in jail .

Down

- 1. Servant of Jeremiah.
- 2. Defeated the Midianites.
- 3. Betrayed Samson.
- 4. Successor of Moses.
- 5. Worshiped Dagon & Baal
- 6. Rebuked by a donkey.
- 7. Abraham's first name.
- 9. Father of James.

WHO'S WHO?



Solution posted on bulletin board and on page 5 of the online bulletin.

Crossword Solution

