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Joe Bob

In." For your information, I'm one of a new breed of American women who support the women's movement and paint our fingernails and toenails in loud, contrasting colors. We're a brave new combination of feminists and bimbos, and I guess you could call us "fembos."

J.B., I'd like to ask for your help on something. I'm here at the worldfamous mecca of 20th century film criticism, the College of William and Mary, getting an M.A. in American Studies (or as we say, "Amurrican Studs"). I'm busy writing my thesis, "Gender Roles in the Film Western," and would appreciate any sage advice you might care to give. My female brain gets sadly overtaxed sometimes, and I guess I just need a man's perspective (oops, must be the nail polish talking).

> Yours, Susan Adele FitzPatrick Williamsburg, Va.

Dear Susan:

All you got to know about the bimbo western is three flicks:

Joan Crawford in "Johnny Guitar:"

Dorthy Malone in "Five Guns West:"

Ann-Margret in "Kitten With a Whip."

Hey Joe Bob:

The best vehicle of all time for beer smuggling: the Ford Pinto station wagon, or the Datsun station wagon. Both have sunken spare tire wells in the back covered with carpet. You take the tire out and fill the well with beer and ice, and cover it up with the carpet. An absolutely foolproof way of smuggling stuff. Of course, if you get a flat, that's another problem.

Dear Flint: And for you Missouri boys - don't forget a ladle, either.

Mister Briggs,

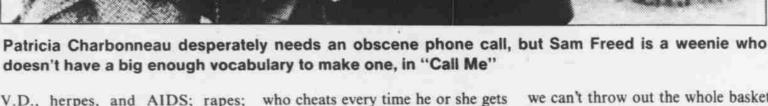
I was appalled as well as insulted when I read your article in the May 1st issue of the Arkansas Democrat. It's one thing to review a movie and another to try to degrade and crack jokes about a church organization. You're a better movie critic than you are a comedian, this is obvious.

It is unfair to judge all Christians by Swaggart or Bakker as so many are doing. I never agreed with Bakker to begin with and I'm not for giving Swaggart a slap on the back of the hand and then letting him go either. What he did was not right. He hurt a lot of people. But if we are critical and unforgiving then we are no better off than he is. You must forgive in order to be forgiven.

Although you said it in a sarcastic way, you seem to know that the Assembly of God has certain standards they expect its members to live by. I wonder how you gained your knowledge of this and the fact of "speaking in other tongues?" I'll add in right here that no, I do not attend an Assembly of God church but I do personally know many people who are of this organization. They are respectable people and deserve better than what they're getting from people like vou.

This country was founded on high moral standards and "In God We Trust." And you must admit she's the greatest country in the world.

You made fun of the fact that Pentecostals do not believe in lusting, fornication or adultery, yet if you will stop and think about it even if a person doesn't attend church these are very important standards for them to live by. It is because of illicit and pre-marital sex that we have so Yow, many of our problems today. To Flint Mitchell name a few, abortion; unwanted (and St. Louis unloved) children; disease such as



V.D., herpes, and AIDS; rapes; murders; and drug addiction.

We can afford to take on a few of the church's standards if it saves innocent people from suffering because of someone else's sins.

I am 20 years old and have been married for four years, I might add, very happily married. Being a Christian does not mean you have to be stern and unemotional (or even fat and ugly as you implied). God intended for the love between husband and wife to grow with time not to get stale or boring. Being faithful to your spouse shows you've got strength — a lot more than someone

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the urge. It's something to be proud of, NOT something to be made fun of.

As I said earlier, America is a great country but when we turn our backs on God, His church (and all it stands for) we end up with things like homosexuality, bestiality, occults, incest and child molestation. These are what's tearing down our grand United States. Do you know what the difference is between American and Russian? They are communist. they do not believe in God; we believe in God — and we are "The Land of the Free."

Let's watch our step lest we lose this freedom. And this warning goes to all Americans - Christians and non-Chrsitians alike. Sure, there are a lot of people who are "hearers of the world only and not doers" but

we can't throw out the whole basket because of a few rotten apples. You get rid of the bad and keep the good. Like they say, "Be sure your sins shall find you out."

> Sincerely, Diane Cochran Atkins, Ark.

Dear Diane:

I don't believe you understood me, gal. What I said was I DO forgive Jimmy Swaggart for goin to a hooker and gettin a little on the side. I EXPECT people to be human, even TV preachers that wear their hair all roostered up.

It was the Assembly of God that wanted him to be Jesus. It was the members of his own church that left cause they couldn't forgive him.

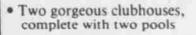
All things are not created equal.

doesn't have a big enough vocabulary to make one, in "Call Me"





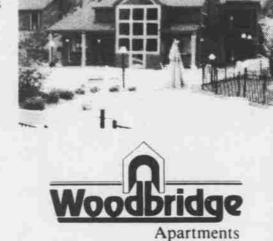
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