

# NEEDLESSLY OFFENSIVE

Needlessly offensive is the way we characterized two recent items that crossed our desks.

The October edition of *Premiere* magazine made quick mention of an upcoming movie called "Tomcats." The film is a comedy about seven men who bet on who will be the last to marry. In one scene, a man stands in a Catholic church before a priest and altar boys wearing a tuxedo. He is also depicted with an obvious erection; the caption below the picture says the groom "gets a lift from some Viagra-spiked wine."

It was tasteless enough for the film's producers to cut this scene, but it was inexcusably exploitative of *Premiere* to select it for distribution.

The other item is the work of a group called The Second Coming Project. Their goal is to clone Jesus. They hope to obtain a small DNA sample from Christian relics and secure a scientist to perform the cloning procedure. What they want to do is put a cloned Jesus in a female volunteer's womb and carry "him" to term in a totally immaculate conception. The birth is scheduled for December 25, 2001.

Whatever happens, we surely hope these wonder brains don't plan on cloning themselves.