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President Bush impressed by efforts LOS ANGELES (AP) — While some entertainnt industry members remain uneasy about their in the war on terrorism, a White House adviser President Bush is encouraged by Hollywood's

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Afghanistan, or the Muslim

world in general?

- Mort Rosenblum AP special correspondent

"But he also feels strongly it's not his role to dice content" or condone censorship, adviser Mark Kinnon told a panel discussion Wednesday night the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

Addressing industry uneasiness about two eetings between White House and Hollywood ficials in recent weeks, McKinnon said shington went into the conferences unsure out what course to take.

Concerns about heavy-handed government on were fanned by media, McKinnon and others the panel said.

"They were just ready to bite," McKinnon id of the news media's reactions to the closed-

As it turned out, McKinnon said, Hollywood was way out ahead of us" in trying to do what it could

aid the effort. "All we're trying to do right now is say Fantastic. Thank you," McKinnon told a panel that cluded NBC Entertainment President Jeff Zucker and "The West Wing" creator Aaron Sorkin.

Bryce Zabel, TV academy chairman and panel moderator, suggested the industry remains confused, however, about what exactly Washington wants, especially after government officials said

movie and TV content were not issues.
"So what was discussed?" Zabel asked. "How to get 'Harry Potter' DVDs to the USS Carl Vinson?" There are a thousand projects" flourishing

that will come to fruition in the near future, McKinnon said. Other panelists mentioned the possibility of public service announcements and good-will tours as

part of Hollywood's work. Zucker said that despite much speculation that the events of Sept. 11 would have a profound effect on the content of movies and television shows, that

hasn't happened. "It's a good story to believe the entertainment world changed after September 11. It makes good copy, but so far we're not seeing that," Zucker said. "There's no increase in the number of shows that

have anything to do with September 11. Sorkin said the impact of Sept. 11 will clearly be seen in the future, however. His show addressed the

terrorist attacks in the first episode of this season. 'It's impossible that this somehow now isn't going to become part of the bloodstream of what we

put on television," he said. Another panelist, writer-director Paris Barclay ("NYPD Blue," "City of Angels"), said he is continuing to go his own way.

"I'm not thinking about what the government wants me to do," he said.

He said he is examining what he sees as a lack of American tolerance and brotherhood. Zabel read an e-mail from one scheduled panelist

who was unable to attend, AP Special Correspondent Mort Rosenblum, who has been on assignment in Afghanistan.

'Because of television, Afghans can sit in the Middle Ages and keep tabs on the 21st century," Rosenblum wrote. "Unfortunately, this optical miracle works only one way. On Sept. 10, how much did the average American know about Afghanistan, or the Muslim world in general?"

OLIDAYS

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All throughout childhood, parents always told me there more to Christmas than the s. I am thankful for Jesus ist, not only at Christmas,

all year long," Ateek said. Robert Strickland, a senior siology major, said he and ily celebrate the traditions

Hanukkah but. unlike stmas, it is not the Jewish ion's real gift giving holiday. The holiday of Purim. ch is in February, is when we e gifts. Gift-giving started for ukkah because the Jewish

children saw their friends getting gifts at Christmas and felt left out. We wanted to maintain our identity but also fit in with everyone else at Christmas

time," Strickland said. Candles fill churches as people gather to sing hymns and celebrate. John Stewart, a junior geography major, said this is one

of his favorite parts of Christmas. "I love going to the midnight vice with my family."

Stewart said. With countless festivities and traditions around the holidays, remembering the true meaning of Christmas is important, said Abbey Allison, a junior food sci-

Kristal said the main difference in Christianity and Judaism is that Christians believe their Messiah, Jesus Christ, has come, whereas Jews are still awaiting their Messiah, and that makes a difference in the holiday celebrations.

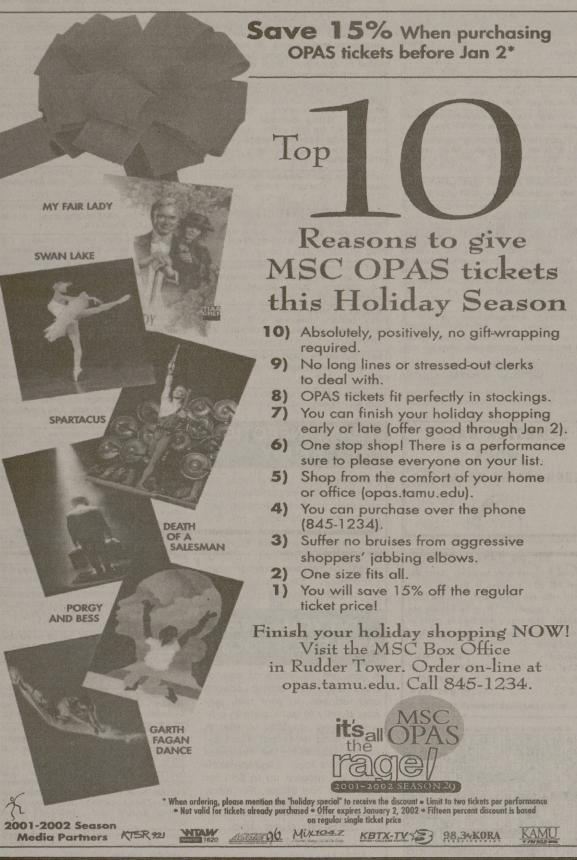
Strickland said he feels that at this time of year, people need to be educated on the different religions and the differences between them. He said that many do not know the meaning behind Christmas.

"I think that the holiday of Christmas has become commercialized and people aren't educated on the true meaning behind it," he said.

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