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## Month In Review

Q “Blessed is the man

Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,

Nor stands in the path of sinners,

Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

And in His law he meditates day and night.

He shall be like a tree

Planted by the rivers of water,

That brings forth its fruit in its season,

Whose leaf also shall not wither;

And whatsoever he does shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so,

But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement,

Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 1

“Who made it possible for rebellious children to pre-empt parental discipline by calling Child Protective Services and reporting their parents as child abusers?”

“There is only one answer. It is spelled l-i-b-e-r-a-l.

“Columbine is the harvest of the seeds planted by the sophisticated elites. No country—not even the former Soviet Union—has been so badly betrayed by its governing class as the United States.

“But don’t expect any apology from liberals. They are blaming guns, video violence and parents.

“Bill Clinton’s current flak, Joe Lockhart, says, ‘We’re going to have to take a hard look at violent, interactive video games.’ ”

“Our president himself took time out from raining bombs on Serbia to admonish parents to ‘teach our children to resolve their conflicts with words, not weapons’ and ‘to shield our children from violent images and experiences that warp young perceptions and obscure the consequences of violence.’ ”

Paul Craig Roberts, *The Washington Times*, April 26, 1999, p. A 19

Q “The origins of the Colorado high school

Q “It cost God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things: but to convert rebellious wills cost Him crucifixion.”

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Q “Grant me the fighting spirit, grant me the rugged heart—

Grant me the inner courage in battle to do my part.

Whether the path be easy or thorny and rough and long,

Let me press on to the evening, willing and brave and strong.

Not from the cares that try me, would I be forever free.

All that I ask is patience for whatever my task may be;

Patience to wait the little brief while, till the work is done,

And the needed strength, and the courage, for the struggle that can be won.

Grant me the fighting spirit, and fashion me stout of will,

Arouse in me that strange something that fearfulness cannot chill.

Let me not whimper at hardship! This is the gift I ask:

Not ease and escape from trial, but strength for the doubtful task.”

Edgar A. Guest

Q “The liberals looking for ‘answers to the tragic killings in Littleton, Colo., should consult a mirror.

“Who drove God out of the public schools, thereby creating a vacuum to be filled by cults of evil and violence?

“Who made abortion a moral cause? If life

massacre go back many decades. They go back to the 1960s, when youth culture emerged as distinct from American culture, which is to say a culture shared by all age groups.

“They go back even further to the 1920s and 1930s, when loony theorists—usually from Continental Europe— theorized about zoo sex, violent individuality, psychic flumdidle, all the nonsense that found its way into Nazi thought, left-wing thought, and other aberrant notions. The origins of Columbine High School’s unspeakable massacre go back to the nihilism and evil of earlier centuries. Yet it is in the 20<sup>th</sup> century that nihilism and evil found their proper marketers.

“Perhaps now, in light of the grisly expression of adolescent individuality at Columbine High School, some adults will agree that high school might be a more congenial place were the major battles between teachers and students still fought over hair length and suitable dress. That struggle was lost long ago, and so now the battle is over boom boxes, cell telephones, weapons, and God knows what else students want to bring to school. Today many a local high school is an island of anarchy in youth culture’s sea of chaos.”

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr., April 30, 1999, p. A 18

Q “The last flowers, banners and candles from the Columbine High School memorial have barely been cleared away and already debate is bubbling over whether a permanent memorial should take account of the deeply held religious faith of several of the slain students.

“The Foothills Park and Recreation District, which manages Robert Clement Park next to the school, wants to build a monument to honor the victims of the worst school shooting in U.S. history.

is not sacred in a mother's body, why is it sacred in a high school library?

“Who destroyed moral standards and substituted a non-judgmental ethic?

“Who destroyed the authority of parents and schoolteachers and substituted government regulation?

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“The 240-acre park, which was home to the sprawling impromptu memorial left in the wake of the April 20 massacre, is public property, and managers fear that any permanent religious fixture would invite a lawsuit.

“I know there are people who would like to see a religious memorial,” says Edie Hylton, Foothills manager of community services. “[But] if the location for the permanent memorial is a public place, then we can’t do it by law. The Constitution won’t permit it.”

“Others say a religious theme is particularly appropriate because a strong Christian faith was important to the slain students, and, indeed, some of them may have been targeted because of their faith. Two students, Cassie Bernall and Valeen Schnurr, were challenged by the gunmen to say whether they believed in God. When they said yes, the gunmen shot them. Valeen survived, but Cassie died.

“The decision should be left up to the people who went to Columbine,” say Sarah Caron, a 1998 graduate who visited the park on a recent sunny afternoon. “If God helped them through this, why shouldn’t that be shown at the memorial?”

“Recognition of the victims’ religious faith at a mammoth memorial service offended several liberal Christian, Jewish and black leaders, who objected to the remarks of two

“Organizers acknowledge there is strong community support for a memorial with a Christian or biblical theme, but some secular activists insist there should be no recognition of the religious faith that was so important to many of the slain students.

“The NCC report, however, did not treat the perception of China as a persecuting power as credible. Instead, the NCC delegation account said the church in China is now ‘grateful for the freedom to be the Christian community they now enjoy,’ and the ‘frequent allegation of religious persecution in China may be simply uninformed. It may even be an intended and manipulative hoax.’

“Who would perpetrate such a hoax? Albert Pennybacker, the head of the NCC’s lobbying branch in the nation’s capital, said that the ‘distorted’ view of religious freedom in China is the work of ‘ultra-rightist people in Congress.’ ”

*AFA Journal*, February 1999, p.1

Q “Princeton University has a problem in Human Values. It has hired Peter Singer, a professor who thinks it’s OK to kill infants who are born inconveniently disabled. He is to teach in a tenured chair at Princeton’s Center for Human Values.

“The professor has not yet arrived, but a small but vocal grass roots effort of students and alumni are protesting his appointment. Methinks they cannot protest too much.

“Mr. Singer, as the Princeton

evangelical ministers at the service. Several of them are scheduled to meet with Gov. Bill Owens, who sponsored the service, next month, says his spokesman, Dick Wadhams.

“Any doubt about opposition was erased last week when an organization called the Freedom from Religion Foundation warned that in its view a religious display would violate the constitutional guarantee of separation of church and state.

*The Washington Times*, May 18, 1999, p.1

Q “Well-known to evangelical Christians for its liberal religious views, the National Council of Churches (NCC) may be on the verge of issuing another shocker: that the growing evidence of persecution against Christians in Communist China may be just so much hogwash.

“According to the Augusta Chronicle (Georgia), the NCC sent a delegation to China in an attempt to discover how the church was being treated. The group was headed by the NCC’s new president, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Andrew Young.

“The delegation told the NCC General Assembly that ‘there’s no evidence of excessive treatment of Christians that we would use the word “persecution” to describe.’

“Conservative Christian groups, however, say persecution in China is a very real problem: many pastors are routinely imprisoned or beaten; religious education for children is illegal; and church property is confiscated.

“Faith McDonnell, who covers the issue and writes about religious persecution, says that since 1994 ‘Christians in China have experienced the worst persecution since the... late 1970s...[M]ore Christians are in prison or under some form of detention in China than any other country.’

“In fact, during the week that the report was issued to the NCC, the Associated

administration tells it, is an honorable man with outstanding scholarly credentials. Harold Shapiro, the president of Princeton, defends him in the name of academic freedom. Amy Gutman, former dean of faculty and head of the Center for Human Values says ‘there was nobody better in the world than Singer.’ Scholars describe him as ‘intellectual gold’ in a front-page story in the New York Times.

“Others, including scholars with similarly golden credentials, decry this academic alchemy as ‘base metal’ ethics. Christopher Benek, a graduate student at Princeton Theological Seminary who heads the Princeton Students Against Infanticide, says Mr. Singer would empower parents to kill their disabled infants up to 28 days after birth.

“He quotes directly from the professor’s book ‘Practical Ethic’: ‘Killing a disabled infant is not morally equivalent to killing a person. Very often it is not wrong at all.’ (p. 191)

“Mr. Singer, who complains that his ideas are often taken out of context, requires a careful reading. But his language is blunt and without ambiguity.”

Suzanne Fields, *The Washington Times*, April 19, 1999, p. A 19

Q “The founding tenet of science is that nature is both ordered and intelligible. But the order isn’t apparent at a glance. Revealing the underlying laws demands arcane procedures such as mathematical analysis and contrived experimentation.

“But why must the world be this way? Early scientists such as Galileo and Isaac Newton, steeped in the Christian religion, believed that God ordered the physical world according to a rational plan. By studying nature, the scientist might discover the creator’s handiwork.

Press reported that police in China arrested 140 Christians for attending a church that was not officially 'sanctioned' by the Red Chinese government.

Since man was made in God's image, and therefore shared his rationality, humans could glimpse the mind of God in the mathematical architecture of the cosmos.

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## From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

A great follow up to our editorial last month is the following letter to the editor of the San Angelo Standard Times April 27, 1999. The letter written by Addison L. Dawson received national attention when read on Paul Harvey's radio commentary.

"For the life of me, I can't understand what could have gone wrong in Littleton, Colo. If only the parents had kept their children away from the guns, we wouldn't have had such a tragedy. Yeah, it must have been the guns.

"It couldn't have been because of half our children are being raised in broken homes.

"It couldn't have been because our children get to spend an average of 30 seconds in meaningful conversation with their parents each day. After all, we give our children quality time.

"It couldn't have been because we treat our children as pets and our pets as children.

"It couldn't have been because we place our children in day care centers where they learn their socialization skills among their peers under the law of the jungle while employees who have no vested interest in the children look on and make sure that no blood is spilled.

"It couldn't have been because we have sterilized and contracepted our families down to sizes so small that the children we do have are so spoiled with material things that they come to equate the receiving of the material with love.

"It couldn't have been because our children, who historically have been seen as a blessing from God, are now being viewed as either a mistake created when contraception fails or inconveniences that parents try to raise in their spare time.

"It couldn't have been because our nation is the world leader in developing a "culture of death" in which 20 million to 30 million babies have been killed by abortion.

"It couldn't have been because we give two-year prison sentences to teen-agers who kill their newborns.

"It couldn't have been because our school systems teach the children that they are nothing but glorified apes who have evolutionized out of some primordial soup of mud by teaching evolution as fact and by handing out condoms as if they were candy.

"It couldn't have been because we teach our children that there are no laws of morality that transcend us, that everything is relative

“It couldn’t have been because we allow our children to watch, on average, seven hours of television a day filled with the glorification of sex and violence that isn’t fit for adult consumption.

“It couldn’t have been because we allow (or even encourage) our children to enter into virtual worlds in which, to win the game, one must kill as many opponents as possible in the most sadistic way possible.

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“Today, few scientists would describe their work in such stark theological terms. But they all share, perhaps unwittingly, a belief that the universe conforms to a coherent rational scheme. Even if the rational order is accepted, we are left with the riddle of its intelligibility.

“The order within the subatomic realm, for example, bears no relations to the patterns found in daily experience. When you catch a falling apple, your brain doesn’t apply the laws of Newtonian mechanics to compute a trajectory. Rather, it compares the immediate situation with past experience and makes a best-fit prediction. The fact that we can come to know the physical world not only phenomenologically (as in perceiving falling apples), but also theoretically (by understanding the laws of motion), suggests that our minds are tuned to the deep structure of nature in an unreasonably effective way.

“Albert Einstein once said that God is subtle, but not malicious. He meant that we can expect to work hard to quarry nuggets of truth using science, but the laws of nature will never prove to be so obscure or fiendishly complex that we couldn’t eventually discern them. It is an inspiring belief, and one that drives the engine of science in its restless search for truth. But it remains an article of pure faith.”

Paul Davies, *The Washington Times*, April 19, 1999, p. A2

and that actions don’t have consequences. What the heck, the president gets away with it.

“Nah, it must have been the guns.”

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“British astronomer John Barrow, a Cambridge scholar and early proponent of the ‘anthropic principle’ – that it seems the universe had intended human life– said the disciplines have a ‘common front against a common enemy,’ which is the idea there is no absolute truth.

“‘There is much in common in theology and science in the opposition to that kind of view,’ he said.”

Larry Witham, *The Washington Times*, April 16, 1999, p.1

Q “Other researchers have toiled for years under academia’s distaste for inconvenient truths. Take Dr. Judith Reisman. For nearly 20 years, she has questioned the truthfulness of much of the data in Alfred C. Kinsey’s *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*, the book which launched the sexual revolution by providing seemingly scientific rationalizations for promiscuity, child sexuality, homosexuality, and many forms of sexual experimentation. ‘Kinsey’s scientific data wasn’t flawed. It was fraudulent,’ says Reisman. ‘Kinsey wanted to change our sex attitudes and laws; so he created the data that he wanted. He also threw out three-quarters of the answers he didn’t want to use. He picked who he wanted [as study subjects], and he lied about who he interviewed.’ Reisman notes that five-sixths of Kinsey’s research subjects were aberrant

Q “A cosmic battle between order and chaos took center stage yesterday when two eminent physicists debated whether such evils as genocide and cancer disprove the existence of God.

“Nobel laureate Steven Weinberg, an atheist, and former Cambridge University scientist John Polkinghorne, now an Anglican priest, agreed that horrific evil can be a stumbling block to the argument for a benign designer of life.

“But physicist-theologian Polkinghorne gave greater weight to goodness and freedom as pointing to the reasonableness of theism.

“‘To me the signs of benevolent design seem rather hidden,’ Mr. Weinberg said at a three-day forum, ‘Cosmic Questions,’ sponsored by a division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

“Mr. Weinberg, a University of Texas professor and candid critic of religion, said neither the old theological arguments for a designed universe nor the modern argument among physicists of a surprisingly ‘fine-tuned’ natural order convinced him that God exists.

“Mr. Polkinghorne, while cautious in saying order in the universe proves there is a God, said that both religion and science start with different ‘metaphysical,’ or philosophical, beliefs since proofs for or against a Creator are elusive.

“Yet he said that because nature is intelligible to the human mind by math and science, and because beauty and ‘moral imperative’ move people, there is more reason to see divine purpose.

“‘I do believe religious belief can explain more than unbelief,’ Mr. Polkinghorne said. ‘Religion has led bad people to do good things. It’s a very complicated story.’

“For science, Mr Polkinhorne said, the

males. Many were prisoners, 1,400 were sex offenders, and another 200 were male prostitutes.

“Not surprisingly, Kinsey got the unconventional results he wanted. For example, he popularized the notion that 10 to 37 percent of the male population is gay. A recent and more reliable University of Chicago study disputes Kinsey’s findings and suggests a more accurate figure is something like 3 or 4 percent. Others of Kinsey’s findings are just plain bizarre: He argued that children are sexual beings who can enjoy orgasms even as infants.

“Reisman’s exposure of Kinsey’s fraud, however, was almost completely ignored in academe. The professoriate wanted nothing to do with work that cast a shadow on a hero of sexual liberation. ‘I gave my first paper on Kinsey, called “Child Sexuality or Sexual Abuse: A Possible Consideration of Ethics Violation,” in 1981 in Jerusalem, and I called for an investigation into Kinsey’s research methods,’ explains Reisman. ‘I assumed that my colleagues were going to say, “Oh my! We must investigate this!” I thought they’d be really upset. They were – but upset with me, not Kinsey.’ She recalls one colleague who approached her after she presented her paper. He didn’t inquire about Kinsey’s dubious research methods but instead complained to her that she was ‘going to set back sex education 20 years.’ Reisman now says, ‘I learned the hard way that most of them liked what Kinsey said and loved to promote his claims.’

“Today, however, after nearly two decades of lonely argument, Reisman is being vindicated. James H. Jones, a former member of the scientific board of advisers of Kinsey’s institute, has recently written a devastating book on Kinsey confirming the fraudulent basis of many of the sexologist’s claims. Yet even now many academics continue to cling to Kinsey’s falsehoods, and to ignore Reisman’s

freedom and chaos found in nature is the key explanation for evil, and he said that the freedom God gives to man and matter are not 'blind,' but have some purpose.

“The unusually open exchange about belief and disbelief at a forum of the prestigious AAAS is part of a growing ‘science and religion’ movement that has engaged professional theologians and scientists.

findings, even as Kinsey’s credibility has been fatally damaged in the wider world.”

Kenneth Lee, *The American Enterprise*, May/June 1999

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Q “The history of man has not been a succession of success stories when it comes to the ability of people to live together. Discoveries and inventions, accomplishments in the sciences and the arts fill libraries. So do tales of enslavement, oppression, and the wanton cruelty of man to his own kind. The struggle for survival accounts for much of it, but it has been the absence of viable political institutions based on the rule of law that has kept even advanced societies, or most of them, from achieving lasting success.

“The rule of law was America’s gift to the people of Germany and Japan as their lands lay in ruins. No doubt, America was right to seize the opportunity and intervene in the affairs of two nations who had attacked the entire world. When, soon thereafter, Russia announced its intention to make the world one gigantic Soviet Union, America was right again to be the rock upon which the ship of the Soviet state suffered its wreck.”

Balint Vazsonyi, *The Washington Times*, April 20, 1999, p. A16

Q “America’s mission is to show the world what can be achieved when man’s creativity is

“Executive Orders (EO) originate with the constitutional text that says the president shall ‘take care that the laws be faithfully executed.’ However, ‘laws’ must mean laws that are already passed, not laws that the executive order purports to create.

“Mr. Metcalf is trying to rein in Mr. Clinton’s attempts to take over powers that belong to Congress by introducing H.Con.Res. 20. It provides that any executive order that ‘infringes on congressional powers and duties,’ or requires spending federal funds ‘not specifically appropriated for the purpose of the executive order,’ would be advisory only and have no effect.

“Some of Mr. Clinton’s executive orders (now up to 279, but others are not numbered) are federal land grabs over property that belongs either to the states or to private landowners. Land use and zoning are quintessentially matters of state or local, not federal, jurisdiction.

“By EO 13061, Mr. Clinton purported to give himself the power to take over 10 rivers a year (later extended to 14), whose adjacent lands of indeterminate size would be put under the control of Clinton-appointed River

liberated by the rule of law, the equal rights of individuals, the security of possessions.

America's mission is to show the world how former enemies, descended from centuries of blood feuds, can come together in a single, shared American identity.

"But if, instead of showing the world, we go forth and take it upon ourselves to remake the world, in our image by force, we speak of an entirely different mission—one that may well exceed not only our original brief, but our ability, our human limitations.

"Isolationism renewed? Nothing of the kind. But if we wish to retain the ability to do what we must do, we have to accept that some things we can not.

"Much is being said about the need to show would-be aggressors that America can and will defeat Serbia. Honestly, no one in his right mind doubts America can obliterate Serbia, and more or less any other country. America's strength in the past has been its restraint in not doing what previous great powers had invariably done. America's strength in the past has been in its continuous self-examination—a magnificent obsession indeed.

"America's strength in the future might well depend on our willingness to live with the televised horrors and inflated rhetoric of the Balkans, as we refocus attention on the true mission for which this nation exists."

Balint Vazsonyi, *The Washington Times*, April 20, 1999, p. A16

Q "Not only does President Clinton not feel any shame about his impeachment; as he told Dan Rather recently, Mr. Clinton now feels stronger than ever, able to ignore and override the U.S. Constitution by exercising extraordinary new powers that no president has ever exercised before. Rep. Jack Metcalf, Washington Republican, says Mr. Clinton has 'made himself a super-legislator by issuing

Navigators, each with a salary of \$100,000. Congress never authorized this land grab or appropriated any money for it, so Mr. Clinton says he will divert funds from 12 departments.

"This Rivers EO takes governing authority away from states and localities. It threatens private property rights guaranteed by the Fourth and Fifth Amendments.

"Mr. Clinton's surprise grab of 1.7 million acres of Utah land for a national park in 1996 just happened to include a trillion dollars worth of clean-burning, low-sulfur hard coal. Mr. Clinton's removal of this huge natural resource from commercial availability tremendously enhanced the value of the second-largest source of environmentally safe coal, which just happens to be owned by Mr. Clinton's Indonesian friends, the Riadys, who gave millions of dollars to Mr. Clinton's presidential campaigns in 1992 and 1996."

Phyllis Schlafly, *The Washington Times*, April 14, 1999, p. A 19

Q "Astonishing but true: The academic year just completed has elicited few howls of anguish about the rising level of incompetence threatening to engulf this land, whereas near-hysterical attacks on prayer and guns have become our daily bread.

"Is it rational to be against both prayer and guns?"

Perhaps it is. Together, the rejection of divine providence and the prohibition of guns will surely place the citizenry entirely at the mercy of the commissar state.

"In the coming weeks, much will be heard about constitutional authority for these positions. Would journalists and television anchors, as well as Americans everywhere, reacquaint themselves with that singularly magnificent document—our sole defense against an ominous future.

"A careful reading will reveal not

executive orders that require the appropriation of funds.’

“Mr. Clinton’s good friend and defender of Oval Office misdeeds, Paul Begala, put it like this: ‘Stroke of the pen. Law of the land. Kinda cool.’ No, it isn’t cool; it’s hot with disdain for the constitutional rules that ‘all’ legislative powers belong to Congress and ‘all bills for raising revenues shall originate in the House.’

only words of great precision, but also the significance of boundaries not crossed—silences of the wise. That which is not there speaks as clearly to us as that which is.

“Musicians learn early about that. During one of my many unforgettable sessions with a great master, he suddenly exclaimed: ‘What about the rests? Don’t you know Beethoven composed the most wonderful rests?! You are not performing the rests!’

“The Constitution of the United States is full of wonderful rests. For starters, we may look to my own field: the arts.

“Article I: ‘To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries.’

“In other words, the needs associated with the ‘useful’ arts were very much on the Framers’ mind, leading to the highly successful practice of patents. It would be preposterous to presume that the Framers simply ‘forgot’ to provide for the fine arts, given their well-known interest in that area.

“In any case, even with regard to the useful arts, they clearly sought to protect the rights of ownership, as opposed to encouraging a federal subsidy.

“Thus silence strips the National

“The Framers did not presume to grant rights. They affirmed rights that, in their view, pre-existed the writing of the Constitution. That is the unequivocal message in phrases such as ‘the right of the people shall not be infringed,’ or: ‘Congress shall make no law... abridging...the right of the people....’ Those rights had been there; they could not be given to the people by other people.

“Nor can they be taken away.

“For the past 30 years, however, non-existent, bogus rights have been demanded, enacted and enforced day in, day out. Each one deprives some Americans of the genuine rights the Declaration of Independence held to be unalienable.

“I do not now and never did own a gun. But I am glad millions of decent Americans do. And it is troubling that people who push for more gun control tend to be the same ones who stripped our military bare, and who agitate against protection from missiles. The Framers were decidedly not silent about providing for the common defense.

“As for prayer, it is just possible that in a school where the day begins thus, children

Endowment for the Arts of constitutional legitimacy.

“Next, we look for the word ‘education’ in vain—the deep commitment of the Framers to the topic notwithstanding. Could they have overlooked a matter of such importance?”

“Hardly.

“We find ‘education’ where it belongs—in the state constitutions. Already in 1787, with only 13 states and merely a fraction of the expanse the United States came to be, the Framers must have known instinctively that uniform rules and central direction would cause education to stultify and atrophy.

“Thus silence strips the federal Department of Education of constitutional legitimacy.

“And so we come to prayer and guns as addressed in the first two among the ten initial amendments, known as the Bill of Rights. ‘Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.’ How these words—simply directing Congress to keep out of it altogether—came to be interpreted by mature adults as a constitutional bar against prayer in schools is a subject worthy of a subsidized psychiatric study; perchance the National Endowment for the Humanities could fund it.

“Of course, if offering a prayer at the outset of proceedings is unconstitutional, then all members of the Congress of the United States are guilty of violating their oath of office every day Congress is in session.

“The scholarly debate about guns homes in on the use of the word ‘militia’ in the language of the Second Amendment. ‘A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.’

“The dictionary offers a wide range of meanings for ‘militia,’ and the word appears in the introductory clause—not in the primary statement. (Is syntax still taught in American

would behave as they used to when I arrived here 40 years ago. That was before metal detectors, drug tests, ‘self-esteem,’ and political correctness.

“Entirely too many of us regard devout Christians and the National Rifle Association as sources of greater concern than our daily diminishing liberties, our disintegrating public schools, the loss of our universities to political activists, nuclear threat from China, Korea and Iran, or the impending end of guaranteed passage through the Panama Canal.

“A few moments of silence might help us regain wisdom.”

Balint Vazsonyi, *The Washington Times*, June 2, 1999, P A13

Q “People love the past. It provides convenient excuses for all manner of individual or group shortcomings. Academic ‘experts,’ politicians and race hustlers use history as a cover-up. They point to the ugly facts of slavery, Jim Crow and discrimination as explanations for the high rates of black illegitimacy, crime and family breakdown. The connection between slavery and discrimination, and what we see today, is hardly ever challenged. But challenge it we must.

“Only 40 percent of black children live in two-parent households. The illegitimacy rate among blacks stands close to 70 percent. The ‘legacy of slavery’ explanation for today’s weak black family structure loses all manner of credibility when one examines evidence from the past.

“Even during slavery, most black children lived in biological two-parent families. One study of 19<sup>th</sup> century slave families (Herbert Gutman, ‘The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom: 1750-1925’) found that in up to three-fourths of the families, all the children had the same mother and father. In New York City in

schools, or has it gone multicultural?) The operative phrase is clearly ‘the right of the people...’ Had the Framers had a national defense force against the British in mind (as some like to argue), the people would not have been granted such individual rights.

“And that, fellow-Americans, brings us to the crucial point.

1925, 85 percent of kin-related black households were double-headed. In fact, ‘Five in six children under the age of 6 lived with both parents.’

“Both during slavery and as late as 1920, a black teen-age girl raising a child without a man was rare among blacks. Mr. Gutman also found in analyzing data on black families in Harlem between 1905 and 1925 that only 3 percent of all families ‘were headed by a woman under 30.’

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“Scholar and columnist Thomas Sowell found: ‘Going back a hundred years, when blacks were just one generation out of slavery, we find that census data of that era showed that a slightly higher percentage of black adults had married than white adults. This fact remained true in every census from 1890 to 1940.’

“In absolute numbers, blacks commit most of the crime in the United States. Blacks account for half of all the arrests for assault and rape, and two-thirds of arrests for robbery. Blacks are disproportionately more represented in all categories of felonies, except those requiring access to large sums of money such as embezzlements and stock fraud.

Criminologist Marvin Wolfgang says, ‘For four violent offenses—homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault—the crime rates for blacks are at least 10 times as high as they are for whites.’ Close to 90 percent of the victims of black criminals are black.

“Crime turns neighborhoods into economic wastelands, forcing poor people to bear the cost of traveling to suburban malls to do routine shopping or pay the high prices at local ‘Ma & Pa’ shops. If they manage to buy a

“The ‘politically correct’ theory is that poverty and discrimination is the cause of high crime rates. During my youth in the 1930s and 1940s, black neighborhoods were far safer than today. It would be preposterous to suggest back then there was less poverty and discrimination.

“The level of social pathology seen in many black communities is unprecedented and has nothing to do with a so-called legacy of slavery, unless we’re willing to say slavery has a delayed reaction of four or five generations.”

Walter Williams, *The Washington Times*, May 23, 1999, p. B3

Q “The medical director for the American Psychiatric Association has taken the unusual step of criticizing a sister organization, the American Psychological Association, for publishing a piece that has been construed as favoring pedophilia.

“In his letter dated May 27, Steven Mirin said the American Psychiatric Association ‘strongly disagrees’ with the implications of an article published last summer in the *Psychological Bulletin* of the American

home, that home is worth less because of crime and wanton property destruction. Poor people are most dependent on law and order for safety and welfare. Wealthier people have the financial resources to protect themselves, by taking such steps as purchasing alarms or hiring private guards.

“An often-overlooked crime cost is that people who are the most upwardly mobile people are the first to leave. Their replacements are not as mobile or they care less about neighborhood amenities. The people who leave take with them the social leavening that contributes to vital and stable communities.

Psychological Association. Call ‘A Meta-Analytic Examination of Assumed Properties of Child Sexual Abuse Using College Sample,’ the article said pedophilia may not be as harmful to children as has been thought.

“Academic hairsplitting over whether the act should be considered adult-child sex or child sexual abuse, depending upon whether or not the child feels abused or suffers subsequent trauma, is not in the public interest and obfuscates the moral issue involved,” he said.

“Sex between adult and child can never be condoned or considered “normal” behavior. From a psychological perspective, sex between adult and child is always abusive and exploitive because the adult always holds the power in the relationship.”

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