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MONTH IN REVIEW

❑ “O LORD, our Lord, how magnificent is Your name throughout the earth! You have covered the heavens with Your majesty. Because of Your adversaries, You have established a stronghold from the mouths of children and nursing infants, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

“When I observe Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You set in place, what is man that You remember him, the son of man that You look after him? You made him little less than God and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him lord over the works of Your hands; You put everything under his feet: all the sheep and oxen, as well as animals in the wild, birds of the sky, and fish of the sea passing through the currents of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how magnificent is Your name throughout the earth!

—Psalm 8

❑ “It is painful, being a man, to have to assert the privilege, or the burden, which Christianity lays upon my own sex. I am crushingly aware how inadequate most of us are, in our actual and historical individualities, to fill the place prepared for us. But it is an old saying in the army that you salute the uniform not the wearer. Only one wearing the masculine uniform can (provisionally, and till the *Parousia*) [Footnote: ‘The future return of Christ in glory to judge the living and the dead.’] represent the Lord to the Church: for we are all, corporately and individually, feminine to Him. We men may often make very bad priests. That is because we are insufficiently masculine. It is no cure to call in those who are not masculine at all. A given man may make a very bad husband; you cannot mend matters by trying to reverse the roles. He may make a bad male partner in a dance. The cure for that is that men should more diligently attend dancing classes; not that the ballroom should henceforward ignore distinctions of sex and treat all dancers as neuter. That would, of course, be eminently sensible, civilized, and enlightened, but, once more, ‘not near so much like a Ball.’”

—C. S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*

❑ “In his article ‘The New Band of Brothers’ (June 19, 2006), Michael Fumento wrote of the courage and professionalism of 19 Navy SEALs in Ramadi whom he photographed and filmed during a fire-fight while he was embedded there. ‘Now there are 18,’ Fumento writes. ‘Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class (SEAL) Marc Alan Lee has died a true hero’s death, laying down his life for his fellow men. He is the first SEAL killed in Iraq.’

“According to an embedded reporter with the *Stars and Stripes* newspaper,’ Michael writes on his blog at fumento.com, ‘an enemy sniper shot and wounded one of Lee’s SEAL comrades at the start of a firefight that lasted over an hour. Another SEAL was wounded in the battle that proved to be one of the largest in Iraq since the beginning of the insurgency. Lee was posthumously awarded the Silver Star, one of the highest awards in the military, along with a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.’

“During the operation, one element member was wounded by enemy fire. The element completed the casualty evacuation, regrouped, and returned onto the battlefield to continue the fight,”

the citation reads. ‘Petty Officer Lee and his SEAL element maneuvered to assault an unidentified enemy position. He, his teammates, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, and Abrams tanks engaged enemy positions with suppressive fire from an adjacent building to the north.

“To protect the lives of his teammates, he fearlessly exposed himself to direct enemy fire by engaging the enemy with his machine gun and was mortally wounded in the engagement. His brave actions in the line of fire saved the lives of many of his teammates.’

“Fumento adds: ‘After watching them in action from a rooftop I shared with them, I wrote of Lee and his comrades, “Those SEALs fight like machines.” But they’re not, of course. This SEAL left behind his parents and young wife, who says they were planning a family. He also truly cared more about the people of Ramadi. “He said they were begging for the military to release them from this tyranny and were appalled at the things that were going on,” his mother Debbie Lee told a reporter.

“Fumento concludes: ‘God bless our troops in Iraq; God bless the men fighting to liberate Ramadi; God bless the SEALs.’”

—*The Weekly Standard*, August 21/28, 2006, p. 2

❑ U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class (SEAL) Marc Alan Lee, Aviation Ordnanceman, also left behind a grieving Summit family since Marc was a Summit graduate Class of 1996, Session 5, and Class of 1997, Session 7. We at Summit are also grieving the loss of another Summit graduate, Cpl. Peter D. Wagler (U.S. Army), who was killed in Baghdad on January 23, 2006. He attended the Summit twice: Class of 2003, Session 6 and Class of 2004, Session 1. Mr. & Mrs. Wagler and family have set up a scholarship fund in Peter’s memory. Three of Peter’s sisters attended the Summit this summer. Your editor plans to set up a scholarship fund in memory of Marc as well, and anyone interested can contact us at (719) 685-9103 or Summit Ministries, PO Box 207, Manitou Springs, CO 80829.

❑ “While [Benjamin] Franklin served as ambassador of the United States to France, he had occasion to be at a dinner in

— UPCOMING EVENTS —

DR. NOEBEL’S SPEAKING SCHEDULE

Plan to attend a Worldview Weekend this fall. Dr. Noebel will be at the following conferences. For a complete listing and registration information, please go to www.worldviewweekend.com.

St. Paul, MN
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October 27-28
November 17-18

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Versailles with foreign dignitaries. The minister of Great Britain proposed a toast to King George III likening him to the sun. The minister of France proposed a toast to King Louis XVI likening him to the moon. In response, Benjamin Franklin stood up and toasted:

“George Washington, Commander of the American armies, who like Joshua of old, commanded the sun and the moon to stand still, and they obeyed him.”

—Benjamin Franklin, Toast to Washington, Paris, 1783

❑ “I cannot part with the comfortable belief of a Divine Providence; and the more I see the impossibility of giving equivalent punishment to a wicked man in this life, the more I am convinced of a future state, in which all that here appears to be wrong shall be set right, all that is crooked made straight.”

—Benjamin Franklin, Letter to James Hutton, July 7, 1782

❑ “Whoever shall introduce into public affairs the principles of primitive Christianity will change the face of the world.”

—Benjamin Franklin, Letter to the French Ministry, March 1778

❑ “When de facto same-sex marriage became law in Scandinavia in the 1980s and 1990s, the rate of heterosexual marriage plummeted. Scandinavian children, who watch uncommitted adults wander into and out of their homes, are paying a heavy emotional price.

“If same-sex marriage is legalized in America, the authors [of *The Meaning of Marriage*] warn, it will become almost impossible to regulate sexual behavior of any kind. For instance, if marriage is rooted in sexual gratification rather than procreative, heterosexual intercourse (as the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has declared), then why should a child be prevented from marrying an adult if a judge determines the child won’t be harmed? On what grounds would we prevent a father from marrying his sterile daughter, or a woman from marrying her favorite dolphin, as a British woman did on December 28, 2005, in Israel?

“The supporters of gay marriage would have us conduct this conversation exclusively in the language of rights. But the contributors to *The Meaning of Marriage* are determined to get readers beyond such talk to an understanding of how much we stand to lose if we allow our elites to continue tinkering with the definition of marriage. They provide irrefutable proof that marriage cannot be supersized to appease the demands of those whose main concern is social approval for same-sex unions, plural marriages—or worse. Either we retain the traditional form of wedlock, or marriage—along with healthy family life—will go the way of typewriters and buggy whips.”

—*The Weekly Standard*, September 4, 2006, p. 43

❑ Your editor highly recommends *The Meaning of Marriage* by Robert P. George and Jean Bethke Elshtain.

❑ “Communism had Karl Marx. Al Qaedaism has Sayed Qtub. Who’s he, most people would ask. The ideology that nurtured modern Islamic extremism, and spawned every violent movement from Hezbollah to al Qaeda, was born in 1952 when Qtub,

an Egyptian writer, returned from studying American literature at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado.

“The tipping point from detached observer to extremist ideology took place at a church dance in Greeley when, as Qtub recalled in *The America I Saw*, the pastor dimmed the lights and put on the come-hither number “Baby, It’s Cold Outside,” a hit tune from the MGM movie “Neptune’s Daughter”—a guy, girl and bathing suit lemon—with Esther Williams and Ricardo Montalban.

“‘The room,’ Qtub wrote, ‘became a confusion of feet and legs,’ arms twisted around hips; lips met lips ‘ chests pressed together.’ That was the scene that turned him off American culture in particular and Western culture in general—and onto Islamic fundamentalism.

“‘American girls,’ Qtub said, ‘know perfectly well the seductive power of their bodies . . . that it resides in their face, expressive eyes and hungry lips. They know that seduction resides in firm round breasts and hungry lips, full buttocks and well shaped legs—and they show all this without trying to conceal it.’

“As Doug Saunders wise-cracked in Canada’s *Globe and Mail*, ‘If he had stuck around a couple of years to hear the racier Louis Armstrong-Ella Fitzgerald version of the same song, jihad might have begun much sooner.’

“More seriously, President Bush says, ‘They hate us for our freedoms and for our democracy.’ The equation is not a simple one. They don’t see themselves as irrational fanatics, but rather as rational actors with a different agenda.

“Neither Manichean rhetoric nor Michael Moore’s paranoia captures it. Qtub’s hatred of the U.S. was similar to the ingredients that bred self-hating Americans. He viewed the world, as he saw it in 1950, as decadent, corrupt, oppressive and generating endless violence and war because of capitalist greed that was destroying Allah’s creations. Many of the same strands were spun to justify the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.”

—Arnaud de Borchgrave, *The Washington Times*, June 17, 2006, p. A11

❑ “The truth is, no one is born gay. A variety of complex environmental, social and temperamental factors can coalesce into leading men and women to be attracted to the same sex. The process is different for every person, and it’s certainly not a choice in the sense that a person wakes up one day and says,

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

Summit Ministries completed one of its greatest summer programs with 7 two-week sessions in Manitou Springs, Colorado; 1 two-week session in Cedarville, Ohio (Cedarville University campus), and 2 two-week sessions in Dayton, Tennessee (Bryan College campus). I would like to publicly thank all our professors who made this season so special to me personally (having celebrated 44 years at the Summit and received the very special "A Summit Reader" edited by Dr. Michael Bauman and Dr. Frank Beckwith on my 70th birthday). I will list them in alphabetical order and wish them my profound thanks and best wishes for all their teachings and influence upon the next generation of Christian leaders: Chuck Asay, Charles Asbell, Josh Bales, Michael Bauman, Frank Beckwith, Jim Bjornstad, Paul Boling, Debbie Brezina, Bill Brown, Michael Buratovich, Kevin Bywater, Mark Cahill, Alan Corlew, Todd Cothran, Scott Dixon, Phil Downer, Chuck Edwards, Norman Geisler, Duane Gish, Mike Haley, Christian Hidalgo, Wayne House, J. R. Kerr, Greg Koukl, Robert Linden, Eric Ludy, Kellie McGuire, Chris Miller, Terry Moffit, J. P. Moreland, Jeff Myers, Dave and Mary Jo Nutting, Chris Osborne, Gary Phillips, Carl Ruby, Eric Smith, Mark Smith, John Stonestreet, Dennis Sullivan, Del Tackett, Frank Turek, Charles Van Eaton, David Wheaton, Chuck White, Mel Wilhoit, and Kurt Wise.

I would also like to thank nearly 80 staff members who gave of their time and energy to make these sessions special for hundreds of students from across this country and many foreign countries (Mexico, Canada, Germany, Egypt, England, etc.).

Finally, I wish to thank our many Summit supporters who make this youth ministry possible. Thank you for your financial gifts and letters of encouragement. Thank you for being a part of this work for so many years. Thank you for making my job so much easier—student tuitions pay for approximately 5 or 6 months of our existence and our supporters pick up the remainder of the year's expenses. THANK YOU!

I was going to sign off this editorial at this point, but over the e-mail emerged a student letter too good to wait until next month. Since it is two pages in length I will try to summarize it, but our faculty and staff can relate to it as well as I can. Elizabeth E. writes:

"This letter is going to look more like a novel by the time I am finished but you'll have an idea how you have impacted my life. Prior to attending the Summit the only thing I cared about were going to a club and clothes. The junior college I attended meant nothing to me. My grades were low, and I didn't care. I never did well in school and thought I was stupid anyway so again it didn't matter. Nothing really mattered to me. My life meant nothing.

"I didn't know my father until I tracked him down. After meeting him he told me to find my own way back home to Virginia (he lived in Texas). That is when my life as a whole meant nothing. That trip led to an addiction of cutting myself. Depression was the only thing that would describe everything about me after that point. There was no God to me. He had allowed me to suffer disappointment and rejection by my own father. Life after that had no purpose.

"My mom, however, never stopped praying for a miracle that would change my life. My aunt wanted to see if she could steer me in the right direction to receive that miracle. She told me about the Summit and had me send in an application. I didn't think anything of it. I figured I wouldn't get accepted so there was no reason to get my hopes up. Well, after getting an acceptance letter I began to wonder if things were going to change for me. I actually prayed that God would use that trip as a means of turning my life around.

"The day came to leave for the Summit and I was excited for the first time in a while. It wasn't until we were about to touch down in Colorado Springs that it hit me that this trip was going to be more than just going to Colorado. I began weeping on the plane knowing that God was truly going to do something in those two weeks.

"Every lecture given brought a challenge. Every person I talked to was an encouragement. It was at the first praise and worship session that I gave my heart to God. However, there was still more to come....When I got home from the Summit I walked into the airport and my mother and my cousin noticed a change immediately. There was a joy about me. When I came into church on Sunday the people there noticed a change when I walked in the door. I didn't bring a book to read to get me through the service! I was ready to listen. When I got back the church sang 'Amazing Grace.'

"The next three years [at Bryan College] God moved more than I had ever seen Him move. I would lay in bed at night just praising Him for bringing me there and thanking God for allowing me to go to the Summit and getting a chance to talk to you. After my first year at Bryan I was so awed of what God had done in my life through the Summit that I wanted my boyfriend back home to experience it too. He proposed and I gave him the one condition and it was that he had to go to the Summit before we got married. He attended two months before we got married. My husband and I have two children with a third on the way in March of next year. I am now teaching history in an inner-city school in Petersburg, Virginia (a pretty rough area) where I enjoy my job and hope to have an impact on my students

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the way you've had an impact on me. My life is much better all because you took the time after one session at the Summit to spur me on toward success. I now have meaning in life and a vision for my future. Thank you! God bless you and may God

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'You know, this is as good a morning as ever to be gay.' But neither is there any credible scientific evidence that homosexuality is an inborn, immutable trait. In fact, in its 'Fact Sheet on Gay Lesbian Bisexual Issues,' the American Psychiatric Association clearly states: 'to date there are no replicated scientific studies supporting any specific biological etiology for homosexuality.'

"There's also no evidence that same-sex attraction is a fixed, unchangeable characteristic like race or ethnicity. If you're born black or Hispanic, you're gonna be black or Hispanic for the rest of your life. But thousands of men and women, including several friends of mine who work at Focus on the Family, have walked away from homosexuality after becoming dissatisfied with the lifestyle they were living."

—Bill Maier, *The [Colorado Springs] Gazette*, July 18, 2006

□ "Vive la difference: Despite feminists, metro-sexuals and gender-neutral language, we just can't surrender those old ways. Men, it seems, are still chivalrous, protective of their womenfolk and perhaps endearingly stubborn about certain things. And women? They like to shop, they're fastidious, and yes, they will ask for directions.

"American men and women tend to embrace many well-known sexual stereotypes, admitting to patterns of behavior commonly attributed to their gender,' according to a poll released yesterday by the Scripps Survey Research Center at Ohio University.

"Recall that male passengers on the Titanic agreed to give up their places on the lifeboats for women and children," the researchers said in framing their question to more than 1,000 Americans. 'If there were a similar life-or-death situation today, do you think men should be expected to die and allow women to live?'

"Almost two thirds of the men—a manly 63 percent said they should be expected to lay down their lives. Only 39 percent of the women agreed; 43 percent of the ladies, in fact thought the idea was 'old-fashioned,' compared with 23 percent of the men.

"Other recent research has emphasized the differences. A study by Ohio State University determined that comfort food preferences are 'gender specific.' Men crave hearty steak and potatoes, while women shamelessly want sweets. The University of Toronto found that teenage girls pen stories about romance while boys write of adventure, even in an era of 'girl power.'

"And after studying the persistence of the old fashioned bridal shower, Pennsylvania State University sociologist Beth Montemurro concluded June 28 that 'American society is still very much married to tradition and traditional concepts of masculine and feminine.'"

—Jennifer Harper, *The Washington Times*, August 18, 2006, p. A1

continue to bless the Summit."

Thank you to our faculty, staff, and supporters for making such a change possible in this one life and in hundreds of others.

□ "Wal-Mart, the largest retailer in the world, has asked for and received permission to join the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. The NGLCC is a leading promoter of homosexual marriage.

"Although Wal-Mart has never excluded homosexuals from being employees, customers, or suppliers, the company wanted to be more closely identified with promoting the homosexual agenda. Wal-Mart is now a 'corporate member' of the NGLCC, putting their approval on the NGLCC's efforts to abolish the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman. A Wal-Mart vice president will serve as an advisor to the NGLCC, helping them promote homosexual marriage.

"Wal-Mart agreed to give \$25,000 to the NGLCC and to pay for two conferences scheduled by NGLCC. **Also, Wal-Mart will give homosexual-owned businesses special treatment when making purchases.** Companies not owned by homosexuals will be moved down the list.

"NGLCC called Wal-Mart's action '**part of the company's ongoing commitment to advancing diversity (homosexuality) among all of its associate, supplier and customer bases.**'

"Wal-Mart is offering the same kind of support for homosexual marriage which Ford Motor Company has been giving to homosexual groups for years.

Take Action

1. Send your email to Wal-Mart.
2. Wal-Mart often blocks our [American Family Association] emails. To make sure your voice is heard, please call Wal-Mart's home office headquarters and ask for Chairman Rob Walton at 479-273-4000. Also, call your local Wal-Mart manager and express your concerns. **Please, be polite when you call!"**

—Donald E. Wildmon, American Family Association, August 31, 2006 Alert

□ "If you consider that there has been an average of 160,000 troops in the Iraq theatre of operations during the last 22 months, and a total of 2,112 deaths, that gives a monthly firearm death rate of 60 per 100,000 soldiers.

"The same firearm death rate in Washington D.C. is 80.6 per 100,000 for the same period.

"That means that you are about 25% more likely to be shot and killed in the U.S. Capitol, which has some of the strictest gun control laws in the nation, than you are in Iraq.

"Conclusion: The U.S. should pull out of Washington."

□ "A book suggesting the September 11 attacks were engineered by the U.S. government is raising hackles among the faithful because its publisher is an agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the largest of several Presbyterian denominations.

"*Christian Faith and the Truth Behind 9/11: A Call to Reflection and Action* is already in its second printing, after having sold 5,000 copies in its first month. It accuses the Bush adminis-

tration—in power only eight months at the time of the 2001 terrorist attacks—of plotting September 11 to justify war with Afghanistan and Iraq, and to expand an ‘American empire.’

“The book has attracted volumes of criticism, boycott threats and attempted clarifications by various church officials.

“‘The views expressed in the book are Griffin’s alone,’ says Presbyterian Publishing Corp. (PPC) Board Chairman Kenneth Godshall, referring to the author, David Ray Griffin, 67, a retired professor at the Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, California.

“‘PPC provides a variety of viewpoints in the books we publish. A few of them from time to time are controversial. This particular book is the work of an independent author and in no way represents the views of the denomination or PPC itself.’

“His statement was posted on the Presbyterian Church (USA) Web site (www.pcusa.org) recently under an ad for Presbyterian Publishing Corp. and the slogan, ‘All Things Presbyterian, All in One Place.’

“The book represents the latest conflict within a denomination that in June voted that local congregations could decide to ordain homosexual clergy and that the Trinity, described for centuries as ‘Father, Son and Holy Ghost,’ could also be called ‘Mother, Child and Womb.’”

—Julia Duin, *The Washington Times*, August 18, 2006, p. 1

❑ “The Idaho Supreme Court has authorized the nation’s first ballot initiative to let voters decide whether a Boise public park should be allowed to have a Ten Commandments monument, like the one removed two years ago.

“The court’s 4-1 ruling Monday overturned an October 2004 decision by a lower court and an earlier decision by the Boise City Council. The council had refused to put the initiative on the Nov. 7 ballot, even though citizens had collected the 19,000 signatures required to do so.

“The council said the matter was not a proper subject for an initiative because the petition sought to implement an administrative act, not a legislative one. In late 2004, state 4th District Judge Ronald Wilper affirmed the council decision, ruling that the city was not required to have a ballot initiative in this case.

“Supporters of the monument appealed to the state’s highest court, which ruled that ‘it is premature to rule on whether the initiative is valid or not, until it actually exists,’ said the Rev. Bryan Fischer. The court also held that a qualifying question should be on the ballot, said Mr. Fischer, co-chairman of the Keep the Commandments Coalition, which brought the lawsuit against the city.

“The court said in its majority opinion: ‘Just as the court would not interrupt the legislature in the consideration of a bill prior to enactment, the court will not interrupt the consideration of a properly qualified initiative. The petition qualifies for the ballot for consideration by the voters.’

“Mr. Fischer called the ruling ‘a dramatic reversal of the tide’ in which many courts have ordered the removal of Ten Commandments displays from public places.

“This could be a way to generate fresh energy in the direction of acknowledging God again in the public square,’ Mr. Fischer, who also is executive director of the Idaho Values Alliance, said yesterday in a telephone interview.

“The American Civil Liberties Union has been a force in many court cases concerning such displays—which the ACLU deems unconstitutional—but the legal organization was not involved in this case, Mr. Fischer said.

“In the 1960s, Boise was one of hundreds of U.S. cities to receive a granite Ten Commandments monument as a donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

“‘It was not given by a religious organization but by a secular organization. The gift was in response to a rising tide of juvenile delinquency, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles felt the Ten Commandments would be fine standards to govern the conduct of youths’ Mr. Fischer said.

“When Boise’s Ten Commandments display was removed from the public park in 2004, it was relocated to the grounds of a cathedral in the city. It will remain there, regardless of the outcome of the initiative.

“If the ballot measure passes, Mr. Fischer said, a new display will be erected in Julia Davis Park ‘on the same site’ as the old monument. He said the new display will be identical to one in Pocatello, Idaho, which was ruled constitutional by a federal judge when challenged in court by the ACLU 11 years ago.

“The new version will include two monuments. One will list the Ten Commandments, and the second will commemorate Thomas Jefferson’s 1786 Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom.

“‘Mr. Fischer said he is confident of an Election Day victory, ‘as all the polling data show 70 to 80 percent of the residents of Boise are in favor of returning the Ten Commandments to the municipal park.’”

—Joyce Price, *The Washington Times*, August 16, 2006, p. A6

❑ “A few years ago, researchers at the Rand Corp. released a study that found heavy exposure to sexual content on TV shows relates strongly to teenagers’ initiation of intercourse or their progression to more advanced sexual activities.

“To some, those results seemed so reasonable because, well, aren’t they so obvious? But there are always those who won’t accept the obvious, even when it’s presented for them on a scientifically documented silver tray. Critics were quick to raise a chicken-and-egg question: Couldn’t it also be argued that teenagers already predisposed to sexual activity have a predilection for sexier TV shows?

“In the scientific sense, it is certainly possible that cause and effect may not be as simple as ‘monkey see, monkey do.’ But it’s odd that some activists can berate corporations for tempting children into eating Twinkies and drinking sugary sodas, but then don’t see corporations pushing hypersexual entertainment as tempting the young into premature sexual activity.

“Now the Rand Corp. has a new study, published in the August issue of the journal *Pediatrics*, taking on another major teenage influence: their music. The same alarming results jump off the page. According to the study, based on interviews with nearly 1,500 teens, those who said they listened to sexually explicit music were almost twice as likely to start having sex within the following two years than those who listen to little or none of that music. This holds true for boys and girls as well as for whites and nonwhites, even after accounting for a list of other personal and social factors associated with adolescent sexual behavior.

“Music is no small part of youngsters’ lives. Adolescents typically listen to 1½ to 2½ hours of music per day, and that doesn’t include the time they are exposed to music through music videos. The researchers were especially concerned about sexually degrading music like the F-bombs and ‘ho’ lyrics of the rappers.

“These portrayals objectify and degrade women in ways that are clear, but they do the same to men by depicting them as sex-driven studs,” said Steven Martino, the Rand psychologist who led the study. “Musicians who use this type of sexual imagery are communicating something very specific about what sexual roles are appropriate, and teen listeners may act on these messages.”

“Mr. Martino and his research team acknowledge some may argue that teens don’t really listen to the lyrics, or that listening to music is a passive and secondary activity for youth. But they also insist the sexual references in many popular songs may be difficult for them to ignore, because the language used to describe sex has become increasingly direct. They suggest a taste of the rap ‘artist’ Lil’ Kim: ‘When it comes to sex don’t test my skills, ‘cause my head game will have you head over heels. Guys wanna wife me and give me the ring. I’ll do it anywhere, anyhow, I’m down for anything.’ They can then argue persuasively, ‘The interest in sex expressed in these lyrics is unlikely to be lost on many teens.’

“People who want to make excuses for the music industry also argue sexual lyrics are nothing new in popular music, from ‘I Can’t Get No Satisfaction’ by the Rolling Stones to any number of songs that discuss ‘making love.’ But much late 20th century music that played on the radio had a layer or two of euphemism or double entendre. It might have gone over the heads of grade schoolers riding along in the car. That is not true now. It’s just the opposite today. The lyrics are as blatant as can be and are marketed directly to young teenagers through the likes of MTV.

“The Rand study also noted a recent analysis of the content of TV shows, movies, magazines, newspapers and music popular among teens demonstrated that sexual content is much more prevalent in popular music lyrics than in any other medium.

“David Walsh at the National Institute on Media and the Family argues that what music does is amplify. When we hear a patriotic tune, we feel more patriotic. When we hear a romantic tune, we feel romantic. When they hear a very sexually arousing tune, is it any surprise that teenagers feel more sexually aroused and are more likely to act on it?

“It’s also unsurprising to note the best antidote to this onslaught is parental involvement. Parents need to actively monitor children’s media diet and have frank conversations about what sex is and what it should not be. Sadly, only 19 percent of American teenagers report they have good communication with a trusted adult about sex. It’s sad to think that the other 81 percent might be getting their sex education and social cues from filthy rappers and music videos, and the ‘pimping’ corporations that profit from them.”

—L. Brent Bozell III, *The Washington Times*, August 21, 2006, p. A14

❑ “On page 240 of Pat Buchanan’s stunningly logical new book,

State of Emergency: The Third World Invasion and Conquest of America, appear the following words: ‘One of the truly major issues with which America must deal [is] the vast tidal wave of human beings coming from the Third World. There is a fragmentation going on in this country. At what point does cultural, racial diversity become a kind of social anarchy? How do you get national cohesion this way?’

“But those are not the words of my friend and political sparring partner Pat Buchanan. They are words he quoted from a 1987 interview in the *Christian Science Monitor* with Eric Sevaried, the CBS correspondent and close associate of Walter Cronkite and Edward R. Murrow.

“Only 19 years ago, one of the nation’s most respected public liberals could unselfconsciously utter words that today could be a scandalous career ender for a public figure.

“And it is around that issue—race, ethnicity, language, culture and immigration and the problem of talking honestly about it—that Mr. Buchanan has constructed his most important book to date.

“Most people will be familiar with Mr. Buchanan’s view on immigration. But even those who have read his earlier books and read his columns, as I have, will not be prepared for the remorseless presentation of unimpeachable facts with which he makes his convincing case for the reality of his book’s subtitle: ‘the third world invasion and conquest of America.’ Here he deepens his case against illegal immigration (and his case for a moratorium on even legal immigration) with statistic after statistic concerning, among many topics, the shockingly disproportionate degree of disease and crime that illegal Mexican and other immigrants are transmitting into the country.

“For example, in Los Angeles, 95 percent of all outstanding warrants for homicide, which total 1,200-1,500, are for illegal aliens. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, California now has almost 40,000 cases of tuberculosis (a disease only recently thought to be virtually extinct in America). He presents compelling evidence that the “Reconquista” of southwestern United States is not merely the silly conceit of a few extremists, but is widely desired by Mexicans (he cites a 2002 Zogby poll showing that by 58 percent to 28 percent, Mexicans believe the American Southwest belongs to Mexico).

“New to me was his citation to the fact that all 47 Mexican consulates in the United States are mandated to provide textbooks to U.S. schools with significant Hispanic populations, which textbooks teach history from the point of view of General Santa Ana—in which America stole the Southwest. The Los Angeles consulate, alone, has distributed 100,000 such textbooks just this year to the L.A. Unified School District.

“Mr. Buchanan recounts the observation that ‘every great truth begins in blasphemy.’ In that sense this book is one extended blasphemy against not only liberal proprieties, but even against received wisdom about the nature of America believed by many conservatives.

“I have particularly in mind his chapter 9, ‘What Is A Nation,’ in which he rejects the argument that America is fundamentally defined as a ‘creedal nation’ of democracy, equality and the institutions formed by our constitution.

“Rather, Mr. Buchanan argues, ‘The Constitution did not cre-



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ate the nation; the nation adopted the Constitution.' While the founding fathers did believe in universal principles and rights, 'they were loyal to a particular nation and to kinfolk with whom they shared ties of blood, soil, and memory.' In this elegantly crafted chapter, he weaves into a thought-provoking tapestry on the nature of nationhood and patriotism the writings of George Washington, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., Alexander Hamilton, Psalms and Genesis, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Joseph De Maistre, Abraham Lincoln, Charles DeGaulle and Israel Zangwill (Jewish author of the 1908 play, 'The Melting Pot') among others.

"Of course, there is nothing more dangerously controversial than trying to define the ethnic, language and cultural nature and desirability of America.

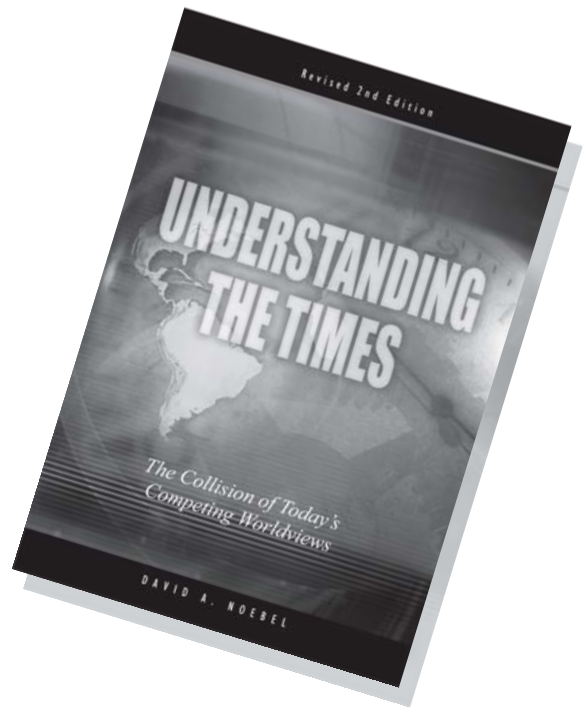
"But until we as a country come to terms publicly with what kind of a country we think America is and should be, we can never have a rational and full debate about what kind of immigration policy we should try to enforce.

"Mr. Buchanan quotes the French poet, Charles Peguy: 'It will never be known what acts of cowardice have been motivated by the fear of looking insufficiently progressive.' By that standard, Mr. Buchanan, in this book, is positively fearless. He is also right. Americans, from what ever nation or ethnicity we originated, have formed a common culture worth preserving, and a common history worth continuing.

"I am convinced a large majority of Americans agree. This book—*State of Emergency*—will give its readers both the facts and the backbone to powerfully make that case."

—Tony Blankley, *The Washington Times*, August 16, 2006, p. A 17

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