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stitutional rights. The Higginses were represented by attorneys with the Rutherford Institute.

By approving the stipulation, which was negotiated by attorneys for both sides and signed into order by a U.S. district court judge, the school district acknowledged that public school curriculum may constitutionally include a study of the Bible when it is "presented objectively as part of a secular program of education." Agreeing that Rebecca's distribution of the Bibles met this requirement as part of "an approved book report," the school district, as stated in the stipulation, "regret[ted] that an honest misunderstanding" of school policy and constitutional principles resulted in a "limited abridgment" of her rights.

T-shirts cause furor

A battle over T-shirts between administrators and students at Tremer High in Milwaukee, Wisconsin sparked reaction from the school board. The students feel they have a right to wear T-shirts to school regardless of what is printed on them. What school officials object to are the shirts that promote suicide, drugs, and the like. The *Milwaukee Sentinel* reported that one shirt featured a skull and crossbones, while other shirts said, "Suicide is fun—Try it," and "Party naked—Do drugs."

Principal Richard Regner said about 40 students have worn objectional T-shirts in recent weeks. At least one board member told a local newspaper the kids should "hang in there" with their protest. Board member Genevieve Turk also painted the school administrators as unreasonable. She told the paper, "Every once in a while, these administrators and principals get a little paranoid and you have to handle them gently."

Rapes reflect ABC movie

A 35-year-old Oakland County, Michigan man was arrested recently in connection with one of two brutal abduction-rapes in the Oakland County area. The man is accused of abducting a 16-year-old girl. The girl was held in a car for 30 hours with her hands tied and her eyes blindfolded. During the ordeal, she was beaten, cut and repeatedly sexually assaulted.

Police said the incident was similar to another abduction-rape of another local woman just a week before. Police said both incidents have striking resemblances to a recent television movie. Detectives working on the cases have ruled out the possibility that the crimes were committed by the same person. But investigators said they believe the incidents may have been prompted by the ABC-TV movie EASY PREY.

Part of the movie depicted the abduction of a teen-age girl who was beaten and raped repeatedly by a man who had already raped and killed several women. An advertisement for the movie stated: "He said he was going to kill her, but he didn't. What he did was worse."

The movie, based on a true story of serial killer-rapist James Wilder, who was the suspect of a nationwide manhunt in 1984, aired on ABC affiliate WXYZ-TV in Detroit.

Sgt. R.J. Manning said, "The television show certainly has some interesting parallels." Manning also said that the method of operation is "right out of TV." Detective Don Studt of the local police department asked, "How can you have a coincidence like that?"

Murder imitates porn magazine layout

In September, 36-year-old Chapel Hill, North Carolina resident George Fisher was found guilty of first-degree kidnapping and attempted first-degree rape in the connection of the murder of Jean Kar-Har Fewel, a Chinese orphan being adopted by a Chapel Hill couple.

Fisher testified to being in his "hang-out," a Durham pornographic bookstore, on the morning of Fewel's murder. He had viewed about two-and-one-half hours worth of pornographic movies.

The little girl had been found hanging from a tree on January 30, 1985 at the Mason Farm Biological Reserve in North Carolina. The location where she was found and the disposition of her body resembled a December 1984 *Penthouse* magazine feature showing naked Asian women bound with rope from neck to ankles, hanging from trees.

Playboy losing appeal

In the *Wall Street Journal* recently, an editorial by Suzanne Garment addressed the reason for the financial woes of many pornographers, namely Playboy. Said Garment: "Playboy Enterprises is in trouble today, but the chief culprit is not a repressive attorney general. Large numbers of people in this country and beyond have a surprisingly insistent desire to pull themselves, their institutions and their rules together after years of despair."

Simply put, what Garment is saying is that *Playboy* is going down not because of governmental oppression, but because many, many Americans are tired of the free-drug, free-sex, no-moral-values way of living that *Playboy* has promoted for the last 25 years and the destruction it has brought to the lives of the ones they love.

Post writer sees anti-Christian bias

Washington Post editorial writer Michael Barone says he sees something wrong with the way the media is treating presidential hopeful Pat Robertson. Barone cites several examples of the media's attacks on Robertson, and almost all of the examples concern his religious views instead of his political views. Barone says: "Some of what we are seeing and hearing comes uncomfortably close to ridiculing others' religious beliefs—something that should not be a part of American politics."

Children win porn suit

Two children in Los Angeles who watched explicit sex scenes added to the videotape of a rented Walt Disney cartoon will receive $9,500 in an out-of-court settlement.

According to a psychiatric report, the children, ages six and seven, suffered behavioral changes and emotional trauma in the weeks after they viewed the sexually explicit scenes.

Lawyers for the company renting the video speculated someone who had previously rented the tape might have recorded the sex scenes on the videotape after the end of the Disney movie.

Methodist supported school sells porn

United Methodist related Emory University in Atlanta continues to sale pornographic magazines in its leased bookstore facility, despite requests from concerned pastors and at least one United Methodist Bishop that the sale of *Playboy* and *Playgirl* be discontinued.

University president James T. Laney said, "The presence in the bookstore of those two magazines is an open policy deriving from a committee of students and faculty."

Concern was voiced last August by a number of the United Methodist pastors attending the school. The pastors, citing evidence that pornographic magazines such as *Playboy* and *Playgirl* contribute to the instance of promiscuity and sexual crimes, asked the administration to have the porno publications pulled from the campus bookstore.

The university president also said that although he does not personally support *Playboy* and *Playgirl*, he feels he must restrain himself from trying to "impose his views" on the university community, no matter how urgent or defensible they may seem to be.

The address of President James T. Laney is: Office of the President, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322.

Criminal possessed bondage devices

A 26-year-old free-lance photographer from San Jose, California has been sentenced to 11 years in state prison for kidnapping two young women and sexually assaulting one.

Timothy Raines, who said he was sorry and wanted counseling to overcome his sadomasochistic urges, pleaded guilty to the charges. When police searched the car of Raines, they found a loaded revolver, an electric cattle prod, knives, rope, an ice pick, a syringe and needle and a mail-order catalog of bondage devices along with—you guessed it—pornographic magazines.

Methodist bishops want Judeo-Christian tradition included

The Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church recently sent a letter to former U.S. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, chairperson of the U.S. Constitution bicentennial commission, asking the group to recognize the "important role played by the Judeo-Christian tradition in the development of the philosophy reflected by the Constitution."

Christian paper banned

Three Pennsylvania seventh graders who were suspended for passing out a religious newspaper in the hallways of their public school have sued the school district for restricting the exercise of their constitutional rights.

Last spring Bryan Thompson, Marc Shunk and Christopher Eakle, students at Antietam Junior High School in Waynesboro, handed out copies of *Issues and Answers*, a free monthly newspaper published by Student Action for Christ. The paper covers a variety of topics typical of teenage media—sports figures, movie reviews, sex and dating, social and historical issues, problems with parents, and the like. It also includes a distinct Christian perspective on these topics.

The students were told not to distribute *Issues and Answers*, but *M.A.D. Magazine, The Rolling Stone*, the school newspaper and assorted sports magazines are still free to change hands in the halls.

At first Antietam principal Robert Mesaros told Thompson not to hand out the papers at all, then granted permission to distribute them before school "up to 7:50 a.m.," as long as the student stayed outside the school building on the sidewalk and parking lot areas.

Thompson, along with Shunk and Eakle, believed Mesaros' order restricted their free speech rights, and they continued to pass out the newspapers before homeroom in the school's locker area. The students were then ordered to the principal's office and placed on suspension during homeroom. When Thompson and Shunk distributed the papers again four days later, they were suspended for the entire day.

In letters to Thompson's and Shunk's parents, Mesaros stated that the suspensions resulted from the students' "willful disregard for school district policy and direct disobedience."

In defense of the students, Rutherford Institute attorney Larry Crain wrote Mesaros, requesting that they be allowed to distribute copies of *Issues and Answers* at reasonable times during the school day and that all reference to the suspensions be removed from their school files. When those requests were denied, the students and their parents moved ahead with the lawsuit.

Interview on porn reflects attitude

The Milwaukee, Wisconsin *Journal*, in a three piece series on pornography in the Milwaukee area, interviewed an owner of a local porn magazine and film shop. Here are a few of the comments made by a co-owner of Parkway News.

About current trends in pornographic films: "I think more people than we think are into pain and punishment."

About child pornography: "Kiddie porn, kiddie porn, kiddie porn. If we could sell it, we would be more than independently wealthy. Three or four times a week, somebody's looking for it."

'U.S. News' leaves bias showing

In the "Washington Whispers" section *U.S. News & World Report*, this article appeared. Note the key words used concerning Attorney General Meese. "Attorney General Edwin Meese won't be **cramming** any more **ultraconservatives** into federal judgeships. White House officials have decided to limit court nominees to **nonextremist**..."

Gallup poll shows 11% read Bible daily

A new Gallup poll shows that 89 percent of us won't read the Bible today. Daily Bible reading was reported by only 11 percent of the 1,559 adults polled. That is down slightly from a peak of 15 percent in 1982, and up slightly from 10 percent in 1944, says George Gallup, Jr.

Gallup says, "Our frequency of Bible reading has remained virtually unchanged over the years...People revere the Bible, but they don't read it—that is what it comes down to."

The poll also shows 22 percent never read the Bible—down from 24 percent in 1982. Women, blacks, older people, Protestants, evangelicals, Southerners and the less-educated are more likely to read the Bible and read it more often than other groups.

Gallup also asked people about the role of religion in public schools. Most favored activities that have been found legally permissible by the Supreme Court. Other findings show that 75 percent approved of using the Bible in literature, history and social study classes. Seventy-nine percent approved of teaching students about the world's major religions and some 75 percent approved of offering elective courses in Bible studies.

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