

# National News

## N.Y. physicians asked to track AIDS victims

The New York City health commissioner has sent out a mailing to 27,000 physicians asking them to counsel AIDS victims and their sexual and drug partners, the New York *Daily News* reported on Oct. 17.

"Contacts need to know that they have been exposed to a lethal disease. We've been doing this for syphilis and tuberculosis all over the country for a long time," Dr. Stephen Schultz, deputy health commissioner, told the *News*.

Under the proposed notification guidelines, the patients can ask the Health Department for help in tracing their former partners, or the doctors can do it. Before the doctor contacts the department, the physician must believe there is a significant risk to a patient's partners, he must counsel the patient regarding tracing, and he must believe the patient won't notify the partners. The patient's name will remain confidential with the physician.

The Gay Men's Health Crisis criticized the plan, saying that it supports the idea of contact tracing, but that the health commissioner is making doctors keep a list of everyone who tests positive. A spokesman said, "That would only raise people's fears."

## Drug testing approved in Chicago school

A program for drug testing of students, faculty, and administration at a Chicago parochial school has been approved.

The Chicago Catholic Archdiocese and the American Civil Liberties Union announced they would not oppose such testing—the Archdiocese on the basis that it would not conflict with its standing guidelines on drug matters, and the ACLU on the basis that activity in private schools does not come under the same constitutional provisions as that in public schools.

Father Pflieger of St. Sabina School said that he will seek approval from parents and the parish for across-the-board drug testing at the school, and said, "I'll be the first to take the test, because we adults have to be role models for the kids."

In a related development, the U.S. Navy started a new drug test the week of Oct. 16, to catch users of methamphetamine, commonly referred to as "speed." Officials estimate that they will catch 6,500 sailors and Marines during the next year and hope to curtail the escalating use of the drug by Navy personnel. This new test, utilizing a radio-immunoassay, is reported by the *Los Angeles Times* to be virtually foolproof, and will also snare such designer and derivative drugs as MDMA, "Ecstasy" and "Ice."

## Du Pont Smith says trustees lost his money

Lawyers for Lewis du Pont Smith appeared before Judge Lawrence Wood in Pennsylvania on Oct. 16, three days after the stock market fell 190 points, to argue for a hearing date for his petition to regain control of his finances.

Du Pont Smith, an heir to the du Pont family fortune and a political collaborator of Lyndon LaRouche, was declared "mentally incompetent" by the judge in 1985, when his family objected to his financial contributions to LaRouche's political movement. He was stripped of political and civil rights—including the right to marry—and of control over his finances.

Smith's petition argues that it is the court-appointed guardian of his money, Wilmington Trust, which is incompetent on economic matters. He lost approximately \$3.5 million in October 1987, after Wilmington Trust ignored his warnings on the volatility of the market and his request to move his trust assets out of stocks and into more stable instruments.

In August 1989, Smith sent another communication to Wilmington Trust, in which he warned that he was expecting another blowout in the stock market, "possibly as early as late September or early October."

Again Wilmington Trust ignored his advice; Smith estimates that in the crash of Oct. 13, they lost him another \$500,000-750,000.

Smith's lawyer commented that he was glad he had taken the advice of a so-called incompetent, and not that of the "experts," or he would have lost his shirt.

## Stones hype 'Sympathy for the Devil'

The high point of a recent New York concert by Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones was Jagger's "Sympathy for the Devil," according to a review in the Oct. 11 New Jersey *Bergen Record*, lending more confirmation to charges that such groups are explicit promoters of Satanism.

Similar New Jersey concerts by the Grateful Dead left the "body count" at one teenager dead and two in critical condition, the *Bergen Record* reported Oct. 17. Adam Katz, 19, was found murdered outside the stadium after the concert. Three hospitals treated more than 15 fans for drug overdoses, and two were in critical condition from LSD overdoses.

Numerous arrests were made for drug possession, driving while under the influence, and other offenses. In June, another rock fan was murdered at New Jersey's Meadowlands Stadium, after a concert by The Who rock group.

## Lawyers Guild and FBI settle spying suit

The National Lawyers Guild reached a settlement in its long-running suit with the FBI, which stemmed from Guild charges that it had been subject to 40 years of illegal surveillance and harassment by the agency.

A key part of the agreement prohibits the government from ever using the FBI record of the surveillance obtained between 1940 and 1975, according to Reuters Oct. 14. The government states, without admitting guilt, that the FBI tried to disrupt the

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operations of the Guild and conducted various types of surveillance. However, the settlement does not provide for the government to pay any of the \$57 million in damages asked for by the Guild.

"We believe we achieved a substantial step forward in the continuing problem with government spying. In an unprecedented move, the government has agreed never to use in any fashion the fruits of that spying. The government has admitted for the first time engaging in a series of wire taps and burglarizing a legal organization, which is clearly inappropriate in our society," said Michael Krinsky, attorney for the Guild.

Krinsky said that in 12 years of litigation, the FBI was forced to turn over 400,000 pages of documents showing FBI phone tapings, bank record seizures, and mail surveillance actions directed against the group.

### N.Y.'s Mayor Koch: 'Execute drug pushers'

New York Mayor Edward Koch called for harsh penalties for drug pushers, in a speech Oct. 13 in Montreal, Canada, at the European and North American Conference on Urban Safety and Crime Prevention. The meeting was attended by 900 delegates from 31 countries.

"When you talk about executing drug pushers, people say it's barbaric," Koch said. "Why is it barbaric? They are responsible for the deaths of dozens, hundreds of people."

Koch minimized the effect of poverty in aggravating the drug problem. "It's not poverty that causes drugs," he said. "It is the fact we're not willing to deter with stiff sentences. . . . I remember when Malaysia executed major drug pushers. So long as they executed Malaysians, nobody cared. And then when they executed two white Australians, then everybody went bananas around the world. I'm told that since those two Australians were executed in Malaysia, no Australian has sold drugs in Malaysia. It's a deterrent."

Koch said that convicted drug dealers should be sent to prisons in isolated areas of the country. "I would fill tent camps in parts of our country so desolate that there's no place they can go to escape. For example, I would send them to the deserts . . . and to the ice floes in Alaska."

The final communiqué issued by the conference was described by Montreal newspapers as a compromise between the hard line of Koch and others, and the preference of Dutch representatives in particular for a greater emphasis on education and prevention.

Philadelphia Mayor Wilson Goode, president of the American Mayors' Conference, said he would see to it that the Montreal declaration makes the round of American cities. "Do not underestimate the danger posed by the cocaine cartels, the traffickers' power, and how quickly drugs can assail your cities, overwhelm your police departments, your social, judicious, and even your health services," he said.

### Astrologer set Bush's pro-Soviet policy

Joan Quigley, the San Francisco-based stargazing adviser to Nancy Reagan while she was First Lady, told CBS News on Oct. 17 that she was responsible for President Reagan's dropping of the "Evil Empire" polemic against the Soviet Union, after she analyzed Mikhail Gorbachov's horoscope.

Quigley said, "I talked with Nancy for two or three hours, convincing her that Gorbachov was intelligent, open to new ideas, and that he had a vision like Reagan."

Quigley reports that she was paid \$3,000 per month by the First Lady and set the times for "almost all" of President Reagan's speeches, including the signing of the treaty on intermediate nuclear force reductions (INF), and for the takeoffs and landings of the presidential jet.

"I also affected, definitely, the relationship between the superpowers because of my reading of Gorbachov's horoscope. The minute I read it, I knew I had to change the Evil Empire attitude," Quigley said.

● **JAMES BAKER** said Oct. 17 that the U.S. has no intention of supporting Baltic aspirations for independence: "No one—I repeat, no one—will benefit if the entire trend toward beneficial economic and political changes is engulfed in violence. But all will benefit if the reforms succeed in Eastern Europe."

● **THE STATE** Department announced on Oct. 20 that it was unilaterally declaring Panama's Gen. Manuel Noriega to be "a Cuban national" under U.S. law, in order to effect a ban against any U.S. citizen carrying out commercial dealings with him.

● **THE WASHINGTON** Times editorially attacked the RICO racketeering statutes on Oct. 17: "If it turns out that Congress can't pass legislation that distinguishes between protectors and gangsters, between generals and mobsters, politicians ought to forget about reforming RICO and scrap it entirely."

● **RUDOLPH GIULIANI** and David Dinkins, New York City mayoral candidates, agree that many campaign promises like putting more cops on the street are now "on hold" because of the budget crisis, that tax hikes and service cuts are not out of the question, and that the city work force is too large, the Oct. 17 *Daily News* reported.

● **'ICE,'** the highly addictive crystallized form of methamphetamine which is smokable and can cause a high which can last from 6-14 hours, could become a major competitor of "crack" nationally.

● **VIRGINIA** coal-miners strike leader James Hicks told Italy's *Corriere della Sera* Oct. 14, "President Bush sends [striking miners in the Soviet Union and Poland] money and sympathy. . . . But . . . they send us police, black legs [strikebreakers], and spies."