

National News

Bush hypes 'country western culture'

President Bush wrote an article for *Country America* magazine, excerpted in the Oct. 7 *Washington Post*, which airs his notion of culture.

"I enjoy country music so much that the carpenters built a stereo right into the desk in my study at the White House," Bush wrote.

"We all come home at night and switch on the television news—and many times what we get isn't good news. So Anne Murray's song *A little good news* really hits home to me when she sings, 'I'll come home this evening/I'll bet the news'll be the same/ Somebody takes a hostage, somebody steals a plane/How I wanna hear the anchorman talk about a country fair/How we cleaned up the air/How everybody learned to care.'

". . . When I hear those upbeat songs performed by great American singers, it brings to mind the words of Moe Bandy's Americana 'I'll keep holding to the dream/ You're still what livin' means to me.' "

Mozart's C Minor manuscripts found

The original manuscripts for Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Sonata in C Minor* and *Fantasy in C Minor* were discovered in a safe at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lower Merion, Pennsylvania.

The 14-page manuscript "includes some music left out of published versions," according to the Oct. 3 *Philadelphia Inquirer*. "The manuscript of the sonata includes variations—embellishments on the main theme—that have never been known until now."

Mozart's original score also differs from published versions in ways that emphasize the registral qualities of the human singing voice.

The manuscripts, which have been listed as lost since 1937 in the Köchel Listing, are tentatively valued at \$1.4 million. The

manuscript has been moved to London, will be returned to the seminary campus for exhibition on Oct. 15-16, will be displayed in New York for three days, and will be auctioned by Sotheby's in London on Nov. 21.

Bush withdraws Vreeland nomination

The nomination of career CIA agent and Bush intimate Frederick Vreeland to be ambassador to Burma, was withdrawn Oct. 4 in another defeat for the Bush administration.

The Burma government, in an unusual move, indicated that it would not accept Vreeland's nomination after he testified that he favored economic sanctions against that state for purported involvement in the drug trade.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) denounced Vreeland for covering up Soviet involvement in the 1981 assassination attempt on the Pope. D'Amato accused Vreeland of seeking to discredit claims by Mehmet Ali Agca that the Soviet Union sponsored the attempt on the Pope's life. In a letter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, D'Amato asserted that Vreeland sought to "poison the well" by telling journalists that Ali Agca was a madman whose account of the assassination could not be trusted.

Some Foreign Relations Committee members were already upset by the fact that Vreeland—a personal friend of Bush—covered up the fact that he was a CIA agent for over 30 years (up through 1985), claiming instead that he was a Foreign Service officer.

Gallo investigated for misconduct

A two-part decision by the panel created to investigate charges that Robert Gallo committed fraud in his AIDS research, has ignited a furor at the U.S. National Institutes of Health. The panel has concluded that there was evidence of wrongdoing on the part of Gallo, and ordered the opening of a

full-scale investigation into the conduct of the laboratories under his direction.

Gallo has been accused of fabricating his claim to independent discovery of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) by either stealing outright the work French biologists, or by accidentally contaminating his research with materials emanating from the French labs which first isolated the virus.

Supreme Court upholds ecological fascism

The U.S. Supreme Court let stand a three-year prison sentence and \$200,000 fine against a Hungarian refugee in Pennsylvania on Oct. 1, in one of the most significant legal actions sanctioning the slide into ecological fascism.

The court, without comment, rejected John Poszgai's appeal and his argument that the punishment was too severe to fit his crime of failure to obtain the necessary permits to put topsoil on wetland property.

Poszgai purchased a 14-acre parcel of land next to his shop in 1987. The land had become the unofficial neighborhood dump, with abandoned cars, tires, batteries, refrigerators, scrap metal, and other junk. Poszgai paid to have all the garbage and scrap removed, cleaned the entire property, and then filled 5 of the 14 acres with topsoil.

Pennsylvania's environmental office took Poszgai to court under the Clean Water Act.

Texas enviromaniac indicts builders

Assistant U.S. Attorney for Texas Richard Stewart has announced the indictment of four contractors who filled in marshes and swamps in order to construct homes.

Stewart told a Dallas press conference that "the public is sick and tired of seeing people getting away with violating environmental laws. Corporations are going to pay massive fines and individuals are going to jail for a year to two years."

Since 1984, the amount of environmen-

tal fines extorted by the government and the environmental racketeers has grown from \$200,000 to \$11 million. Prison terms have grown from a total of two years sentenced in 1984 to over 37 years imposed in 1989.

Stewart admitted that the wetlands violations are "relatively small-scale activities" by developers and property owners who are in a position least able to fight such charges.

Asset forfeiture corruption exposed

The Florida sheriff's department which pioneered the "creative" use of the asset forfeiture provisions of the Thornburgh-Bush war on drugs, has been exposed as a nest of thieves and bounty-hunters by a federal investigation now under way.

The Broward County Sheriff's Department, led by publicity hound Nick Navarro, was the subject of the Fox television show "Cops" which glorified the illegal and gестапо-like tactics which permeate the department.

The federal investigation surfaced Sept. 24 when Nelson Scott, Jr., a drug dealer serving time in state prison, struck an unusual plea agreement in return for cooperating with federal agents. The Feds are investigating claims by Scott and others that sheriff's deputies accepted bribes from suspects, extorted money on their rounds, ripped off drug dealers, and sold drugs through street-level contacts. Scott told prosecutors that several deputies were involved in drug dealing, and that he was given a key to a sheriff's district office near Pompano Beach and sat in on deputies' meetings.

The Broward department reportedly manufactures crack cocaine which is then sold by undercover officers to motorists who are then arrested, charged, and have their autos seized and sold under the pre-trial seizure laws. The scheme works because it is more expensive to bring a legal challenge than it is to simply buy the car back.

Through such mercenary devices, the sheriff's office has become a net "profit center" in the county, subsidizing other cash-

strapped government operations. This is what the Bush administration calls a war on "money laundering."

Bush covered up on CIA dirty ops

A new book, *Kiss the Boys Goodbye*, by Monika Jensen-Stevenson, formerly producer of the CBS News program "60 Minutes," and her husband William Stevenson, was released on Sept. 13 and throws additional light on the role of CIA dirty operations in Indochina and George Bush's role in covering up evidence of prisoners of war (POWs) still alive in Vietnam.

Justin Wintle, a specialist on Indochina, reviewing the book for the London *Financial Times*, writes: "On one occasion, then Vice President Bush . . . is seen to spend two hours on the phone . . . to convince Congressman [Bill] Hendon [R-N.C.] that in 1981 Hanoi was trying to auction the remains of 57 American soldiers, not 57 live prisoners. On another, Bush calls off Ross Perot, the presidential investigator. . . . Along the way, a member of the National Security Council, Richard Childress, warns Jensen-Stevenson *sotto voce* that, by continuing her researches, 'You could jeopardize the lives of prisoners still there.' "

Wintle writes that "the gist of [the authors'] argument is that the U.S. conducted clandestine operations against Vietnam well after 1973. . . . There is an unbroken line of covert U.S. involvement in Indochina up until the present, when Washington has been seen to support the genocidal Khmer Rouge. . . . The Stevensons claim that elements of the CIA have been involved in the drug trade of the Golden Triangle. Laos contains the richest poppy fields in the world, and these (they say) were nursed by the CIA from the late 1960s. When Congress wouldn't finance its dirty wars, the CIA simply looked for alternative funding. Inevitably, as these operations continued, more Americans fell into 'enemy' hands. Any move to get these new prisoners out of captivity incurred the risk of their telling the media what they had been engaged in."

Briefly

● **JOSEPH SOBRAN**, a conservative columnist, said that the U.S. is being run by a "political oligopoly" which the electorate should break up by voting "against every incumbent" in Congress, in the Oct. 4 *Washington Times*. "There would be more genuine debate in Congress if it had a sprinkling of libertarians, socialists, vegetarians, LaRoucheites, monarchists—anything to dilute the polluted mainstream."

● **THE DEMOCRATIC** Party Central Committee of San Joaquin County, California, passed a resolution Oct. 3 offered by a LaRouche Democrat calling for the "withdrawal of all military forces from Saudi Arabia immediately. We assert the need for a diplomatic solution and economic development for the Middle East."

● **21ST CENTURY** *Science & Technology* magazine's review of *Apollo: The Race to the Moon*, a book on the history of the Apollo program, is quoted on the first page of the paperback edition that the book "makes you chuckle and brings tears to your eyes."

● **A U.S. ARMY** Intelligence unit that specializes in Soviet studies is preparing a warning that there might be a coup against Mikhail Gorbachov in October or November, according to a unit spokesman. The warning will be distributed to government officials and think tanks doing Soviet analysis.

● **GEORGE BUSH** refused \$100 million in military aid from Taiwan to fund his deployment into the Persian Gulf in order to avoid "irritating" Communist China, the Sept. 29 *World Journal* reported.

● **TOM HAYDEN** was asked at a Los Angeles meeting if Proposition 128 wasn't a scheme to cut living standards and set up an eco-fascist police state "potentially with you as the eco-führer." "At least it won't be LaRouche," Hayden screamed.