

National News

Va. Attorney General cited for conflict

Virginia Attorney General Mary Sue Terry, who has based her political career on the prosecution of associates of Lyndon LaRouche, is being sharply criticized by Virginia Common Cause and the Republican Party for awarding a \$38,000 contract for publication of a management handbook to the husband of one of her close assistants and political fundraisers.

Terry, who was warned beforehand about "possible ethical problems," according to the Oct. 13 *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, awarded the contract to Dr. George Rimler of Virginia Commonwealth University, the husband of her assistant, Anita Rimler. Terry's office says it's not a conflict because state laws on procurement and bidding processes don't apply. Some \$23,000 of state money will be used to develop the handbook, and the National Association of Attorneys General (of which Terry is president) also contributed \$15,000.

Terry's action "doesn't look like the way to run government," said Julie Lapham of Common Cause of Virginia. Republican Party spokesman Steve Haner said, "It's unethical, taking public dollars to reward friends; it's political abuse of office."

The *Times-Dispatch* noted in a lead editorial, "Who furnishes state agencies guidance as to legal matters and possible conflicts of interest? Why, the Attorney General, of course. So who keeps the Attorney General clear of entanglements that hint of political favoritism? Well, reportedly, her staff warned her . . . but Ms. Terry went ahead with it nonetheless."

Cardinal O'Connor deplores ethic of death

John Cardinal O'Connor of New York deplored the "consistent ethic of death" in the U.S. during the Galveston-Houston Diocese's annual Red Mass for attorneys and other members of the legal profession held Oct.

10. O'Connor later said a poll commissioned under a \$3 million public relations campaign found slightly more than 70% of Americans personally opposed to abortion.

During the homily, Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza talked about issues associated with the abolition of the death penalty. Texas Catholic bishops all oppose the death penalty, based on the religious belief and Church teaching that all life is sacred. Both O'Connor and Fiorenza said that personal and moral beliefs should guide professional conduct and decision making. "There are no critical public issues that are not moral issues," O'Connor said.

EPA logging ban a gift to Bush contributors?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decision banning logging on federal forest lands on the basis that the spotted owl is endangered, was a White House "gift" to George Weyerhaeuser, a key contributor to George Bush and the Republican Party, according to reports circulating in Europe.

The EPA decision will cause loss of at least 102,000 lumber industry jobs and some \$200 billion. But the ruling will leave untouched the largest lumber products conglomerate in the Pacific Northwest whose trees are all on *private* land—Weyerhaeuser Corp.

George Weyerhaeuser, a friend of Bavaria's Prince Johannes von Thurn und Taxis, was a member of Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher's "Team 100," a group of 249 wealthy individuals who pledged at least \$300,000 each to Bush and the GOP for the 1988 and 1992 elections.

Supreme Court a Mandarin bureaucracy?

With the passing of Justice William Brennan from the Supreme Court, a situation now exists where, for the first time in the Court's history, no Justice personally scans petitions looking for cases worthy of Supreme Court review, the Oct. 13 *Wall Street Jour-*

nal reported.

Brennan was the last Justice to perform the task by himself, rather than relying on clerks to screen the petitions and prepare summaries for him. The Court acts on 5,000 cases a year, and only about 200, or 4%, are granted review.

William Rehnquist, Byron White, Harry Blackmun, Sandra O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, and Arthur Kennedy have a pooling arrangement to review petitions. One law clerk, chosen on a rotating basis among the 23 clerks employed by the six Justices, prepares a summary of each of the 5,000 cases and distributes it to all six.

Justices John Paul Stevens and Thurgood Marshall have their own clerks sort through the petitions and make recommendations to them.

"It is dispiriting to know that the only Justice who looked at these petitions is no longer around. . . . We're really writing petitions for the law clerks now," said one prominent attorney. He added that the arrangement means that the petition is actually two steps isolated from a Justice.

When a proposal was made some years ago to create an appeals court to do the screening, Justice Brennan fiercely opposed the transfer of function as "an indefensible abdication of his responsibilities by any Justice who does so."

Judge rules pro-life donors may be liable

U.S. District Judge Louis Oberdorfer ruled on Oct. 4 that financial donors to the pro-life group Operation Rescue could be held liable for any monetary fines assessed against the group, including contempt sanctions or attorneys' fees. The decision resulted from a lawsuit filed against Operation Rescue by the National Organization for Women to stop it from blocking access to abortion clinics.

Operation Rescue leader Randall Terry told a press conference Oct. 17 that Oberdorfer's decision was unconstitutional and an "affront to freedom." "If they can intimidate our donors," he said, "they can do it to other groups." He said that the decision

means that if "someone called us up and said they wanted to pay our light bill, they could be responsible for paying a \$5,000 contempt fine and \$42,000 in attorneys' fees."

Terry announced that his group was going underground as a result of the judge's decision. He and other Operation Rescue leaders burned a copy of the court order that he said has "pratically strangled our ability to raise money and pay our electric bills."

Effi Barry calls for new civil rights effort

Effi Barry, in a speech to the Hampton University Student Leadership Program on Oct. 7, called on 150 black student leaders to become as active as she and those students who had participated in the civil rights movement, had been in the 1960s.

Effi Barry, the wife of Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry who was persecuted by the government, warned that such activism was needed because "during the 1990s the Supreme Court will try to take away the rights of blacks." Barry scored those conservatives who held anti-abortion beliefs, yet allowed cutbacks in social programs and continued to dismantle affirmative action programs and busing policies for public school children, according to the Oct. 8 *Norfolk Virginia-Pilot*.

Barry decried the federal government for publicly castrating her husband, and for "harassing black officials." She called on the student leaders to "wake up young people; know the history of the past and present. Black may be beautiful but knowledge is power."

Kinsey exposed as homosexuality promoter

Sex researcher Alfred Kinsey is a hoaxster, according to a new book entitled *Kinsey, Sex, and Fraud* by Dr. Judith Reisman and Edward W. Eichel which was reviewed by Pat Buchanan in his Oct. 20 column.

The book voluminously documents that the assertions made by Kinsey about the prevalence—and thus "naturalness"—of various sexual deviancies, were carefully cultivated frauds.

Kinsey's conclusion that 10% of the population is organically homosexual, for example, was drawn from a survey which included prison inmates, ex-cons, and sex offenders as 25% of the sample.

According to Gershon Legman, a former associate of the Kinseys, the purpose of the fraud was to propagandistically "respectabilize homosexuality and certain sexual perversions."

The *Playboy* publishing empire was founded when sociology student Hugh Hefner wrote his thesis based on Kinsey's research. Kinsey's work was key in the resulting battle to legalize and spread pornography in the U.S.

Buchanan points out that this hoax is the basis for the "intellectual validation of pedophilia." He reports that at the 31st annual conference of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex, an expert on sex offenders and child sex abuse argued that pedophilia may be an orientation, not a perversion.

Jeb Bush caught in thrift scandal

Another of President Bush's sons, Jeb Bush, is now involved in a controversy surrounding a savings and loan institution. Jeb Bush was the beneficiary of loans from a savings and loan which were eventually paid off by the government, according to a report in the Oct. 16 *Los Angeles Times*.

Jeb and partner Armando Codina, partners in a Miami partnership called 1390 Bricknell, borrowed \$4.6 million from Broward Federal S&L of Sunrise, Florida, to purchase a Miami office building. When Broward failed in 1988, Bush and Codina negotiated a settlement with the government, in which they repaid only \$505,000 of the loan and kept control of the building, while the government paid the rest. The loan from Broward was arranged by J.E. Houston Financial Group, headed by J. Edward Houston, an associate of the pair.

Briefly

● **AN EARTH FIRST!** call for eco-terrorist action has officials in three states concerned, the Oct. 14 *Houston Post* reported. "Shooting cattle is like . . . recycling your bottles and cans," a way "to make the world a better place," the piece read.

● **A PHILIP MORRIS** donation of 2 million cigarettes, arranged by Sen. John Warner (R-Va.), to U.S. soldiers in Saudi Arabia, was refused by the U.S. Army. Pentagon "policy is that smoking is one of the leading preventable causes of disease and death among military personnel," said Philip Morris spokesman John A. Kochevar.

● **ARGONNE NATIONAL** Laboratory, in a time of budget cuts, is being forced to spend \$222,000 to relocate and protect wetlands—a 1.1 acre depression and a beaver pond—in order to proceed with construction of the laboratory's Advanced Photon Source, an accelerator that will provide the world's brightest source of X-rays for research.

● **ATTORNEY GENERAL** Richard Thornburgh aide Henry Barr faces four witnesses ready to testify against him that he was a frequent user of cocaine, the Oct. 11 *Washington Times* reported.

● **WILBERT LEE EVANS**, 44, was executed in Virginia on Oct. 17, despite new evidence of his heroism in rescuing prison employees during an escape. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to review the case, and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals criticized a federal judge for requesting a trial to evaluate the new evidence.

● **VISTA MAGAZINE**, an English-language insert in about 25 major U.S. newspapers that reach Hispanic communities in the U.S., ran a commentary Oct. 16 by *EIR* correspondent Valerie Rush which attacked Bush's "Enterprise for the Americas" proposal as designed to turn the U.S. workforce into a cheap labor pool.