

# National News

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## Teachers group takes on 'animal rights' kooks

The National Science Teachers Association has released a statement supporting animal dissection and experimentation in the science classroom at the high school and college levels, an issue of the *Putting People First* newsletter reported in January.

The statement affirms the belief of the group that observation of and experimentation with living organisms offer students unique opportunities to learn about the processes of life.

"Carefully developed objectives for dissection labs can lead to an increased appreciation of living things. Such activities demonstrate the complexity of organisms and highlight the structures and processes that bind living things through evolution," the statement read.

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## Spannaus announces for governor of Virginia

Nancy Spannaus, editor of *New Federalist*, the newspaper of the LaRouche movement, announced her candidacy for governor of Virginia on Jan. 16. Spannaus expects to challenge the Bush Democrat, Attorney General Mary Sue Terry, for the Democratic nomination. A former independent Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate in 1990, Spannaus received over 500,000 votes against incumbent John Warner.

Spannaus said that she would "seek to reassert in the Democratic Party the principles of scientific and technological progress which alone can reverse the current economic depression, principles last seen in the programs of President John F. Kennedy. Virginia needs a governor who understands the need to reassert the American System of economics."

Spannaus said that Terry was morally unqualified to be governor and had demonstrated no respect for human life. She cited the fact that Terry wants to execute prisoners whether they are guilty or not.

Spannaus stated that this same lack of

respect for human life is shown in Terry's refusal to follow the ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court to refund monies illegally taxed from federal retirees living in the state, and her actions to shut down the Avtex defense plant for phony environmental reasons.

Spannaus also attacked Terry's venal prosecution of the political movement associated with Lyndon LaRouche, in which even documents released by the FBI testify to her political use of her office.

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## Catholics invoke 'hate crimes' law

Roman Catholics fed up with seeing their religious leaders ridiculed by militant homosexual groups have decided to use a weapon from their detractors' arsenal. After a disruption of New York Cardinal John O'Connor's recent talk in Boston, where demonstrators carried placards associating O'Connor with deviant sexual behavior, a Catholic group filed a complaint under the state's new hate-crime law, a law that homosexual rights groups and the Anti-Defamation League lobbied for, the Jan. 25 *Washington Times* reported.

"Clearly the attack on Cardinal O'Connor was due to his religious beliefs," said C.J. Doyle, director of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights in Massachusetts. "It is hypocritical and unacceptable for homosexual militants to demand tolerance and preach hate . . . against religious leaders."

The 1991 hate-crime statute added "harassment or intimidation" for reasons of race, religion or sexual orientation to the criminal code. When no "bodily harm" is involved, the misdemeanor carries penalties of up to a year in prison or a \$1,000 fine.

Attacks on the Catholic Church by homosexual groups across the nation have been increasing. Last November, two individuals stormed a news conference of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington and hurled condoms at Cincinnati Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk.

"Definitely, the Catholic Church is their biggest target," said the Rev. Gregory Coiro, spokesman at the Archdiocese of Los

Angeles, which has dealt with several homosexual protests.

The confrontations are creating "an atmosphere of hate that could lead to violence," said John Puthenveetil, president of the Catholic League. "I'm concerned about the increasingly strident nature of the activities."

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## Casolaro death called suicide

West Virginia authorities closed the investigation into the August death of Joseph Daniel Casolaro, in a decision announced in January, calling his death a suicide.

Casolaro, an investigative journalist from Fairfax, Virginia, was following up leads in Martinsburg, West Virginia into the Inslaw scandal, in which the Justice Department allegedly stole software from the Inslaw firm and then bankrupted the company rather than pay for the contracted services.

Arlington physician Dr. Anthony Casolaro, Danny Casolaro's brother, restated that his brother was killed by someone trying to stop his investigation into the scandal that former Attorney General Elliot Richardson had termed "nastier than Watergate." On Aug. 10, his body was found in a full bathtub at the Martinsburg Hotel. Casolaro had told friends that he was going to Martinsburg to meet a key source.

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## State Dept., ZPG lobby caucus on Eco-92

The U.S. State Department has been meeting with key environmental and population control groups to map out strategy for the eco-fascist "Earth Summit" or Eco-92 to be held in Brazil in June. The meetings were revealed as President Bush told the Jan. 25 March for Life rally, which drew over 100,000 participants in Washington, D.C., that he was "pro-life."

According to an official of one of the leading population control groups in Washington, population-environmental groups including the National Wildlife Federation,

the Population Crisis Committee, Zero Population Growth, and Planned Parenthood, met Jan. 24 with Nancy Carter, head of the State Department's Office of Population Affairs, to coordinate their approach to the population issue for the Prep-Comm 4 meeting, which opens in New York in March, and for the Eco-92 summit. Carter was scheduled to brief the Council for Environmental Quality and administration staffers on the discussions. A final population strategy session involving anti-population U.N. non-governmental organizations and the official U.S. delegation to Prep-Comm 4 will take place in Washington on Feb. 10.

The same official said that the Eco-92 conference could be a "watershed" on the population issue, and that it will be used to set the stage for a major push for population reduction leading into the 1994 U.N. World Population Conference.

## Alabama mayor calls for action against FBI

Mayor Richard Arrington, Jr., of Birmingham, Alabama, ordered jailed for contempt of court, is escalating a political fight against the federal prosecution of himself and other black leaders. "Letters went out from the mayor's office to a host of local and national organizations inviting them to participate in a hearing [in Birmingham] next month into 'the selective prosecution and harassment of black leadership,'" the Jan. 20 *New York Times* reported.

Arrington, the first black mayor of Birmingham, was sentenced to 18 months of Thursday-to-Monday incarceration in a federal penitentiary and a \$1,000 per day fine until he turns over his appointment logs to a federal prosecutor. He charges that the FBI would use the logs to identify his contacts and intimidate them into joining the attack against him.

Arrington is accused of taking a kickback from Tarlee Brown, his former business partner. Brown recently received a lenient sentence in his own corruption case in return for working with the Justice Department against the mayor.

A target of nearly a dozen U.S. Justice Department "corruption" investigations,

Arrington has never been indicted. State Rep. John W. Rogers, Jr. has likened the prosecution to the anti-black assaults of former Birmingham police commissioner Eugene (Bull) Connor.

"Through a 1989 Freedom of Information Act filing, Mr. Arrington has documented some of his assertions that federal officials have shown an inordinate interest in him. . . . He has produced affidavits from other targets . . . who said they were asked by investigators to work under cover in implicating Mr. Arrington. 'They usually go after people who are vulnerable and facing other charges such as tax charges and they squeeze them,'" the *Times* quoted Arrington.

Sources familiar with the Justice-FBI harassment tactics say that such hearings have been mooted in Alabama leadership circles for some time, but the decision to fight back is a significant political step.

## Bush's pills can cause hallucinations

The sleeping drug that President Bush takes can cause hallucinations, and may have made him faint in Japan. But critics of the pill say the *more usual* side effects are psychotic episodes including amnesia and thoughts of suicide, the Jan. 20 *New York Times* reported.

The Upjohn pharmaceutical company, makers of Halcion, deliberately concealed data showing that the drug may cause paranoia, hallucinations, suicidal tendencies, and other "psychological distress" in over 30% of users. The company allegedly hid from U.S. federal regulators the full results of its own tests on the drug.

Ilo Grundberg, a 57-year-old Utah woman who shot her mother to death during an alleged Halcion-induced episode, was given an out-of-court money settlement by Upjohn. Dr. Ian Oswald, head of the psychiatry department of the University of Edinburgh, who was Grundberg's expert witness, studied Upjohn's files for two years. Oswald concluded that Upjohn has known and suppressed the truth about the drug for 20 years, which then led to a ban against Halcion in Britain.

## Briefly

● **THE SCHILLER** Institute and the Food for Peace movement will host a conference in Chicago, Illinois Feb. 22-23, entitled "The American System of Economics Is Needed Today." It will focus on ending the plague of "free trade," and reviving economic systems based on the outlook of George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and Lyndon LaRouche.

● **400,000** people requested reprints of articles which ran in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* in October which profiled how U.S. corporations have been looted. Managing editor Steven Lovelady told the Jan. 22 *Washington Post* that there were *more* than 400,000 requests but, "At some point you have to say no, we've got to put out a newspaper."

● **PAT DOWELL** resigned from the *Washingtonian* magazine because editor Jack Limpert refused to run her favorable review of Oliver Stone's movie "JFK." Dowell wrote, "If you didn't already doubt the Warren Commission report, you will after seeing Oliver Stone's brilliantly crafted indictment of history," the Jan. 25 *New York Post* reported.

● **GEN. GORDON SULLIVAN**, the U.S. Army's Chief of Staff, has reportedly been ordered to make a new report on the Gulf war because the previous one was "too negative." The original 1,000-page, lessons-learned study prepared in October has been classified.

● **THE VIRGINIA** Court of Appeals denied on Jan. 17 a rehearing *en banc* to Michael Billington, an associate of Lyndon LaRouche sentenced to 77 years for "securities fraud" violations. A three-judge panel had denied his appeal on Dec. 3. His attorneys will appeal to the Virginia Supreme Court.

● **VICE ADMIRAL** William O. Studeman has been nominated by George Bush to become the deputy director of the CIA. He currently heads the National Security Agency.