

National News

NEA, CAN thought police raise 'extremist' bogey

The NSEA, the Nebraska affiliate of the National Education Association (NEA) launched a witchhunt against opponents of "outcome-based education"-style brainwashing in its October newsletter, under the cover of profiling so-called extremists, according to the *Nebraska City News*.

"These extremists believe that creationism should be included in discussions about the origins of the universe. They claim that the public schools are encouraging young people to be sexually active, and they object to the advocacy of eastern religions, cults and humanism in the classroom. . . . The radical right agenda is designed to hinder, confuse, attack and malign our public schools in order to weaken and ultimately destroy them," NSEA president said. The *Nebraska City News* calls this "paranoia" run wild.

The article refers to the fact that Lincoln Public Schools Superintendent Phil Schoo became enraged at a board meeting in July when a parent asked him why the school district paid for representatives to attend a Colorado seminar on how to handle alleged right-wing involvement in school issues.

In a related development in Chicago, the Cult Awareness Network (CAN) has moved into DePaul University to "step up efforts to curb cults on campus." The campaign began after associates of Lyndon LaRouche protested the appearance of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan (a well-known disciple of Ayn Rand).

Space pioneer calls for new commitment

In early October, space research pioneer Dr. William Pickering released a statement calling for a renewed commitment to America's space program, to include a permanent base on the Moon and manned flights to the planets. In 1958 Dr. Pickering was the head of

the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) when its Explorer 1 satellite was launched by the Redstone rocket built by Wernher von Braun's team in Huntsville, Alabama, which put the United States into space. Pickering was in Washington on Oct. 6 to meet with White House science adviser John Gibbons, who has contributed to undercutting the space program since he has been Clinton's science adviser.

Pickering called the space program a "bargain" that has given the world communications, weather, and Earth observation satellites, the exploration of the Solar System, and the development of reliable micro-electronic devices and circuitry. "America must never abandon its commitment to space exploration," he said. "That would be a tragic mistake that would diminish our greatness as a people. . . . Automated robotic devices are getting more and more clever, but manned flights to the Moon and beyond are essential. The ability to explore space is another step in the evolution of mankind, upward from the cave."

Pickering's statements stand in stark contrast to the utterings of JPL directors since the end of his tenure in 1976. Pickering's successors have tried to make the case that scientific satellites, such as those designed at JPL, are all that the space program needs. At every opportunity, they have foolishly lobbied for the end of the manned space program.

Army Corps will not repair flood levees

The Army Corps of Engineers decided on Oct. 5 that it would not repair damaged flood levees in the Mississippi flood plain, according to an article in the Oct. 6 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

About 350 flood-damaged farm levees along the lower Missouri River and dozens in other locations will be ignored, in the estimation of the newspaper, which reported: "Larry Crump, a spokesman for the Corps' district office in Kansas City, said that 355 of the 465 damaged levees between St. Louis and St. Joseph are not eligible for

help from the corps." The *Post-Dispatch* further reported that so far the Corps has allowed only 24 contracts to repair levees in the Midwest, and 53 requests from levee districts have been turned down. A Corps official was quoted, "We're getting a horrendous number of requests" to repair other, ineligible levees.

James Baker III praises Clinton's foreign policy

Former Secretary of State James Baker III gave his strong endorsement to President Clinton's major foreign policy decisions to date. In comments made after a speech he gave in early October to inaugurate the Baker Institute for Public Policy at Rice University in Houston, Texas, he told the *Houston Chronicle*, "On its approach to Russia and the former Soviet Union and the Middle East, I think the Clinton administration has been just right. And I support what Clinton said to the U.N. Monday completely."

Baker did differ with Clinton's stated preference for sending U.S. troops to Bosnia to enforce a peace agreement. As George Bush's secretary of state, in 1991, Baker encouraged Serbian aggression against its neighbors, and he is universally blamed for the ensuing bloodbaths in Croatia and Bosnia.

'U.S.A. Today' blasts DARE program

U.S.A. Today, a national daily newspaper, detailed on Oct. 11 the studies showing how the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program has failed to abate drug use among children. Studies included the Canadian government, the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) of North Carolina, and U.S. law enforcement agencies. All reached the same grim conclusion.

DARE receives \$700 million per year from "police, taxpayers and business," reaching 5 million fifth-graders in 60%. The RTI final report, contracted by the Depart-

ment of Justice, is due out in November. *U.S.A. Today* reports that "DARE America has launched a behind-the-scenes lobbying campaign against the final RTI report." University of Michigan researcher Lloyd Johnston warns, "DARE has a following and sales force that is extremely powerful in fighting for scarce resources. But its growth is totally out of scale to its effectiveness."

The article also notes that one "famous volunteer" in the program is convicted racketeer and "junk-bond king Michael Milken, performing his community service for securities fraud at DARE+PLUS, a new program to keep kids in school and out of gangs." On Oct. 8 the Family Foundation of The Milken Families, which has been handing out \$25,000 awards to its "pet" teachers in 20 states, added Maryland, Iowa, and Indiana to its list.

U.S. Marshals' Hudson seeks media job

Henry Hudson, who left his job as head of the U.S. Marshals Service, is trying to land a job as a talk show host dealing with crime issues, according to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* of Oct. 6. As head of the Marshals Service, Hudson oversaw the assault against Randall Weaver and Kevin Harris in Idaho that killed one marshal and Weaver's teenage son and wife.

In 1986, as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, Hudson was largely responsible for a similar assault, involving 400 federal, state, and local law enforcement figures against the house where Lyndon LaRouche was staying, which was intended to end in a bloodbath, that would kill LaRouche and his wife. When that failed, Hudson prosecuted LaRouche through the infamous Alexandria federal "rocket docket" in 1989, sending LaRouche to prison for 15 years.

Hudson told the *Times-Dispatch* that he is working on a "couple of books." On Nov. 1, Hudson will start work at the Alexandria office of Mays and Valentine, a Richmond-based law firm. Over the past years, Hudson has put up repeated trial balloons for elected

office. In each case, it was found he lacked the support to enter the race.

President Clinton has nominated Tampa, Florida Police Chief Eduardo Gonzalez to replace Hudson at the U.S. Marshals Service.

Minnesotan challenges 'Challenge 2000' deception

Former Rockford, Minnesota District 883 school board member Richard Van Bergen denounced the state Department of Education's cosponsoring of an Oct. 5-7 conference on "Challenge 2000," with the National Center for Outcome-Based Education in St. Cloud. OBE, he said, is "nothing but a satanic brainwashing system, designed to turn teachers into quack psychotherapists."

Van Bergen, who has run for both state and federal office as a LaRouche Democrat, pointed to the curriculum vitae of William Glasser, the conference's featured speaker: "Dr. Glasser was kicked out of the Orange Unified School District by outraged parents in California 22 years ago, when he was caught brainwashing children. Glasser's so-called 'Schools Without Failure' system even specified that teachers should be called 'therapists' and their pupils 'patients.' [*Anaheim Bulletin* 2-19-71]

"Parents caught on to Glasser's deceptive twisting of words, a common trick of OBE 'facilitators' today. Glasser claimed to 'eliminate failure' just by abolishing grades, the same way 'success for every learner' works by replacing high academic standards with state-approved 'feelings' and 'attitudes' . . .

"Glasser continues his dirty work in schools across the country, like the Daniel Boone district in Berks County, Pennsylvania. There, his program is called 'Academic/Behavior Modification,' which uses his system called 'Reality Therapy/Control Theory.' Under 'Reality Therapy,' the school replaces the family to supposedly meet all the needs of the child, which Glasser says are 'Love, Power, Fun, Freedom and Safety.' 'By changing behavior, we will change thinking and attitudes,' says a promo for the Daniel Boone district."

● **CONVICTED SPY** Jonathan Jay Pollard, now in his seventh year in prison for spying for Israel, may soon receive a presidential pardon, according to *U.S. News and World Report*. The magazine, which was formerly edited by Clinton adviser David Gergen, said that Clinton is inclined to rule favorably on behalf of a petition presented by Pollard's attorney Theodore Olson.

● **PLAYBOY** Enterprises, Inc., citing the need to reduce costs, announced on Sept. 27 it will cut 60 jobs, or about 10% of its work force, through early retirement, attrition and layoffs. Apparently the depression has hurt Playboy's newsstand sales, home video sales, and advertising revenues; it is posting a first-quarter operating loss of \$4.5 million, according to UPI.

● **PLANNED PARENTHOOD** presented its Kenneth Edelin Award to Sen. Ted Kennedy recently. Kennedy praised Edelin, who was convicted in 1975 for asphyxiating a six-month-old fetus while performing a hysterotomy, as "one of the great heroes of our cause."

● **A SEX EDUCATION** curriculum that stresses abstinence was forced out of the schools in Modesto, California because Planned Parenthood denounced it as biased and based on shame and fear. School trustees voted recently to get rid of the booklet and video called "Sex Respect," even though most of the parents backed the program and the administration recommended using it another year.

● **LIVESTOCK GRAZING** fees will be allowed to nearly double over the next three years, according to an agreement between the Clinton White House and the congressional Democrats. The livestock industry plans to fight, because it would virtually eliminate the industry. The deal is part of a rangeland reform thrust by Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt that puts environmental interests above sound economics.