

# National News

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## Panel asks AIDS emergency in California

According to an article in the May 1 *Los Angeles Times*, a panel of five AIDS experts has asked California Gov. George Deukmejian to declare a state of public emergency in response to the AIDS epidemic, but the recommendations, contained in a 75-page report, were turned down by Deukmejian as too expensive.

The five experts, including Dr. James Chin and Dr. Donald Francis, who only last November testified against Proposition 64 that would have instituted public health measures against AIDS, are now calling for mass testing at all sexually transmitted disease clinics, family planning clinics, and for all marriage licenses and all pregnancies.

They also want an expansion of test facilities, and the creation of regional treatment and evaluation centers to care for patients from "diagnosis to death."

Francis and Chin authored a recent article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, calling for mass testing, contact tracing, and restraining the activity of irresponsible AIDS carriers, all of which they explicitly opposed in testimony against Proposition 64 last fall.

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## Opposition to FBI confirmation voiced

Congress should not confirm a new FBI chief without taking a "hard-nosed look inside the Bureau," said American University Dean Sanford Ungar in a *Baltimore Sun* op-ed April 28.

Despite the new image instituted by William Webster, "the ghost of J. Edgar Hoover still stalks" the FBI's corridors. The bureau's budget "is virtually out of control again, and some of the rigorous standards instituted in the late 1970s to govern investigations of alleged subversives . . . have begun to slip. With the wrong person at the

top, the FBI could easily revert to the worst abuses of its past."

Many congressional observers believe that the FBI has changed little since Hoover's time, says Ungar, who quotes one Senate aide: "Few people understand the bureaucratic nightmare that can still be the FBI."

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## U.S. 'Greens' revive witchcraft cults

People calling themselves "ecofeminists" held a coven in Los Angeles in early April to create a movement merging witchcraft and "Great Goddess" cults with the international "peace" and environmentalist movements.

Speakers included Paula Bradish, science adviser to the parliamentary delegation of the West German Green Party; Charlene Spretnak, author of a book on building a Green movement in the United States; several avowed witches, including "Starhawk"; and representatives of Green-type formations in England, the United States, and elsewhere.

The major theme of the meeting was the need to eliminate science and technology in order to appease the Earth Goddess.

U.S. Greens are sponsoring an international gathering of Greens from July 2-7 in Amherst, Massachusetts.

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## DNC meets to 'stop LaRouche'

Former party chairman Robert Strauss convened a meeting of the Democratic National Committee and the Anti-Defamation League in New Mexico the evening of April 30 to lay out a strategy to "stop" presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche in the immediate future, reliable sources report.

The meeting took place at the end of a two-day DNC confab in Santa Fe, where,

according to the May 1 *Atlanta Constitution*, the DNC "decided to study ways to prevent infiltration of the party by the Lyndon H. LaRouche cult, and to seek ways to prevent LaRouche candidates from running as Democrats."

The DNC wrapped up its semi-annual meeting in Sante Fe divided and dissatisfied about the field of candidates. "Some people are wringing their hands and saying 'I think we're going to win in 1988, but I don't know about these guys'" said DNC chairman Paul Kirk, Jr.

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## Huntington rejected by Academy of Sciences

The National Academy of Sciences rejected the nomination to the academy of Prof. Samuel P. Huntington on April 28. Huntington is a member of the Trilateral Commission, and author of its notorious 1975 report, *The Crisis of Democracy*. That report proposed the institution of what some have called "fascism with a human face," in order to get David Rockefeller's banking friends through the financial and political crises of the 1980s.

The attack on Huntington was led by Serge Lang, a Yale mathematician, who has gathered and sent to all academy members "a ton of documentation" challenging Huntington's scholarly work as "pseudo-science" and "nonsense." Lang debunked Huntington's use of mathematical equations as "a type of language which gives the illusion of science without any of its substance."

He added that Huntington had passed off political opinion as if it were science.

Dr. Edward Anders, professor of chemistry at the University of Chicago, said, "I have repeatedly had misgivings about some of the candidates in social and political sciences. . . . My suspicions have been amply confirmed by the Huntington debacle. Any section that nominates poorly qualified candidates lacks either good candidates or good judgment."