

# National News

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## Bush knew of drug ties before backing Endara

President Bush knew that Guillermo Endara and his Banco Interoceánico was tied to Colombia's drug cartels, but installed him as leader of Panama anyway, according to the Oct. 23 *Baltimore Sun* and the Oct. 24 London *The Independent*.

"The Interbanco case also raises questions about the Bush administration's support for the presidential campaign of Mr. Endara last year. Documents show the U.S. knew of Colombian cartel ties to Mr. Endara's bank in 1984, but chose to ignore them in its efforts to oust General Manuel Noriega," *The Independent* reported.

Most of the information was first published in the Oct. 19 *EIR*.

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## LaRouche calls Clean Air bill an abomination

On Oct. 28, congressional candidate for Virginia's 10th C.D. Lyndon LaRouche, said the Clean Air bill "*must be overturned*." And one of the first things I will do when I get into Congress, is *clean out* this kind of fraud.

"The bill as I read it, is an abomination, which will drive up the price of food enormously as a result of so-called ecological, or environmental protection measures; and will do a great deal of other damage to the economy, coming out of your hide and your pocket book, if there's anything left in it, by the time that gets there," LaRouche said.

"For example, the idea that there is a global warming, is an unscientific hoax—a *fraud*—and most of those in the Congress who bothered to study the matter, should know it's a fraud. There is no ozone hole problem: That, too, is an unscientific fraud. But both of these and similar kinds of unscientific frauds are deeply imbedded in the whole package.

"The problem is the Congress is frightened and is allowing itself to be pushed around by a bunch of people who think ex-

actly like the same, ancient, pagan Roman Emperor Diocletian, who killed so many Christians—just as Hafez al-Assad of Syria, the terrorist drug-runner, is doing now."

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## Judge overturns jury in sentencing Barry

U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson Oct. 26 sentenced Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry to six months in jail on one misdemeanor count of cocaine possession, in contradiction of the jury in the case.

The sentence accused Barry of "obstruction of justice" and other crimes of which he was not convicted, and targeted Barry's defense strategy of putting the government on trial.

Barry's attorney R. Kenneth Mundy said that the sentence is far in excess of that given for people convicted of more serious crimes, especially the many members of the Reagan administration (such as Michael Deaver) who did no jail time despite felony, not misdemeanor, convictions. Mundy pointed to the vengeful nature of the sentence, telling the judge that "If a lifetime of good deeds does not stand a man in good stead in times of crisis, then a lifetime of good deeds means nothing."

Mundy accused the judge of scapegoating Barry for the government's failure to control illegal drugs in the nation. The judge and the prosecution both argued that there is a "double standard" of justice which requires that Barry, as a public figure who "is only sorry that he got caught," must be harshly punished.

Barry is free pending appeal, and is campaigning for a city council seat.

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## Next death row victim may be exemplary inmate

The next death sentence carried out in Virginia's electric chair may be another exemplary inmate, Joseph Giarratano. His case has been taken up by Amnesty International and the European Parliament, which passed

a resolution on his behalf in June 1989.

On Oct. 1, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear Giarratano's appeal, setting the stage for his execution any time after a 30-day waiting period. While it is possible for his lawyers to file another *habeas corpus* petition in state court, his only real chance of avoiding execution is Gov. Doug Wilder.

Giarratano, convicted of two murders and a rape, has become an exemplary and productive inmate, and a jailhouse lawyer, as a recent *Washington Post* editorial noted. Giarratano had been a drug addict since age 11. His mother is in the Carlos Lehder drug ring. At the time of his arrest his IQ was measured as 90; now he ranges at 120-130. His five confessions were confused, inconsistent, and incompetent, according to his lawyers.

Since imprisonment, he has prepared the papers in a number of successful suits and at least one landmark case involving right to counsel. He has become a spokesman for death-row inmates, has published essays and newspaper articles, collaborated with law professors and been interviewed on national television and by the foreign press.

"His reform and his accomplishments—not his celebrity—merit the governor's review at least as to whether they justify a more merciful sentence," the *Post* concluded.

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## Government lied in 'wetlands' prosecution

Evidence is now emerging that the government lied in court to obtain conviction of Hungarian immigrant John Pozsgai in federal court of wetlands violations.

Stephen Green, managing editor of Copley's News Service Washington Bureau, wrote in an Oct. 26 commentary that "It is shocking that in their zeal to convict Mr. Pozsgai, prosecutors misrepresented evidence to improperly claim that his property falls under federal environmental regulations. The government based its case on the spurious claim that it has jurisdiction over a stream adjacent to Mr. Pozsgai's." In court documents the government later ad-

mitted it had lied.

Pozsgai's conviction and sentence of three years in jail and a \$200,000 fine stands, and the Supreme Court has rejected his appeal. "The fine amounts to more than 1,000% of Mr. Pozsgai's gross annual income. As for the jail term, it is the largest ever given for any environmental offense, including the dumping of toxic wastes in water. No living creature was harmed or threatened by Mr. Pozsgai. But his punishment is harsher than those imposed under federal guidelines for certain arsonists and drug dealers," wrote Green.

Pozsgai's "crime" was to clean up his property and place topsoil on 5 of 14 acres. Federal ecological agents accused him of having damaged "wetlands" and "polluted" the property by putting the topsoil down, despite the fact that the property bears no resemblance to a bog, swamp, or marsh.

At present, only a pardon from George Bush can prevent Pozsgai from going to jail.

## Walsh asks for probe of handling of Fernandez

Irangate Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh has asked for a congressional inquiry into Attorney General Richard Thornburgh's handling of the case of CIA operative Fernandez. Fernandez was indicted in the Iran-Contra scheme, but the criminal case against him was dismissed when Thornburgh, citing "national security" considerations, refused to allow the release of classified CIA information which the courts had ruled was necessary for Fernandez's defense.

Fernandez had planned to use the information to prove that the CIA's top officials were deeply involved in the Contra supply operation, in defiance of congressional restrictions.

In a report to the House and Senate intelligence committees on Oct. 24, Walsh requested the probe saying they "underscore the need for objective standards to govern the release of classified information in criminal prosecutions." Walsh said "this is particularly true when there is an appearance

of conflict of interest because the agency refusing disclosure [CIA] is itself a subject of investigation." Walsh said that in his final report, he would discuss in detail what he described as "the power of intelligence agencies to frustrate investigations of their own misconduct by professing exaggerated concerns for the preservation of national security."

## Cult awareness head exposed as sex pervert

Michael Rokos, the head of the Cult Awareness Network and chaplain for the Maryland State Police, has been exposed as a sex pervert in the Baltimore media. Following the exposure of his 1982 arrest for soliciting a male prostitute, Rokos resigned his position with CAN and with the Maryland State Police.

Rokos has worked with the Anti-Defamation League in operations against Lyndon LaRouche and his associates, been on radio talk shows and given seminars to police organizations and public forums denouncing LaRouche, and attacked him in the CAN newsletter.

The revelations were made by Rev. George Robertson, a Baptist minister associated with a religious advocacy group called "Friends of Freedom," at a press conference on Oct. 24, some of which was reported in the Oct. 25 *Baltimore Evening Sun*.

The documentation includes an affidavit from the arresting officer, a mug shot of Rokos from the Baltimore police files, and the sentencing report from Judge Hillary Caplan, who sentenced Rokos to six months probation and fined him \$100. Rokos claims that he took probation before sentencing, and thus has technically not been convicted.

Arresting officer Joseph G. Wyatt said Rokos resisted arrest, misspelled his name to the booking sergeant, identifying himself as "Rokas," and gave a false address.

"I was very surprised to learn that any police agency would use Rokos as an expert because of his previous vice arrest and conviction," said Wyatt, but said he didn't notice the name misspelling.

## Briefly

● **ELIZABETH DOLE**, Bush's Secretary of Labor, quit the Bush administration on Oct. 24. *U.S. News & World Report* had earlier reported that Dole was exempted from speaking on behalf of Bush's budget because she had disagreements on cutbacks in social services. She will take a job as head of the Red Cross.

● **ENVIRONMENTALISTS** may have killed more animals than they rescued during the Alaska *Exxon Valdez* oil spill "cleanup." In one case alone, at least 250 birds were dipped in oil, had radio transmitters attached to their collars, and were tossed back into the water in a test.

● **DOUGLAS WILDER**, the governor of Virginia, said at Harvard University on Oct. 19, "I think it's fitting that we have gathered here today on this, the anniversary of the stock market crash of 1987, to discuss how the right Democratic candidate—running on a 'New Mainstream' agenda and on a proven record—can win the White House in 1992."

● **ABDUR RAHMAN** Vus'muzi KaZwane, the Amir of the Muslims of South Africa, told the Black Employees Association in Los Angeles on Oct. 20, "We must work to free political prisoners. . . . And there are political prisoners in the United States who must be freed. One man . . . Lyndon LaRouche, is a political prisoner."

● **SOME 300 STUDENTS** from across Massachusetts rallied on Boston Common Oct. 24 to oppose Question 3, the tax rollback measure, which they said would jeopardize their future by decreasing educational opportunities and outreach programs, the *Boston Globe* reported.

● **ENERGY SECRETARY** Adm. James Watkins told the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Oct. 23 that "Now is the time to move to develop fusion" energy, but said the government has no money for added research.