

National News

New scandal hits Clinton campaign

Arkansas medical examiner Dr. Fhamy Malak protected the mother of presidential candidate Gov. Bill Clinton from medical malpractice charges, according to the June 2 NBC News program "Dateline." Clinton's mother, a nurse-anesthetist, allegedly botched a medical procedure on a patient who died in the operating room, possibly as a result of the botched procedure. The death, however, was ruled a homicide, and a man did jail time as a result.

Jesse Chandler, a former aide to Malak, said that Malak covered up the incident in order to protect the governor's mother. It was implied that the incident is part of a pattern of irregular activities attributable to Malak during his tenure, which involved controversial rulings about the cause of death in various cases.

According to NBC, Susie Deer, a 17-year-old white girl, was riding in a car full of youths who were shouting racial taunts at a black man and his wife. The black man, Billy Ray Washington, threw a rock in response, and it struck the girl in the face. The girl died on the operating table, and the death was ruled a homicide by Malak, but hospital records indicate that the girl may have died as a result of cardiac arrest induced when the anesthetist (Clinton's mother) had difficulty inserting a breathing tube.

Washington spent two and a half months in jail until his lawyer successfully appealed his conviction. Clinton denies that he took any actions to protect his mother.

LaRouche files appeal on 2255 with Fourth Circuit

Attorneys for Lyndon LaRouche, William Wertz, and Edward Spannaus filed an appeal with the U.S. Fourth Circuit of Appeals on June 5 after federal Judge Albert J. Bryan denied their 2255 motion.

The 18 appeal issues include all of the 16 claims raised in the 2255 itself, including the illegal "concert of action," the suppression of evidence of government misconduct

under Executive Order 12333 and other "covert actions," conspiring with the Anti-Defamation League, and the bad faith bankruptcy forced upon companies run by associates of LaRouche.

The appeal also includes two additional issues, that Judge Bryan "erred in failing to recuse himself on grounds of bias," and in not granting discovery and an evidentiary hearing to develop all of the claims.

Los Angeles police denounce gang extortion

The commander of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) West Bureau's CRASH anti-gang unit, Lt. Brad Merritt, reacted sharply to gang demands for control of city funding programs. "These guys, with their so-called peace conferences and negotiations . . . are basically saying: 'Give us all we want and we won't shoot up the city anymore.' That sounds like old-style Mafia extortion to me," Merritt told the June 3 *Los Angeles Times*.

LAPD anti-gang officers arrested 22 members of a Crips gang faction on June 2 for their looting of a Korean-owned car stereo shop during the second day of the urban unrest in Los Angeles, and their beating of a white bicyclist. The gang, known as the Venice Shore Line Crips, made off with an estimated \$80,000 in merchandise in less than two minutes.

Det. Matt Blake, an officer in the anti-gang CRASH unit, told the *Los Angeles Times*, "This was definitely organized—no doubt about it."

King jury acted properly, says lawyer

The *American Lawyer* magazine has a June cover essay that declares, "Maybe the Jury Was Right" in the Rodney King beating trial, the June 2 *Washington Post* reported.

"Staff writer Roger Parloff carefully goes through the evidence in the notorious Simi Valley trial, reviewing the videotape and the sequence of blows, and comes to the conclusion that the jury acted not just

plausibly but properly. Reading it with an open mind is a challenging exercise, but worth the trouble if you are so equipped.

"I can't remember a time," says Parloff, in his very last paragraph, 'when I have ever felt so hesitant to say what I believe. In writing this piece I am concerned about the reactions of friends, relatives, and people I work with who will see this article's headline and byline and never read the rest. And I am terrified at the prospect of quotation out of context. After all, imagine if the media were to summarize this article the way it summarized the trial.' "

Bush's 'Pax Americana' not to promote peace

George Bush's *Pax Americana* has little to do with peace, but rather with undermining peace efforts, charged Stefan Baron, chief editor of the leading German business weekly *Wirtschaftswoche*, in an editorial in the early June issue.

The collapse of the former U.S.S.R. seems to be in the interest of the United States, Baron wrote: "Acting like an investor that speculates on the falling price of an enterprise in trouble gone bankrupt, the administration in Washington, D.C. is cold-heartedly watching the increasing chaos in the CIS [Community of Independent States]."

"The government in Bonn, however, and also that of Tokyo, which have to fear the most from the chaos, is afraid of taking a course against the Americans and engaging more in the East beyond monetary injections.

"The Japanese for example, who have a strong interest in the development of the raw material riches of eastern Siberia, are rudely being prevented by Washington from doing so. The Americans fear it would make the far-eastern economic giant even stronger. And at the same time, the U.S. aircraft producer Boeing Corp. is offering \$1 billion to the aircraft factory in Ulyanovsk where the most efficient transport aircraft of the world are being produced—not with the aim of continuing the production there, but with the aim of closing it down in order to thus eliminate a potential competitor.

"On the territory of the former Soviet

Union, the Americans are currently waging a reckless fight for political and economic world supremacy. Germans and Japanese are told to step back behind the geopolitical interests of the U.S.A. Meanwhile, the fuse at the CIS powderkeg is still lit. The *Pax Americana* has little to do with peace."

LaRouche campaign head target of break-in

The home of Mel Klenetsky, the national campaign coordinator for Lyndon LaRouche's Democratic presidential campaign, was broken into and vandalized over the weekend of May 29-31. Nothing appeared to have been taken. According to a local Loudoun County, Virginia Sheriff's Deputy who is investigating the incident, evidence suggests that Klenetsky was targeted for harassment.

Two weeks before the break-in, a glass patio door was smashed by a high-speed projectile, while two young children were playing nearby.

On the evening of May 30, the weekend of the break-in, LaRouche addressed the nation in a half-hour paid political broadcast carried on three national television networks. The show documented how Henry Kissinger and numerous of his associates plotted to put LaRouche in jail.

The unit which is investigating the incident is headed by Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Terry McCracken, who helped prepare the raid on offices of LaRouche associates in Leesburg, Virginia on Oct. 6, 1986.

Hentoff hits 'hate crimes' fascism

Columnist Nat Hentoff blasted the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) newly introduced "Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act of 1992" as deeply subversive of the Bill of Rights, in the May 30 *Washington Post*.

Hentoff wrote that the bill, sponsored by Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.), would potentially increase the sentence for a federal offense by

one-third. The extra jail time could be based on gossip or other prosecution material not subject to the same standards of evidence as are required for the proof of guilt. An offense would become a "hate crime" if it was "motivated by hatred, bias, or prejudice, based on . . . race, color, religion, national origin . . . gender, or sexual orientation" of the victim.

Hentoff quoted Robert Peck of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), who said that the bill is "an invitation to police and prosecutors to inquire into the beliefs and associations of defendants in order to establish the hate element," which could lead to "fishing expeditions or McCarthyite tactics by law enforcement officials to find something that isn't there."

Hentoff wrote that the ACLU is divided on whether to adopt the "hate crimes" policy, and that its national board is leaning toward such bills if they are "narrowly" drawn. In that case, he wrote, it would be time "to start a new organization devoted to advocacy and litigation of only First Amendment rights and liberties."

Southern Baptists urged to reject freemasonry

The upcoming Southern Baptist Convention is being urged to declare membership in Masonic lodges to be incompatible with Christianity. James C. Holly, a physician from Beaumont, Texas, has sent out a 5,000-piece mailing calling Masonry "devilish," and saying that its "occultic, satanic, and sensual nature" is "an evil that must be removed from the church."

Robert C. Singer, grand secretary of the Masonic Lodge of New York, said that the opposition to Masonry is "based on misunderstanding," in a June 6 AP wire story, but conceded that there are "certain religious overtones in ritual work." Singer pointed out that many U.S. Presidents have been Masons.

Three conservative Protestant denominations, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the Assemblies of God, and the Presbyterian Church in America, oppose Masonic membership. AP reported that Roman Catholicism lifted its prohibitions against Masonry in 1974, but the Vatican reimposed them in 1981, calling membership "a serious sin."

Briefly

● **THE OFFICE** of New York City Mayor David Dinkins has reversed itself and will now grant a permit for an event celebrating Christopher Columbus on July 4. Art Piccolo, director of the Italian Historical Society of America, had been denied a permit, but protests by Italian-Americans and Hispanics led to the ban being lifted, the June 1 *New York Post* reported.

● **KIKI CARTER**, the head of the anti-nuclear Food & Water group in Florida, has informed the Vindicator food irradiation plant that she has quit. "I could no longer say the things that Food & Water wanted me to say," Carter said. She said that she was still opposed to food irradiation, however.

● **VIRGINIA** Gov. L. Douglas Wilder will visit seven African nations (Senegal, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Gabon, Angola, and Zambia), and address the Organization of African Unity in Senegal during a trade and cultural mission June 13 to July 4. Wilder plans to meet with South African President F.W. de Klerk and African National Congress president Nelson Mandela, and has said that he may drop the state's divestiture policy in South African investments.

● **HAMILTON JORDAN**, who headed Jimmy Carter's campaign in 1976 and served as his chief of staff, and Edward J. Rollins, who has run campaigns for the GOP since 1980 when he came to Washington with Ronald Reagan, announced on June 4 that they have joined Ross Perot's presidential campaign. Rollins will be Perot's campaign manager, and Hamilton a "co-chairman and a strategist."

● **A GREEN PARTY** candidate in the "beach boy" 53rd California Assembly District, lost to "none of the above," his only opponent in the June 2 elections.

● **IRAN-CONTRA** prosecutors have convened a new grand jury to investigate the role of former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in the affair.