

National News

Mario Cuomo favored for Supreme Court seat

New York Governor Mario Cuomo is emerging as the front-runner to be President Clinton's nominee to replace Justice Byron White on the U.S. Supreme Court, according to the March 30 *Wall Street Journal* and other sources.

Syndicated columnists Evans and Novak also reported this in mid-March, writing that although during the presidential campaign, Clinton and Cuomo were heading for a showdown on the capital punishment issue, that has now changed. "Now, Cuomo's rigorous position against the death penalty is seen as an asset by Clinton's inner circle. His liberalism makes him the one white man the left would be hard put to savage."

Maryland slips Norplant sterilization into budget

The same anti-population forces that failed to implement widespread use of the temporary sterilization implant Norplant in Maryland's schools, brought Norplant and vasectomy sterilizations into Maryland law by stealth. Legislation that would have mandated forced Norplant on teenage girls was dropped after attacks by the LaRouche movement and the Nation of Islam, among others. The Maryland State Senate has now adopted, without public notice, line-item amendments to the state budget which will pay for Norplant for girls and vasectomy counseling for inmates ending their prison sentences.

Norplant, which is being used to sterilize young girls for five-year periods, has been denounced for its proven medical dangers and its genocidal implications against blacks. The drug was originally developed by Rockefeller family-controlled population agencies and the U.S. Agency for International Development for use against the Third World.

A recent AP wire quoted state Sen. Barbara Hoffman, vice chairman of the Budget and Taxation Committee, boasting, "I wish all our controversies could be handled so

easily." Mrs. Hoffman said the controversy was ignited by Gov. William Schaefer's Jan. 14 statement asking for a study of whether to "require women to . . . get Norplant or require men to have a vasectomy if they are on welfare and have a number of illegitimate children." The wire said that the legislative black caucus declined to oppose the Norplant program after Schaefer reassured them that no coercion will be used.

An anti-birth "professional" was asked if the state would pay for the surgical removal of Norplant if a young woman requested it. "We would counsel her," was the reply. "It would be a decision based on irrational fears," and the state would require a cooling-off period. And if she still wanted the Norplant inserts removed? "We would counsel her some more."

Spannaus: Dem caucuses must be invalidated

On March 25, Nancy Spannaus, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Virginia, issued a statement attacking the Democratic Party dirty tricks in rescheduling nominating caucuses for a time when it knew her voters and delegates could not attend. Spannaus is a close associate of political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche, whose movement has been subjected to unremitting harassment and judicial barbarism by her leading opponent, former Attorney General Mary Sue Terry. The party apparatus took advantage of the March 13-14 blizzard to reschedule caucuses to coincide with the Schiller Institute conference, to which many of Spannaus's delegates and campaign volunteers were already committed. Despite claims by state party chairman Paul Goldman that all campaigns were consulted, Spannaus's was never contacted.

"The Democratic Party caucuses held in March to choose the party's nominees for governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general should be invalidated immediately, due to outrageous, discriminatory conduct by state officials," Spannaus said. Moreover, "the party machine at the local level continued to attempt to obstruct Democrats who wished to vote for me. This not only occurred when Spannaus supporters tried to file to be delegates—and were given forms

with Mary Sue Terry's name already typed in—but also at the time of the caucuses. Two Spannaus delegate candidates in Hampton were told upon arriving at the caucus that they had to change to 'uncommitted' or 'Mary Sue Terry.' Other Spannaus delegates were lied to about the time and place of the caucus.

"I said previously that the party was acting like the Communist Party of Virginia, in hopes of winning Mary Sue her 99.9% vote. . . . Eventually, like the communist parties of the East, the corrupt Virginia machine is going to get its comeuppance as well."

Serbia apologist blasted in his own Jewish paper

Herb Brin, the publisher of the *Heritage Southwest Jewish Press* of Los Angeles, has been sending regular apologies for the Serbian crimes against humanity from Belgrade to his paper. Brin's series defends Serbs, saying they are the victims of a malicious press, and calls on Jews to lend their support to the "heroic" Serbs. Brin even quoted a Serbian policeman that the reports of mass rapes was a "monumental lie." Brin has denounced the Croats and Muslims as Nazis backed by Germany and the Vatican, and has appeared on Serbian television as a U.S. reporter, praising Serbia.

The March 19 issue of *Heritage* carried a letter from *EIR*'s Harley Schlanger of Houston, exposing Brin. Interestingly, the *Heritage*'s editor is Brin's son, who has criticized his father's stance on the Balkan war.

"Reading Herb Brin's dispatch from the former Yugoslavia in your March 5 issue left me sickened and disgusted. . . . The so-called 'monumental lie,' that Serbs are raping and killing Bosnians, is not being spread by Bosnians alone, but by the European Community, the Red Cross, the United Nations, other relief agencies, U.S. military officials, and much of the world's press, including the Israeli press. One can hardly claim that all of these agencies are merely propagandists for the Croatian Ustasha. . . .

"There were reporters in the U.S. and western Europe who covered up the crimes of the Nazis while they were being committed. For Herb Brin to follow that example,

by covering up the crimes of the Serbs, is despicable."

Natural gas distributors rebel over BTU tax

The Treasury Department has told the natural gas industry that the energy-content tax on natural gas must not show up in consumers' bills. The Clinton administration wants to collect the tax at the "city gate," the industry term for the local utilities who buy the gas from the producers that transport it through the pipelines, which represents a third tier of the natural gas industry. "We resent the hell out of that. They won't take responsibility or accountability for what they are doing. The guys won't step up to the bar and admit what they are doing," T. Milton Honea, chairman of Arkla, told a conference in New Orleans. His predecessor at Arkla, Thomas McClarty, is now White House chief of staff.

The local utilities complain that they will have to ask state utility commissions for rate hikes, but will lose money even so, because of the time the hearings for rate hikes would take. So far, the producer groups say they will support the position of the local utilities that distribute their gas. "If the tax damages the industry, we would have no choice, we would have to oppose it," said a spokeswoman for the Natural Gas Supply Assn. The administration had counted on its pro-natural gas energy policy to win the support of the industry for the energy-content tax proposal.

Pediatrician says to unplug your child's TV

According to the *Chicago Tribune* of March 25, at the American Academy of Pediatrics 1993 Spring session, Dr. Victor Strasburger, chief of the Adolescent Division of the University of New Mexico's School of Medicine, called for reviving the group's longstanding campaign against television and strongly condemned the medium as a danger to children. Dr. Strasburger cautioned parents about the misconceptions that

television gives children and recommended that viewing not exceed two hours per day.

He said that pediatricians should start discussing the dangers of television programming with parents of children as young as one year old. He recommended that parents view programs with older children, in order to counter their effects. Dr. Strasburger said, "Ninety percent of the programming is detrimental to your child's health, and it is a scary business. . . . America has the worst television for children and adolescents in the world."

The viewing time, he said, is "23-27 hours a week that are not spent reading books, not riding a bicycle, not exercising. . . . The displacement effect is real and . . . has real consequences in terms of childhood obesity."

Reno under attack for firing U.S. Attorneys

Jay Stephens, the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, is leading the attack on Attorney General Janet Reno and the Clinton administration for their demanding the resignations of all U.S. Attorneys, although it is common practice for a new administration to do so, in order to appoint its own staff. The *New York Times* joined in on March 25, with an editorial saying Reno has taken "an odd first step in the wrong direction."

Stephens called Reno's actions "unprecedented," and said the action "essentially eliminates leadership in federal law enforcement across the country." Stephens is going on network television and using his impending indictment of House Ways and Means Committee chairman Dan Rostenkowski as his argument for staving off the enforced career move. Rostenkowski has vigorously maintained his innocence. He told the *Chicago Tribune* recently, "They have done a clean sweep on me. I may wind up very well charged with not having any licenses for my dogs." At the March 25 White House press briefing, spokesman George Stephanopolous made it clear that the administration has no intention of keeping Stephens on until the Rostenkowski case is finished.

Briefly

● **PAT ROBERTSON'S** Christian Coalition plans to distribute 500,000 voter guides for the May 4 New York City School Board election campaign. The media are presenting the battle-lines as the "religious right" versus the Rainbow Curriculum, which teaches grade-schoolers to accept homosexuality.

● **MICHAEL MILKEN**, the convicted former junk bond king, is teaming up with teen idol Michael Jackson, to form "interactive educational television network."

● **FOUR ATF AGENTS** have charged that their superiors bungled the raid on the Branch Davidian complex outside Waco, Texas, according to the *New York Times* on March 28. The unnamed agents said that their superiors ordered the raid to proceed, even after they became aware that all hopes for surprise had been lost.

● **PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST** has recently exposed a Humane Society plan to abolish pet ownership. The society is proposing a voluntary one-year ban on breeding cats and dogs allegedly to stop pet "overpopulation." According to PPF, the society has assets of \$25 million and a yearly budget of over \$16 million, but doesn't run a single animal shelter.

● **HUNGER IN HOUSTON** is experiencing a sharp rise in middle-income neighborhoods, said Barbara McCormick, director of Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston's Hunger Coalition during the coalition's annual Right to Food Conference last month.

● **A DOZEN CHICAGO** area high school students attending the Anti-Defamation League's "World of Difference" conference eagerly signed a petition calling for the statue of Ku Klux Klan founder Albert Pike to be removed in Washington. The anti-Pike campaign was launched by the presidential campaign of Lyndon LaRouche and Rev. James Bevel, which was a major target of ADL slanders.