

# National News

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## Parks officer admits Pike was top Klansman

Michael Hoover, a former officer with the National Park Service, has confirmed that Scottish Rite Masonic boss Albert Pike designed the ritual oaths and satanic-modeled terror practices of the Ku Klux Klan. A statue of Pike, a Confederate Civil War general, was erected by the Scottish Rite on federal property in Washington, D.C. in 1901. Hoover had surveilled protesters at rallies against the Pike statue. The Park Service went to great effort to deny that Scottish Rite Grand Commander Pike had had anything to do with the Ku Klux Klan.

Hoover approached historian Anton Chaitkin, a leader of the campaign to take down the statue, at the Library of Congress on July 27, telling him: "Albert Pike in fact wrote the secret rituals for the Ku Klux Klan." Hoover confirmed that the Klan assassinated thousands of black leaders and pro-Union whites during the 1860s and 1870s. Hoover added, "But Pike only wrote the Klan rituals because his good friend, KKK Grand Wizard Nathan Bedford Forrest, asked Pike to write them. Forrest didn't know anything about secret rituals, and Pike did, being the head of secret societies."

The former ranger also stated: "I think the Pike statue is inappropriate. It shouldn't be there."

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## Calif. EPA challenges ban on methyl bromide

Both the California Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture have challenged the U.S. EPA's desire to add the fumigant methyl bromide to the Clean Air Act list of ozone depleting substances, according to the *Ozone Depletion Network Online Today* newsletter for Aug. 3, which cited the June-July *CAL/EPA Report*.

The Clean Air Act does not allow any exceptions for essential uses, such as quarantine and pre-shipment fumigation. Since

international laws will still allow for such uses, this will put U.S. farmers at a big disadvantage. Both the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California EPA want an amendment to the Clean Air Act to allow for such essential uses until a safe, feasible alternative is developed. The Clean Air Act would freeze methyl bromide at 1991 levels until the year 2000, at which time methyl bromide would no longer be produced.

Methyl bromide is an essential fumigant used in the production, storage, and shipment of food. The lack of safe alternatives is a particularly crucial issue because less safe alternatives would be consumed in fumigated food; and the lack of an alternative spells disaster for agricultural production, storage, and shipping.

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## Nebraska pedophile ring tied to education 'reform'

Two organizations closely tied to the cover-up of a Nebraska-based national pedophile ring were responsible for bringing an educational "reform" group called Nebraska Futures, Inc. into the state, *EIR* has learned. Nebraska Futures released a report to the legislature in 1990, "Leading the Great Plains into the New Economy," based on a study by the Stanford Research Institute. The study was initiated by the Nebraska Press Association, controlled by the *Omaha World Herald*, and funded by the Peter Kiewit Foundation. Both were exposed by John DeCamp in his book *The Franklin Coverup* for their involvement in the pedophile ring that came to light after the collapse of the Franklin Credit Union.

The Nebraska report's recommendations are gobbledygook typical of "outcome-based education." They include: "comprehensive educational enhancement—re-think the content, approach, purpose and organization at all levels; initiative: conduct a full-scale campaign for educational leadership; collaboration between education and business—create best climate for research, development and technology transfer between higher education and business; initiative: set up a Nebraska business-

higher education collaboration project through the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry."

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## Baltimore NAACP urges drug decriminalization

The Baltimore chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has passed a resolution urging drug decriminalization, according to the July 31 *Baltimore Sun*.

This same chapter previously made a similarly outrageous proposal that military troops be deployed in the city to control crime. The call came the same week that Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke announced that he will likely be a candidate for governor.

"The resolution calls for movement toward treating drug abuse as a health issue and less of a crime issue. It's controversial, but we have to start discussing it," said George N. Buntin, executive director of the chapter. "The whole policy we have now is a failure and a waste of billions of dollars. It makes no sense to stay with failed policy." Buntin said his chapter plans to take the resolution to the state NAACP meeting in October, and to the national convention next July. "I think we're the first chapter to take such a position," he said.

A spokesman for Schmoke said the mayor "will be pleased to hear that more voices are being added to the call for a more rational approach to our nation's drug problem." According to Ethan Nadelmann of the pro-legalization Drug Policy Foundation, Schmoke plans to convene a conference in Baltimore next fall to push for "harm reduction"—de facto legalization that is taking hold in many European cities.

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## Federal snipers may face murder charges

The behavior of federal agents in the killing of the wife and son of white separatist Randy Weaver in Idaho is prompting demands for an investigation and for "murder charges

against FBI sharpshooters," according to the *Chicago Tribune* of Aug. 1. "Several congressmen are comparing the Weaver siege to last spring's catastrophe in Waco, Texas." Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.), a former FBI agent who chairs the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, "said Attorney General Janet Reno assured him last week that the Weaver case will be investigated in tandem with the government's Waco probe."

Both massacres were carried out by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (AFT) and the FBI Hostage Rescue Team. Congressional aides said that the Weaver investigation will focus on procedures employed by federal agents, not on specific people or agencies. But Idaho District Attorney Randall Day is being pressed to bring murder charges against the federal agents involved in the killings of Mrs. Vicki Weaver and 14-year-old Samuel Weaver.

U.S. Marshal Service head Henry Hudson defended his officers, who initiated the armed assault against Weaver, saying "that the agents were trying to 'peacefully' arrest Weaver." In 1986, as a U.S. Attorney in Virginia, Hudson was part of the "Get LaRouche" strike force which planned an armed assault against LaRouche's residence, aimed at killing him and his wife.

## Clinton aide 'suicide' story being questioned

An editorial in the July 28 *Wall Street Journal* noted that the Justice Department will not be appointing any sort of special investigator to oversee the inquiry into the recent suicide of White House assistant counsel Vincent Foster. The *Journal* notes that the circumstances surrounding the death of such a high official warrant a more serious investigation than the "routine" procedures followed by the Park Police.

Foster's body was found in a federal park in northern Virginia on July 21. Foster was a life-long friend of William Clinton and former law partner of Clinton's wife. Initially termed a suicide, although he left no obvious note and was apparently killed by a gun made in 1913, the investigation was turned over to the Park

Police by the FBI.

The *Journal* warned: "So nothing will be done to tell the public why so sensitive an official took his own life, or for that matter, reassure us that he indeed did. The mystery, we suspect, will haunt the White House as further scandals pop up, as they do in most administrations."

## Texas ministers demand justice for Gary Graham

Four television stations, two major radio stations, and the *Houston Chronicle* attended a press conference July 30 in Houston given by eight black Baptist ministers on the case of death row inmate Gary Graham. Graham, who is scheduled to die Aug. 17, has been repeatedly prevented from presenting compelling new evidence of his innocence. The ministers were led by Rev. James Bevel, the 1992 vice presidential running mate of Lyndon LaRouche, and Rev. James Dixon.

The press conference was opened by Reverend Dixon, a prominent minister who heads the Christian Coalition for Change. It was the first time that a significant group of black ministers has publicly come out in defense of Gary Graham's right to a fair trial. Reverend Dixon detailed the inequity of the death penalty, the specifics of Graham's case, and the fact that "Harris County [Houston] is an eyesore to the nation," as the county ranks just behind the state of Florida which is the second in the country in the number of people executed.

Bevel described his efforts in the civil rights movement, after he first met Dr. Martin Luther King, shortly after returning from military service in Korea where he had learned how to kill people. Dr. King, he said, had taught him to love instead of hate, and he explained that he had used that principle to build the Nashville movement, the Mississippi Project, the Birmingham Children's Campaign, the Selma voting rights campaign, etc. He said that the government had to learn the same lesson and stop killing. He said he was especially appalled by the Graham case, which was "lynching in a nice, quiet respectful looking way."

## Briefly

● **THE ABUNDANT LIFE** Clinic in Washington, D.C. has received a grant of \$211,000 from the District of Columbia to treat AIDS victims. The clinic, operated by Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad, has used the promising treatment of low-dose alpha interferon that was first developed in Kenya. Dr. Muhammad, the health minister for the Nation of Islam, is also well known for his highly successful "Dope Busters" anti-drug security force in many Washington housing complexes.

● **ELLIOTT ABRAMS**, former assistant secretary of state for Inter-American affairs, is appealing a recommendation from the District of Columbia Bar Association that he be barred from practicing law for one year, because of his 1991 guilty plea that he lied to Congress during the Iran-Contra probe. Abrams is now employed at the Hudson Institute.

● **CARROLL, IOWA** parents, teachers, and administrators have voted to remove the book *Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher* from children's sections of school and town libraries, because of its overt references to Satanism and witchcraft, according to the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* of July 20.

● **HEROIN** is now being sold in places that only used to sell crack cocaine, and many crack users are now addicted to both drugs, reported the Drug Enforcement Administration. The heroin now being sold is at 35% purity, as opposed to 3-4% ten years ago, according to New York detectives cited in the Aug. 1 *New York Times*.

● **CONDOMS** will be made accessible to all students in middle and high schools in New Haven, Connecticut, beginning with the fifth grade, according to a decision last month by the New Haven School Board. The excuse being used is AIDS prevention.