

National News

Novak wins \$1 million from British financier

Michael Novak, a free market economist from the American Enterprise Institute, has won the \$1 million Templeton Foundation Prize for Progress in Religion. The prize was begun in 1972 by a British financier close to the royal family, Sir John Templeton of Nassau, Bahamas. The award states that Novak "is widely considered a pioneer for a new discipline, the theology of economics."

Novak's brand of voodoo was analyzed in an *EIR* cover story on Jan. 29, 1993, titled "Anti-Christian Economics: The Case of Michael Novak."

Novak's prize will be awarded in a private ceremony at Buckingham Palace on May 4 by His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who is patron of the Templeton Foundation. This will be followed by a public ceremony on May 5, when Novak will speak on economics at Westminster Abbey.

The Templeton Foundation is entirely run by Sir John Templeton, but its panel of judges includes many leaders of the Church of England and House of Lords. Among those this year was Lady Margaret Thatcher, who said of Novak's work in her memoirs that he "provided the intellectual basis for my approach to those great questions brought together in political parlance as 'the quality of life.'"

Fracas erupts over New York 'gay games'

A fight has erupted between New York's homosexual lobby and a member of the city's Civil Liberties Review Board, Rev. Ruben Diaz, who had earlier denounced plans to hold "gay games" in the city. Despite massive pressure, Reverend Diaz has refused to resign his position on the board, and efforts to deprecate him have been deflated by his widely acknowledged social activism in the city's hardest-hit area, the South Bronx.

An article in the March 14 issue of the

New York Post praised the work of Diaz's community center in the Bronx, which administers to the needs of 5,000 people, many of them AIDS-stricken. All things being equal, wrote the *Post*, he would be hailed as an "angel of mercy," except that he committed the crime of voicing strong moral opposition to an event that celebrates homosexuality, on the grounds that it sends the wrong message to children.

Diaz is quoted: "They say the games bring millions of dollars to New York and we need the money. But should we sell our moral values for money?" He confronted the Bronx Democratic Delegation which appointed him to the Civilian Review Board and now calls for his resignation: "If what I have done is so bad, where were you when the gays invaded St. Patrick's Cathedral, interrupted a Mass and threw condoms all over the place? Where were you when the Gay Pride Parade featured nudity and public sex acts? Where were you when the North American Man/Boy Love Association marched in the Gay Pride Parade? The Bronx Democratic Delegation has never denounced anything the gays do, no matter how disgusting, but they have the audacity to come after me."

'Sex ed' pornographer being sued by students

The Rutherford Institute of Charlottesville, Virginia has filed a lawsuit on behalf of a group of Chelmsford, Massachusetts students, who are demanding \$3.5 million in damages from school officials who required them to participate in a pornographic "sexual education" performance by so-called AIDS educator Suzanne Landolphi, who conducts seminars nationwide.

According to the *Washington Times* of March 8, Landolphi delivered a 90-minute lecture "showing high school students . . . how to masturbate, ogle teen-age boys' groins, and lick a condom." According to the *Times*, Landolphi advised the teens not to take drugs, drink and drive, smoke tobacco, or engage in anal sex. What she did do was simulate masturbation and use lewd and lascivious language for body parts and excretory functions. She also graphically dem-

onstrated, with "audience participation," how to lick a condom.

Landolphi's defense attorney is Neila J. Straub, who is co-counsel with the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders. Landolphi, 43, founded the "Hot, Sexy and Safer, Inc." production company in 1987 and has given over 200 shows on campuses since then. She also hosted the Boston teenagers' show "Raparound," and co-owned the Condomania stores.

Justice criticizes mandatory minimums

Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, testifying at a House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on the Supreme Court budget, criticized the increasing use of mandatory minimum sentences for federal crimes, saying that the practice was unwise and often unfair.

In the past decade, Congress has mandated several mandatory minimum sentences for drug and gun crimes, and more are being considered as part of this year's crime bill. Many federal judges have complained bitterly for years that mandatory minimum terms tie their hands in sentencing decisions. Kennedy said, "I think I am in agreement with most judges in the federal system that mandatory minimums are an imprudent, unwise, and often unjust mechanism for sentencing."

Kennedy said the mandatory sentencing laws kept judges from adjusting defendants' sentences according to their actual level of culpability and expressed support for separate federal sentencing guidelines which would allow judges to base sentences on circumstances of an individual case.

City debate on Pike statue intersects Klan rally plans

The Indianapolis City Council has now set April 5 as the initial hearing date for a resolution to have the statue of Ku Klux Klan founder Albert Pike removed from Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C. The hearings,

which will be held by the Rules and Public Policy Committee, will be taking place at the tail end of rallies in Indianapolis planned by the Klan, for April 2-5.

The Pike statue was erected by the Scottish Rite Freemasons in 1901 as a tribute to the Confederate general who was the Masons' chief judicial officer. Opposition to the statue grew to nationwide proportions during the 1992 presidential campaign of Lyndon LaRouche and his running mate James Bevel, which has secured resolutions from city councils throughout the country.

In early March, Indiana Deputy State Commissioner of Administration Patrick Carroll approved the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan's application for a permit to rally at the Indiana Statehouse on April 2, Holy Saturday. Cathy Cox-Overby, executive director of the Indiana Interreligious Commission on Human Equality, told the *Indianapolis Star*, "It is rather ironic that on a weekend when the Christian community is celebrating a great message of love for all mankind, the Klan is going to want to come with their message of division." LaRouche activists are urging various organizations, churches, and individuals to attend the April 5 city council hearings on the Pike resolution.

Did Aldrich Ames tip off drug traffickers?

The most damaging aspect of the Aldrich Ames spy affair may have been his ability to sabotage the "war on drugs," by helping drug networks coming out of the former Communist bloc and Colombia, wrote London strategist Mark Almond in the *Wall Street Journal* on March 10.

Almond noted that Ames became head of the CIA's narcotics intelligence department for the Black Sea countries in 1991 after his service as counterintelligence chief for eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. He could have easily played a key role in the assassination in Georgia of the CIA's Fred Woodruff in August 1993, according to Almond. Ames was in Georgia one week before Woodruff was killed, and Woodruff was "allegedly investigating Georgia's role as a conduit of heroin from other ex-Soviet

republics to the West. . . . It is public knowledge in Georgia that the security forces of the Shevardnadze regime are involved in the republic's rampant drug business."

Almond points to the fact that Ames would have been coordinating first with KGB chief Vladimir Kryuchkov, and, more recently, with new Russian intelligence head Yevgeny Primakov. "The question comes to mind: Could one explanation for America's sorry record in the war on drugs be that its key intelligence was going to the other side?" One further factor, wrote Almond: "It seems reasonable to query whether [Ames's] visits to his second wife Maria's native Colombia might have given him access to another source of income in return for information about the CIA's anti-narcotics drive."

Michigan votes on school funding

Michigan voters went to the polls on March 15 to pass a complicated formula for school funding, after the legislature terminated property taxes as the means for school funding last July. The new proposal was the result of intense fights and negotiations between Gov. Jim Engler and the legislature.

Under the previous plan, districts varied widely in their funding, laying out as much as \$7,000 per pupil each year to as little as \$3,000. The new plan mandates a fixed amount for each student, \$5,000, but funding, given the economic depression, is even less stable than when it came primarily from property taxes. Large shortfalls are expected.

Voters were being asked to pass Proposal A, which includes an amendment to the state constitution, and funds schools primarily through an increase in the state's sales tax from 4% to 6%. Proposal A would allow local districts to levy 6 mills property tax without voter approval and 18 mills with voter approval on certain types of homes and businesses, to maintain or increase current levels of spending. Had Proposal A failed, a backup automatically would have gone into effect, which is to raise the state income tax with no sales tax increase.

Briefly

● **ALAN DERSHOWITZ** wrote a psychological warfare piece in the *Washington Times* on March 14, threatening that White House staffers may soon begin developing "independent relationships with powerful journalists" around the Whitewater scandal. "They will begin leaking, much like 'deep throat' and others did in Watergate."

● **THE WHITE HOUSE** named Vice Adm. Leighton W. Smith, Jr. as NATO's military commander for the region that includes the former Yugoslavia. Smith was director of operations for U.S. forces from 1989-91 and was the Navy's principal author of the new strategy in dealing with regional conflicts closer to shore, shifting from a Cold War emphasis on fighting the Soviet Navy.

● **THE PENTAGON** is preparing to upgrade U.S. military ties with China according to the March 8 *International Herald Tribune*. Possible ties may include joint peacekeeping operations in Asia or disaster relief efforts in areas such as Central Asia, the daily's sources said. Other steps include a Joint Commission on Defense Conversion and regular meetings at the ministerial level.

● **A 'LAROCHE SLATE'** of 28 candidates filed in Oregon in March for federal, state, and local elections, as well as for precinct committeeman in both Democratic and Republican parties. The primaries are set for May 17. Although from different parties, the candidates share Democrat Lyndon LaRouche's program to reverse the economic depression, and point to his longstanding record, using the slogan "LaRouche was right."

● **VIRGINIA'S SENATE** passed with large vote margins two bills approving prayer in public schools on March 8. The bills had already been passed by the House. One allows for voluntary student-initiated prayer in public schools; the other calls for the state Board of Education to develop guidelines on the particulars of such prayer.