

# National News

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## British nobility claims Powell has royal genes

General Colin Powell is a cousin of Queen Elizabeth II, and a direct descendant of England's King Edward I, says British breeding expert Harold Brooks-Baker, publishing director of *Burke's Peerage*, the tout sheet for Britain's top dogs.

The news may or may not be welcome to General Powell, whose Presidential feelers have already been nipped by his acceptance of a knighthood from the queen, for service to ex-President George Bush in the genocidal war against Iraq. Holders of foreign titles are legally barred from becoming President of the United States.

The director of *Burke's Peerage* remains unbowed, however, and claims that Powell is descended from Sir Eyre Coote (1762-1824), the British governor of Jamaica, and his slave named Sally. An earlier Coote in Powell's putative lineage, Sir Charles Coote, is credited with enslaving Ireland. According to Brooks-Baker, Powell is thus a direct descendant of England's King Edward I (1239-1307), who spent most of his reign trying to butcher Wales and Scotland into submission to English rule.

Pushing genealogy beyond all previously known domains, Brooks-Baker claims that Powell possesses the "royalty and leadership gene" which has ensured electoral victory to every President since George Washington.

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## Clinton notes threat of 'unbridled' world market

Addressing the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in Washington Oct. 11, President Clinton added a note of caution to his endorsement of "free-market economics." The President declared that "these forces have also made all our societies more vulnerable to disturbances that once may have seemed distant, but which now directly affect the jobs and

livelihoods in every nation in the world, from the richest to the poorest."

Clinton also warned that the "unbridled forces of the global market made it more difficult for every nation to sustain the social contract, to sustain individual opportunity for all citizens, to keep families strong, to keep communities thriving, to keep hope alive. . . . We simply must adjust the world's financial architecture to these new conditions. We must forge a system strong enough yet flexible enough to make the most of the historic opportunities and the historic obligations before us. . . .

"We have to devise better ways to prevent financial crises and to cope with the crises that inevitably occur. People will turn away from free markets if they feel helpless, if they feel that they are simply pawns in a global game of winner take all, rather than partners in a global endeavor that seeks to make it possible for all to win. . . . The international financial institutions, the multilateral development banks, must continue to sharpen their focus on giving all people the chance to make the most of their own lives. That means investing in education, in health care, in other programs that attack the roots of poverty."

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## Minn. senator: Cuts would ruin health care

U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.) told a rally of senior citizens in St. Paul on Oct. 9 that proposed Republican cuts in Medicare and Medicaid would devastate Minnesota's health care system, which he claimed is one of the best in the country.

Wellstone's review of the potential impact of the cutbacks offered a useful case study of the damage which could result nationwide from the Gingrichites' assault on federal health programs. Medicare and Medicaid not only provide vital assistance for children, the elderly, and the poor, he said; but also supply most Minnesota hospitals with their primary source of income from patients. Medicare is also the largest source of funds for graduate medical education.

Existing federal funding levels are al-

ready too low for hospitals to break even. "Currently, 43% of Minnesota hospitals lose money on Medicare," Wellstone said. In the last nine years, 22 community-based hospitals have closed across the state. If the cuts go through, 67% will lose money.

Both the Medicare and Medicaid populations are projected to increase; yet 70,000 senior citizens in Minnesota already live below the federal poverty line, and half of all seniors have incomes of less than \$20,000, Wellstone declared. Two-thirds of nursing home residents rely on Medicaid to pay the "staggering costs" of nursing home care. Minnesota would have to cover a Medicaid funding shortfall of \$2.4 to \$3.4 billion over the next seven years.

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## Boston cardinal blasts 'Welfare' proposal

Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston and Massachusetts Democratic House Speaker Charles Flaherty denounced legislation proposed by Massachusetts Gov. William Weld on Oct. 12, which would ban all cash welfare payments to unwed teen mothers. This legislation, dubbed "Welfare" by the *Boston Herald*, comes on top of welfare "reforms" already approved by the federal government which take effect Nov. 1. Those measures include the infamous family cap, and forcing welfare recipients with no children under six to get a job within 60 days, or work 20 hours a week at community service.

Cardinal Law declared that Weld's new scheme for teenage mothers would lead to more abortions. "I am raising my voice this afternoon to tell you that no mother, however poor, however young, should be forced to choose between a poor child and a dead child," Law said. "Illegitimacy is not a problem that can be morally addressed at the expense of lives of children."

Law was joined by House Speaker Flaherty, who said it was an "abomination" that "this administration has arranged things so that there are masses of poor children in Massachusetts." Flaherty charged that 92,000 children have no health care and 11,628 are homeless, and that unem-

ployment rates for youth reached 19% in 1993.

Governor Weld, the blueblood scion of an opium-trading family, claims that limiting unwed mothers aged 13-17 to non-cash benefits—such as food stamps, housing assistance, and health care—would prevent what he calls the “encouragement of illegitimacy” by welfare payments.

## Ozone hoax inventors win Nobel Prize in chemistry

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded its 1995 Nobel Prize for chemistry Oct. 11 to the three fakers credited with developing the “theory” behind environmentalist claims that the ozone layer was depleted by using CFCs as a chemical refrigerant. On the basis of this hoax, an international ban on CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons)—the basis for vital cooling and refrigeration systems worldwide—is currently being implemented by decree.

F. Sherwood Rowland of the University of California; his former student Mario Molina, now at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Paul Crutzen of the Netherlands, Europe’s “Mr. Ozone,” shared the prize. In its tribute to the winners, the Academy said: “By explaining the chemical mechanisms that affect the thickness of the ozone layer, the three researchers have contributed to our salvation from a global environment problem that could have catastrophic consequences.”

The alleged catastrophe presumes that use of CFCs reduces the thickness of the ozone layer—thus admitting more ultraviolet radiation from the sun, resulting in increased incidence of skin cancer. No competent scientific evidence of such a connection has been produced—but there is ample evidence that a ban on CFCs will eliminate enough existing refrigeration systems, to jeopardize the food, medical, and other supplies which tens of millions of people depend upon for survival.

Among the Nobel Prize-winning quack-academics, Rowland had also distinguished himself by endorsing the so-called “Morelia Declaration,” that mankind is essentially

no different from louseworts, snail darters, or other creatures lacking the divine spark of reason. The concluding statement from that bit of lunacy, published twice as an ad in the *New York Times*, reads: “If the latter half of the 20th century has been marked by human liberation movements, the final decade of the second millennium will be characterized by liberation movements among species, so that one day we can attain genuine equality among all living things.”

## Whitewater prosecutor demands judge be ousted

Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr, former solicitor general for President George Bush, is unhappy with the federal judge who dismissed his case against Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker when Tucker appealed. U.S. District Judge Henry Woods ruled that Starr’s attempt to extend his Whitewater probe of President Clinton, into Governor Tucker’s campaign finances, had “no relation whatsoever” to the issues Starr was authorized to investigate.

According to the Oct. 12 *Washington Post*, Starr has demanded that the federal appeals court bar Judge Woods from hearing Starr’s challenge to the ruling, on the grounds that the judge had a “close relationship” with President Clinton, Mrs. Clinton, and others in the “Arkansas political establishment.”

Starr is well known as a Bush-leaguer. Lawrence Walsh, the former independent counsel who prosecuted officials of the Bush regime for illegal trafficking in the “Iran-Contra affair,” has charged that Starr blocked efforts to sustain the conviction of National Security Adviser John Poindexter. Writing in the Aug. 22, 1994 *National Law Journal*, Walsh claimed that plans to challenge a court ruling overturning Poindexter’s conviction “died in the solicitor general’s office. . . . President Bush had expressed his satisfaction that the appellate court had reversed the conviction,” and Solicitor General Starr made certain that the matter ended there.

## Briefly

● **THE EYE OF NEWT** Gingrich was recently focused on Sir Henry Kissinger, the London *Economist* reports. The issue released Oct. 13 puffed “Republican critics” of President Clinton who insist “there is no guiding strategy” to his foreign policy. Claiming that Clinton’s “clever metaphors” will not protect him, the *Economist* took comfort in reporting, “Newt Gingrich spent last weekend in Connecticut in the company of Henry Kissinger.”

● **THE GRAMM-GINGRICH** gang’s master plan should be called “the Grim Society,” conservative commentator Kevin Phillips wrote in the Oct. 4 *International Herald Tribune*. Obsessed by “secrecy,” to keep voters in the dark, they are working eagerly to “ennoble over-privileged speculators and corporate buccaneers,” Phillips declared.

● **LEGAL IMMIGRATION** must be further restricted, *Alien Nation* author Peter Brimelow ranted in a *Washington Post* op-ed Oct. 15 entitled “The Case for Mean-Spitedness.” Brimelow insists that foreign immigrants have been of no benefit to “native-born” Americans, and adds the lying assertion that the nation never had a tradition of welcoming them.

● **THE CULT** Awareness Network will close its doors, if it has to pay the \$1 million judgment awarded to kidnap victim Jason Scott by a Seattle federal jury, according to the Oct. 15 *Chicago Tribune*. Executive Director Cynthia Kisser said that CAN “doesn’t have the money,” and has already told staff members that she “no longer can guarantee that she can pay them.”

● **THE FIRST** White House conference on AIDS will be held on Dec. 6, to “discuss the latest trends and the AIDS epidemic, epidemiological surveys and studies of the AIDS epidemic itself, and the central issues of AIDS research, prevention, care and discrimination,” press secretary Mike McCurry said Oct. 18.