

National News

Starr wants another chance to jail Hubbell

Independent counsel Kenneth Starr wants to revive his second prosecution against former Clinton administration official Webster Hubbell on tax charges, and Starr may even want to open up a third case against Hubbell for obstruction of justice, Starr revealed on Oct. 21 during appeals court arguments.

After Hubbell agreed to plead guilty on charges of stealing money from his law firm, and had served a Federal sentence, Starr opened a second investigation, which was seen as retaliation against Hubbell for his failure to cooperate with Starr's vendetta against President and Mrs. Clinton. The pretext for the second investigation was that the White House had conspired with Hubbell and others to obstruct justice by helping Hubbell obtain well-paying consulting contracts. However, unable to prove obstruction, Starr instead indicted Hubbell, Hubbell's wife, his accountant, and his lawyer on tax conspiracy charges.

That indictment was thrown out on two grounds: that Starr had exceeded his jurisdiction, by not obtaining permission from the Attorney General to enlarge his mandate; and that Starr had violated Hubbell's Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, by forcing Hubbell to turn over his personal financial records, and then using those records to prosecute him.

Eco-terrorists torch Vail ski resort

The Earth Liberation Front, a front group for the Earth First! terrorists, claimed responsibility for the Oct. 18 arson fire that caused \$12 million in damage to a Vail, Colorado ski resort. ELF's statement boasted that its action was to stop expansion of the resort into "the last, best lynx habitat in the state." It added, "For your safety and convenience, we strongly advise skiers to choose other destinations until Vail cancels its inexcusable plans for expansion."

Recent incidents of eco-terrorism have included several bombings in Canada, targeting oil production facilities, and shootings aimed at Alberta Energy Corporation executives. Only days before the Vail arson, some 30 hooded Earth First! terrorists assaulted a new Nike facility in Washington State. Last fall, over 60 eco-terrorists assaulted the Eureka, California office of Rep. Frank Riggs.

Private investigator Barry Clausen, who had infiltrated Earth First!, pointed out to the Oct. 24 *New York Times*, that the *Earth First Journal's* May-June issue carried an article headlined "Super Vail . . . Super Ugly." "It's a real pattern. Many times articles come out in the *Journal*. Then, there is sabotage," Clausen said. The *Times* reported that the EF! "charged that Vail wanted to 'bring the resort lifestyle into some of the last, best old-growth habitat for lynx in the southern Rockies.'"

Years before Unabomber Ted Kaczynski pled guilty in January 1998, Clausen had informed Federal officials that some Unabomber targets were taken from an October 1990 hit-list published by Earth First! members.

McDougal seeks dismissal after mistrial is denied

The California judge in Susan McDougal's embezzlement trial in Los Angeles has denied her motion for a mistrial, and has ruled that prosecutors did not violate McDougal's rights by withholding transcripts of a Federal grand jury which was convened to investigate McDougal's tax status. The prosecutor said that he had obtained the transcripts a month or two ago. McDougal's lawyer Mark Geragos had charged that the local prosecutor was working in collusion with Federal prosecutors, including Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr. The judge has prohibited any mention of Starr or Whitewater in front of the jury during the trial.

Geragos planned to submit legal briefs on Oct. 23 arguing that the case should be thrown out. His Oct. 21 motion for mistrial charged that local prosecutors in Los

Angeles were "carrying water" for Kenneth Starr, in the ongoing trial of McDougal on embezzlement charges involving conductor Zubin Mehta and his wife, for whom McDougal worked in 1989-92.

The Los Angeles prosecutor was ordered to turn over hundreds of pages of Federal grand jury transcripts which had been withheld from the defense. The transcripts were from a Federal investigation of McDougal which was opened in Los Angeles, after she had refused to cooperate with Starr's Whitewater investigation in Arkansas. Geragos accused prosecutors of using the Federal grand jury to investigate her tax status while the embezzlement charges were pending. He said that prosecutors had launched "an illegal prosecutorial invasion of the defense camp," and were using a Federal grand jury to question witnesses who would be called for the defense in McDougal's trial. The transcripts included 450 pages of grand jury testimony by McDougal's fiancé, Pat Harris, who testified for the defense on Oct. 20.

Soros is funding seven pro-dope referendums

The Oct. 20 *Washington Post* covers the fact that the backers of drug legalization aren't besotted pot-heads, but the rich and shameless, not least, George Soros. "A war against the 'war on drugs,' fueled by millionaires, not pot-smoking hippies, is taking place in six states and the District of Columbia this month," writes reporter David Broder. The cover for legalization is "medical marijuana," on the Nov. 3 ballots in Alaska, Colorado, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington, and the District of Columbia.

The medical marijuana law passed in 1996 in California, with heavy Soros funding. In Arizona, a similar initiative, also Soros-funded, passed in 1996, "medicalizing" 117 drugs, including LSD, heroin, and PCP. The legislature re-criminalized the drugs pending approval by Congress or the Food and Drug Administration. The same proposal is back on the ballot for 1998.

Broder interviewed Soros by phone, asking him, "Why should a New York mil-

lionaire be writing the laws in Arizona?" Soros replied, "I live in one place, but I consider myself a citizen of the world. I have foundations in 30 countries, and I believe certain universal principles apply everywhere—including Arizona."

Memorial to black Union soldiers on display

The 1897 memorial sculpture to the Massachusetts 54th Volunteer Infantry is being exhibited by the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. until Dec. 14. The 54th Massachusetts was the Union's most famous regiment of African-American soldiers, whose bravery was celebrated by the country's leading post-Civil War sculptor, Augustus Saint-Gaudens. Booker T. Washington, president of Tuskegee Institute, addressed the unveiling ceremony, and Paul Lawrence Dunbar, among others, wrote poems about it.

The National Gallery provides a brief history of the unit, which was first headed by Col. Robert Gould Shaw, a young Bostonian whose family were strong abolitionists. Weeks after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in January 1863, Secretary of War Stanton authorized Massachusetts Gov. John Andrew to raise the first African-American corps in the North. Andrew appointed Shaw to lead it.

Frederick Douglass, whose sons Charles and Lewis signed on with the 54th, exhorted young men to give themselves to the cause. His appeal, "Men of Color, To Arms!" was circulated widely, and was instrumental in filling Union ranks. On May 18, 1863, the 54th regiment received its flag from the governor, who presented it with words that were later inscribed on Saint-Gaudens's memorial: "I know not, Mr. Commander, where in all human history to any given thousand men in arms there has been committed a work at once so proud, so precious, so full of hope and glory as the work committed to you."

On July 16, 1863, the 54th had its first test in battle, when 250 Union men held their ground against 900 Confederates. Two

days later, the unit was asked to lead an attack on Ft. Wagner, the key to the Confederate defense of Charleston. Shaw was killed, and Union casualties were 1,500 men. Despite this, the bravery of the African-American soldiers was publicly recognized and opened the door for black soldiers to join the Union Army in force. Nearly 180,000 African-Americans fought for the Union, and played a decisive role in victory for the United States.

Mumford ordered to stop use of sterilization drug

In an Oct. 14 letter, the Food and Drug Administration told Stephen D. Mumford of the Center for Research on Population and Security to cease distributing the sterilizing drug quinacrine, and to destroy their supply of the drug. Quinacrine has been widely used in the Third World as an experimental method of population reduction, especially since then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger proclaimed population control to be U.S. foreign policy, in his National Security Study Memorandum 200.

Quinacrine sterilization is achieved by introducing a pellet into the uterus, burning and scarring the fallopian tubes with quinacrine hydrochloride acid. Laboratory tests in the United States have indicated that this procedure causes the uterine cells to mutate, and the FDA's letter mentioned possible health risks, including cancer. On June 18, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that more than 100,000 women in 20 countries have been sterilized with quinacrine, and some of them without their knowledge or against their will.

According to the *Journal*, which reported the FDA letter on Oct. 19, Mumford told the daily that the sterilizations will continue, using quinacrine manufactured overseas, beyond the reach of the United States government.

Mumford's book *The Life and Death of NSSM 200* defends population control as a strategic doctrine, applauding its decimation of developing countries' populations as a U.S. national security measure.

DEMOCRATIC Congressional candidate Jay Inslee who is running against incumbent Rick White in Washington State, is airing campaign ads attacking White and House Speaker Newt Gingrich for their role in the assault on the Presidency. A poll, conducted one week after the ad began to be broadcast, showed Inslee pulling even with White, whom he had been trailing.

U.S. SANCTIONS against India and Pakistan, which automatically went into force after the two countries tested nuclear devices, can now be waived by the President, under a provision that was included in the spending bill that Congress passed in October. The waiver authority can be applied to restart a variety of lending and aid programs.

'LOSING THE VOTE,' a new study by Human Rights Watch and The Sentencing Project, shows that 13% of African-American men have been deprived of the right to vote because of felony convictions. In Virginia, the figure is 25%. Altogether there are 3.9 million disenfranchised felons, or 1 in 50 adults. Some 1.4 million are ex-offenders who have completed their sentences.

A TEXAS HMO is being sued by the family of a suicide, only one month after the Federal courts upheld the Texas law allowing health maintenance organization patients and their families to sue for malpractice. In this case, the HMO had a suicidally depressed patient discharged from inpatient care, despite his physician's written objections and the family's protests. Within days, the man killed himself.

GEOFFREY FIEGER, Michigan's Democratic gubernatorial candidate and Jack "Dr. Death" Kevorkian's attorney, has refused to meet with handicapped organizations, *EIR* has learned. During the state party convention in August, Fieger ordered handicapped (Democratic) protesters to be arrested, when they demonstrated against him.