

# National News

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## Insurers, HMOs refusing to cover emergency care

The American College of Emergency Physicians, alarmed at the focus on "managed care" plans in health care reform proposals, told *EIR* that managed care insurers, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), and private health insurance companies increasingly won't cover emergency room (ER) services and tests patients receive if ER doctors find a patient's problem was not grave.

ACEP's Dr. Michael Bishop told *EIR*: "As a college, we feel the patient should define what is an emergency." But the patient has no way of knowing how serious his symptoms are without a seeing a doctor. Bishop said, "Too many insurers say: 'It was not an emergency,' and refuse payment for the ER workup." Patients with intractable cardiac-like pain tell ER physicians they delayed coming in because their private insurer or HMO would not authorize the ER visit.

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## DOJ split on Waco probe; FBI destroys evidence

On May 18, the Department of Justice (DOJ) said that there would be a thorough review of all elements leading to the decision to assault the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, including interviews with Attorney General Janet Reno, FBI Director William Sessions, and others. The step was unusual because it contradicted statements made by Philip Heymann, the new deputy attorney general who has been designated to head the investigation, reported in the May 16 *New York Times*, that there would be no investigation of the decision which led to catastrophe. A DOJ spokesman said that Heymann had "erred" in making the statement.

Heymann had said there would only be a generalized inquiry into what the government could do to improve its future handling of cases involving terrorists, hostage situations, and "cults suspected of breaking the law."

One anonymous source quoted by the *New York Times* said that Heymann's remarks reflected a division within the Justice Department about how closely it should look at the events, with some "high officials arguing forcefully that the inquiry should be more limited, to focus only on what should be done in future cases."

On May 12, the FBI began bulldozing the ashes of the Branch Davidian farm, destroying physical evidence at the scene. FBI Special Agent in Charge Jeffrey Jamar told news services, "They're just filling holes, so people won't fall in the pits." But Jack Zimmermann, lawyer for the late Davidian leader Steve Schneider, said the bulldozing "forever prevents any checking on the ATF's [Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms] rendition that the fire was intentionally set," according to the *Washington Post*.

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## Porn publisher behind 'Rainbow' texts

Alyson Publications, whose children's textbooks such as the pro-lesbian *Heather Has Two Mommies* have outraged New York elementary school parents, has been exposed as a pornographer and front for child molesters. The so-called Rainbow Curriculum of deposed New York schools chancellor Joseph Fernandez has included the "Alyson Wonderland" series of gay-sex-for-tots books, designed to make children comfortable with the homosexual "lifestyle."

According to the nationally distributed newsletter of the Colorado for Family Values group, "Alyson's other books . . . promote children as objects of sexual pleasure, advise how to have sex with children without getting caught, provide locations around the world where child prostitutes can be had, and list clubs [which] pedophiles can join such as the North American Man-Boy Love Association (Nambla). Titles include an intellectual argument for man-boy sex called *Pedophilia: The Radical Case*. Another is *Macho Sluts* (edited by publisher Sacha Alyson), erotic fiction containing homosexual torture of a child. In one scene a protagonist lesbian performs sado-masochistic sex on her young daughter, whipping

the child until she bleeds.

"One of Alyson's earliest ventures was *The Age Taboo* . . . [which] maintains that 'man/boy love' is a civil rights issue and rejects the 'child molester' label. Childhood innocence is derided as a new social phenomenon that represses children's alleged sexual desires; the book argues that children can be seduced. . . ; consensual sex with children is therefore normal. . . . One contributor says that 'The scare against kiddie-porn was used . . . to blunt and turn back the movement to provide children with the information and opportunities to make informed choices about their lives and their bodies.'"

*EIR* has learned from reliable sources that publisher "Sacha Alyson" is actually John Shaller, a Boston-area associate of Bill Andriette, the editor of the Nambla newsletter.

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## Texas House votes to limit death row appeals

Only one day before the May 12 execution of an innocent man, Leonel Herrera, the Texas House of Representatives by a vote of 74-27 tentatively approved a bill that would limit the number of appeals for death row inmates, as well as place a time limit on those appeals. The bill would not limit appeals based on claims of innocence, but would allow only one appeal based on procedural and due process claims.

Incredibly, the motivation for the legislation is to save the state money. The *Houston Chronicle* reported that death sentence appeals average more than eight years and that it costs \$70,000 a year to keep an inmate on death row. The state also spends about \$1 million fighting each case. Rep. Pete Gallego (D-Alpine), a supporter of the bill, was quoted, "We're going to be saving the state some money by doing this."

In a minor concession to anti-death penalty activists, the bill would allow the Court of Criminal Appeals to stay executions for up to 120 days. State law now allows only the governor or the state Board of Pardons and Paroles to stay executions for only 30 days.

Although Herrera mustered solid testi-

mony indicating his innocence, and despite appeals for clemency from Pope John Paul II, Gov. Ann Richards and the Board of Pardons refused clemency or even a stay.

## FBI informants led to Trade Center suspects

The FBI had at least two informants in the World Trade Center case who provided evidence on the alleged suspects, and who were arrested within days of the Feb. 26 bombing. The disclosure of the existence of the informants, who are now said to have fled abroad, may blow apart the official version provided by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and FBI of how they managed to make such rapid arrests.

Robert Precht, the attorney for defendant Mohammad Salameh, said on May 12 that he believes that a government informer, not bomb fragments, led to his client's arrest. Precht said that he has been skeptical about government statements that his client was traced through part of a van chassis found at the blast site. "There is a strong possibility that an informant led the government to Mr. Salameh," Precht told Reuters. "I don't believe they came to him through the VIN number," he said, referring to the vehicle-identification number found on major components of cars. "If true, it indicates that a number of federal officials lied in court and in their public statements."

## Investigation sought on ADL-Humphrey ties

Minnesota author and political activist Roy T. Spannaus issued a statement on May 13 demanding that the state investigate the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), which has been caught by California investigators in an international spy ring.

Spannaus, a prominent Twin Cities building contractor in the 1960s whose family has long been identified with the Democratic Farmer-Labor Party, is the author of *A Trust Misplaced: The Dark Side of Minnesota's DFL Party*. The book documents the

deliberate destruction of his business by bankers, attorneys, and judges associated with the DFL.

"I wish to add my voice to the call for an investigation in Minnesota of the national spy network run by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith," said Spannaus.

"As most Minnesotans know, I was a victim of the corrupt gang that runs the Democratic Farmer-Labor party today. I wrote a book about my experiences with these criminals who pose as businessmen, lawyers, and judges.

"Therefore, I'm not surprised in the least about the reported collaboration between Minnesota Attorney General [Hubert] 'Skip' Humphrey and the ADL in politically motivated harassment of the Lyndon LaRouche movement. Now the District Attorney of San Francisco has raided two ADL offices and seized massive evidence of ADL illegal spying and infiltration of law enforcement around the country. I believe that 'Skip' Humphrey himself ought to be the number-one target of any investigation of ADL crimes in Minnesota."

## Mine workers strike three coal companies

Unionized coal miners in Illinois and Indiana walked off their jobs in the late afternoon of May 10 at Ziegler Coal Holding Co., Arch Mineral Corp., and Amax, Inc. The three companies belong to the Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA), which represents 12 of the largest U.S. coal concerns in talks with the United Mine Workers (UMW).

The union has charged that BCOA has failed to negotiate in good faith by refusing to divulge information about BCOA companies closing union mines, and opening new, non-union mines under different corporate identities.

BCOA companies employ 50,000 UMW members. The companies have laid off another 10,000 UMW miners in the past year, while the union's membership has fallen from a 1979 peak of nearly 140,000. The BCOA supplies 28% of the 1 billion tons of U.S. bituminous coal mined each year.

## Briefly

● **SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS** are discounting Kuwaiti claims that Iraq planned to assassinate former President George Bush while he was in Kuwait last month. According to Reuters on May 15, officials find the Kuwaiti evidence to be questionable.

● **SUICIDE DOCTOR** Jack Kevorkian took his 16th victim on May 16, the first since Michigan's law against so-called assisted suicide went into effect.

● **EIR EDITORS** announced the publication of a *Special Report*, "Why U.N. Plans for World Government Must Be Stopped" on May 12. The report includes case studies of U.N. depredations in Iraq, Cambodia, El Salvador, Somalia, and the former Yugoslavia. It will be available from *EIR* for \$250.

● **ALEXANDER HAIG**, the former secretary of state, has been chosen to act as a special consultant to the Central Asian republic of Turkmenistan.

● **STATE DEPARTMENT** official Timothy Wirth announced this month that the U.S. would rejoin the U.N. Fund for Population Activities and will press for an upcoming U.N. conference on population to endorse abortion globally.

● **PATCO AIR TRAFFIC** controllers, who were fired from their jobs for striking in 1981 and permanently banned from control towers, would be allowed to seek reinstatement, under a plan worked out by Secretary of Labor Robert Reich.

● **THE ANTI-DEFAMATION** League denied allegations by LaRouche associate Sheila Jones that it paid for Illinois officials to visit Israel, according to the May 13 *Chicago Defender*. The city's leading black newspaper cited Chicago ADL official Nina Kavin's excuse that "the trips are designed by friends of the ADL to promote understanding of Israel by various individuals including city police officials."