

National News

NAFTA opponent Perot called 'another LaRouche'

The front page of the business section of the Nov. 21 *San Antonio Express-News* carried a column entitled "Suddenly, Another Lyndon LaRouche," denouncing billionaire Ross Perot for his opposition to the North American Free Trade Agreement. Scott Burns, who usually dispenses financial advice in his column, devoted his space to the debate between Perot and Vice President Al Gore.

After confessing that he voted for Perot last year, Burns wrote, "Ross Perot can tell a good story. He makes assertions with a confidence that seems irrefutable. . . . He also shares a spooky trait with the now-imprisoned former candidate for President, Lyndon LaRouche. LaRouche regularly weaved the most preposterous facts together in a way that appeared convincing, but never survived close examination. That, in my mind, makes Perot the Lyndon LaRouche of the 1990s."

Contrary to Perot's accurate, if limited, reasons for opposing NAFTA, Burns pulled out the well-worn clichés that NAFTA will increase U.S. employment by allowing greater exports.

Educrats at the public trough: a case study

On Nov. 23, the school board of Loudoun County, Virginia, an upper middle-class suburb of Washington, was treated to a lengthy exposé of its own school budget, which projects a 30% increase in spending over two years, by an irate parent.

Dana Scanlon, a parent from Sterling, Va., explained that she took the time to read the budget, "and I found a school system which values social workers above teachers . . . but we only provide foreign language instruction to 3,000 of our 17,000 students! I found a school system which is dangerously close to becoming a laboratory for the latest fads in group therapy and psychological manipulation of our children."

County teachers are notoriously poorly paid, she said, adding: "Did you know that the starting pay for a social worker is \$36,000, or about \$8,000 more than the starting pay of a teacher? . . . The Loudoun school system employs 6 psychologists, and proposes to hire an additional intern. It employs 2 social workers. It employs 4 sex educators, and proposes to employ 5 in future years. It employs 2 so-called 'drug-free' specialists. And of course, it employs a whopping 47 guidance counselors, who are to be joined by an additional 7 by 1995. Note that in the elementary schools we employ more guidance counselors—18—than reading instructors—16! This translates into our system spending about \$3 million today on guidance counselors, with an additional million proposed. We spend a quarter of a million now on the psychiatrists, and that is supposed to go up to \$400,000."

One budget item Scanlon cited was even motivated by the need to "provide professional growth workshops to address identified needs of counselors." "Forgive me," she said, "but I actually entertain the old-fashioned notion that the purpose of our schools is to meet the educational needs of our children!"

White House, Reno at odds on crime fight

Policy differences with the White House may be part of the reason that Attorney General Janet Reno's attacks on mandatory minimum sentences and on other "get tough on crime" measures haven't gone anywhere, suggested the Nov. 26 *Washington Post*. Three days earlier, *New York Times* columnist Anthony Lewis also took note that Reno's effect on crime legislation has been minimal.

Lewis noted that Reno had spoken out against mandatory minimum sentences and the "federalizing" of state crimes, yet the Senate had just passed a bill full of new mandatory minimums which includes a provision to make any crime involving a gun that has crossed state lines a federal crime. Certain congressmen "counted on the Justice Department to bring some rationality into the debate. But they say they got no help

from Attorney General Reno," said Lewis.

A Washington source told *EIR* that Clinton has moved away from his original agenda for the Justice Department, which was to reverse Bush administration policies, but Reno is still operating on her original mandate. The source said that David Gergen is key to this shift in Clinton's orientation toward an alliance with Republicans on certain issues, including crime and NAFTA.

Pedophiles fight to stay part of U.N. group

The North American Man/Boy Love Association (Nambla) and other pedophile groups are fighting to retain their membership in the International Gay and Lesbian Association (ILGA), which was accorded status on July 30 as a non-governmental organization at the U.N., according to the Nov. 27 *Washington Times*.

However, after the homosexual newsletter *Lambda Reports* revealed Nambla's membership in ILGA, the United States began to backpedal on its vote to extend NGO status. On Oct. 19, John Blaney, deputy U.S. representative to the U.N. Economic and Social Council (Ecosoc), issued a statement denouncing pedophilia and expressing regret that the United States had supported an Ecosoc committee recommendation that ILGA be approved. However, Blaney said he only would withdraw the U.S. vote if he failed to get "satisfactory clarification" that ILGA will not overtly promote pedophilia in its "process of consulting with Ecosoc."

The *Times* noted that, since 1985, ILGA has consistently supported abolishing age of consent laws which prohibit sex with minors.

Julia Child takes aim at 'Bambi syndrome'

World-renowned chefs Julia Child and Paul Prudhomme spoke out against the food fads that ignore how poorly we treat people in order to "save the animals," in a joint interview the December 1993/January 1994 is-

sue of *Modern Maturity*, published by the American Association for Retired Persons.

Young people don't know anything about livestock, said Child. "They've never been on a farm, yet they make all this to-do about veal. Animal rights people are difficult to deal with. They never knew that, in the old days, you raised the calf tied up next to its mother. Or if you had a lot of male calves you just threw them in the ditch. . . . A male calf from a milk-cow strain doesn't mature to make desirable beef. In the old days you only kept as many males as you had milk cows to feed them, since veal is a calf raised on cow's milk. . . . Now, with the development of special feeding techniques using milk and milk by-products, a milking mother isn't needed since any calf can be raised as veal."

Prudhomme added, "It's sad that we treat animals better than we do other human beings." Child agreed: "It certainly is. If homeless people could live as nicely as specially fed calves, they'd be very lucky indeed." To Prudhomme's comment that "I don't want to see animals elevated to the same value as human beings," Child responded, "It's the Bambi syndrome—when we start thinking of them as people and not animals."

Maryland bishops urge mercy, not executions

The three Catholic bishops whose dioceses include parts of Maryland issued a statement in early November against Maryland's first scheduled use of the death penalty since 1961, after the state Court of Appeals refused to stop the execution of John Thanos, now set for March 3, 1994. According to Catholic News Service (CNS), Washington Cardinal James Hickey, Baltimore Archbishop William H. Keeler, and Wilmington, Delaware Bishop Robert Mulvee wrote that, while traditional church teachings recognize use of the death penalty in extreme cases, such teaching "now must be applied to a society in which increasing violence manifests a growing disrespect for human life. . . . We are concerned that capital punishment further advances a destructive anti-

life attitude."

The statement proposed alternatives to execution that would satisfy society's need to protect itself from dangerous criminals, and quoted from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that "public authorities should concentrate on these means 'because they better conform to the concrete conditions of the common good and the dignity of the human person.'"

CNS notes that other religious leaders in Maryland have also spoken out against the death penalty in the state, and quotes Rev. Dave Rogers, pastor of south Baltimore's Grace United Church of Christ and chairman of the National Interreligious Task Force on Criminal Justice: "Why do we kill people who kill people to show that killing people is wrong?"

Women's group says ADL acted like McCarthy

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) has a feature article denouncing the spying operations of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) in the November-December 1993 issue of its publication *Peace and Freedom*. Los Angeles branch president Blanch Spindel says, "Tactics used by the ADL . . . smack of those used in the McCarthy era." In its heyday, WILPF included many Communist Party members and sympathizers who were the victims of McCarthyism.

Peace and Freedom said that WILPF's Los Angeles branch has joined the Coalition to Protect First Amendment Rights to combat spying by the ADL and its agent Roy Bullock, who was paid by go-between Bruce Hochman, and Bullock's work with then-San Francisco police inspector Tom Gerard to pass information about U. S. citizens on to the South African government.

Of the League, *Peace and Freedom* said: "The ADL, established in 1913 to protect the civil rights of individuals, reversed its position in the late 1940s. It became partners with police departments required by law to refrain from spying on peaceful organizations. It became a collaborator with the FBI in gathering information on peaceful groups of all types."

Briefly

● **ANIMAL RIGHTS** activists promoted an "Adopt a Turkey" campaign this Thanksgiving, which urged that individuals buy a live turkey, pay to keep it alive, and give up eating meat.

● **NEW YORK** activists who are fighting the so-called Rainbow Curriculum, have filed a class-action suit against the New York City School Board and Schools Chancellor Ramon Cortines seeking an injunction to protect schoolchildren from pedophile teachers and counselors, and curriculum that promotes sexual perversion.

● **GEN. COLIN POWELL**, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is being eyed by both Virginia Democrats and Republicans as a possible candidate to run for Chuck Robb's Senate seat next year, according to the Nov. 27 *Washington Post*. Democrats are put off by the fighting between Gov. Doug Wilder and Robb, and many Republicans are wary of Oliver North.

● **PRESIDENT CLINTON** told reporters at a news conference on Nov. 23 that "I'm satisfied with the finding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone," in the murder 30 years ago of President John F. Kennedy. "I'm also very satisfied with the work done by the Secret Service in my behalf," he added.

● **ALBERT GORE'S** "national information superhighway" is a menace to children, according to thousands of parents and electronics experts now sounding the alarm. Children of any age can log on, and find online offers in "cyberspace" for sex, drugs, homosexual thrills, and Satanism.

● **JONATHAN POLLARD** should not receive a presidential commutation of his life sentence, editorialized the Dec. 2 *Washington Post*: The Israeli spy "knew the seriousness of his offense. . . . That he was spying not for an enemy but for a friend does not so much lighten the breach of his trust as underline its grossness."