

# National News

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## Connecticut fails to pass OBE bill

Legislation to implement the brainwashing curriculum known as "outcome-based education" died in the final weeks of Connecticut's legislative session after vigorous opposition was raised by grass-roots groups and the teachers unions, according to the *Westport News* in late May. The Commission on Educational Excellence in Connecticut drafted a report over 18 months recommending OBE reforms for a "world-class" education system, complete with a \$200 million price tag. Some legislators said they thought the plan could be brought back if reworked and public hearings were held.

The Committee to Save Our Schools (CTSOS) claimed credit for rallying the public to keep the bill from reaching the floor. In response to the criticism they mounted, the commission changed its wording to "Results-Based Education" from outcome-based education. CTSOS has set up opposition groups in many parts of the state, claims it has 70 chapters, and vows to now turn its attention to "the right reforms."

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## Baltimore opened to USAID 'foreign aid'

Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke has unveiled a plan that would make Baltimore the first U.S. city targeted by a new program sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development, according to an article in the June 20 issue of the weekly newspaper *New Federalist*. The program would apply its population-control methods used in Third World countries, to deal with the problems of teenage pregnancy in the United States. The program, called "Lessons without Borders," was born of a conversation late last year between USAID Administrator J. Brian Atwood and Marian Wright Edelman, the longtime head of the Children's Defense Fund.

Although by law, USAID, a State Department agency, is not permitted to implement programs domestically, with the "Lessons without Borders" program, AID hopes

that "by offering advice and cheerleading," they "can be the midwife at the birth of a new generation of U.S. social programs."

According to materials distributed at the Morgan State University conference where Schmoke announced the plan in early June, among the new "family planning methods" USAID hopes will be made available to stem the rapid rise in so-called "unwanted births" among the nation's poor are: Norplant II, a new plastic male condom; a new low-dose hormone-releasing IUD vaginal ring; new injectables and implants for men and women; and contraceptive vaccines for men and women. The program also boasts of its support for Norplant, the hormone-releasing contraceptive implant that is already being surgically inserted into the arms of Baltimore schoolchildren without parental consent, and without a comprehensive medical examination.

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## Lubavitch 'messiah' dies in New York

Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, head of the Jewish Hassidic Lubavitcher sect, died on June 12 at the age of 92. Schneerson's education included studies of philosophy in Berlin in the 1920s and 1930s, and engineering at the Sorbonne in Paris. He took over the Brooklyn, New York-based group in 1951.

Schneerson's entirely secular education and his background in the machine engineering business contrast with his reputation as the messiah among his adherents, many of whom are said to be expecting Schneerson to rise from the dead. The Lubavitchers run social-work, psychiatric, and drug clinics as part of their far-flung missionary establishment. Many carry beepers—"for calls to alert them that the messiah has come." Members of the Lubavitcher sect have also participated in the kidnap-for-hire operations of the Cult Awareness Network's Galen Kelly.

The number of Lubavitchers worldwide is estimated at anywhere from 100,000 to 300,000. While reporting on the "intense struggle for power" among possible successors to Schneerson, the *New York Daily News* wrote: "Whoever gets the job will be the most influential Jewish religious leader

in the world, guiding 200,000 followers in 130 countries, controlling \$500 million in holdings and having the ear of political leaders."

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## EEOC drafts 'religious harassment' code

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has drafted new work guidelines to outlaw "religious harassment," which may go so far as to outlaw any expression of religious profession. According to a commentary by Mary Senander in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, the new guidelines require employers to establish "an explicit policy against harassment" and to be "responsible for acts of harassment in the workplace." The measures are not yet in force, and the EEOC was to receive written public commentary until June 20.

Under the proposed guidelines, "Section 1609.1 (d) provides that employees have standing to challenge a hostile or abusive work climate even if the harassment is not targeted specifically at them." Senander continued that the EEOC would test "religious harassment" complaints not by standards that offend people in general, but by what offends members of the supposedly victimized class. According to the author, the display of anything religious could be deemed harassment under these guidelines.

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## Barr, Hudson pollute Virginia parole reform

William Barr and Henry Hudson should be thrown off Virginia Gov. George Allen's Commission on Parole Abolition and Sentencing Reform, Lyndon LaRouche recently said. Both men are guilty of fraud with respect to the railroad prosecution against LaRouche and his co-defendants on the federal level, and, by implication, against five associates of LaRouche currently serving decades-long sentences in Virginia on related fraudulent charges.

The commission has begun a series of four "town meetings" to whip up public hys-

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teria to force the state legislature to end parole for felons.

Henry Hudson, a prominent member of the commission, is the former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia who led the fraudulent legal prosecution of Lyndon LaRouche and his six co-defendants in 1989. Barr, co-director of the commission, was U.S. Attorney General under George Bush beginning in October 1991, and made sure that LaRouche stayed imprisoned while Bush held the presidency, in the face of overwhelming evidence showing LaRouche's innocence.

Barr has also been identified by authors Terry Reed and John Cummings as the attorney for Southern Air Transport who set up the covert arms supply operations to the Nicaraguan Contras in Mena, Arkansas and later in the State of Michoacan, Mexico. According to their book *Compromised*, Barr (alias Robert Johnson) was present at several key planning sessions for the illegal Contra supply and training effort. Lt. Col. Oliver North, using the alias John Cathey, was the White House case officer for the Arkansas and Mexico operations; both Barr and North reported personally to then-Vice President Bush. North's role as part of the "Get LaRouche" task force has been amply documented by *EIR*.

### 'Cannibal' film director backs necklacer Aristide

A major Hollywood backer of Haiti dictator Jean-Bertrand Aristide is one Jonathan Demme, the founder of Artists for Democracy in Haiti. According to the June 13 issue of the *Baltimore Sun*, Demme played an insider role in the creation of the pro-Aristide movement in the United States, including meeting with National Security Council official Richard Feinberg and his lobbying President Clinton.

Demme is best known as the director of the Oscar-winning film "Silence of the Lambs," about a serial killer named "Hannibal the Cannibal," who consumed his victims. Aristide, by contrast, merely advocates "necklacing" his opponents: killing them by setting a gasoline-filled tire around their necks on fire.

More recently Demme broke into the

"mainstream" with "Philadelphia," a sympathetic portrayal of an AIDS-stricken homosexual's legal battle to remain employed with his high-priced law firm, which is presented as America's leading civil rights battle.

Demme is making a film of the real 1960s civil rights movement, but based on Taylor Branch's book *Parting the Waters*. According to the *Sun*, Demme introduced Branch to Aristide, and Branch is now urging the use of the U.S. military to install Aristide in power in Haiti.

### U.S. has contact with Algerian FIS exiles

The subject of U.S. and French policy toward Algeria occupied an important place in a joint interview that President Bill Clinton and French President François Mitterrand gave to French TV in early June. The United States "wants the Algerian government to broaden its base by working with elements of its opposition who are not involved in terrorism," said Clinton, making his first statement on this issue. The United States has opened up contacts with moderate exiles from the Algerian Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), he said. The President insisted several times that the United States is against any form of violence, but that it "is on the side of the peoples of Islam who respect the international rules of life."

According to an article in the Paris daily *Libération* on the subject, until last autumn, U.S. policy considered the Algerian regime as a "lesser evil and a shield against Islamic integrists." Now, however, the United States considers the regime as "being part of the problem."

*Libération* continued that the United States, seeing how little hold the Algerian government has over the political and military situation, thinks that "there is no other choice [than] to recognize the strength of Islam in Algeria." Hence, White House strategy is to separate the moderate FIS leaders from the extremists who lead the armed groups, by encouraging the Algerian government to "show a serious intention of dialogue."

● **BALTIMORE SCHOOLS** Superintendent Walter Amprey has been forced to back off his plans to expand the role of the private, profit-making Education Alternatives, Inc. in taking over city schools. Amprey said he was slowing down his commitment to EAI after encountering strong resistance from the teachers union. Amprey had sent threatening letters to 10,000 employees warning of layoffs and reassignments over their opposition to EAI.

● **THE ANTI-DEFAMATION** League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) released a book-length attack on June 9 on what it calls the "Christian right." The ADL book purports to document the "movement's anti-Semitic rhetoric and the ferocity of its efforts to enforce its exclusionary orthodoxy on local governments and school systems," according to a *New York Times* commentary.

● **TELEVANGELIST** Pat Robertson's International Family Entertainment suffered a 65% first-quarter loss through derivatives trading. IFE owns Family Channel, which reported a \$2.106 million loss in derivatives trading, while IFE itself posted earnings of \$2.61 million, down 65% from \$7.36 million for the first quarter of 1993.

● **THE OHIO STATE** auditor has ruled that the treasurer of the Vermillion, Ohio schools is liable for \$127,000 lost in an investment in financial derivatives. He also found the company and salesmen who sold the instruments liable.

● **LAROCHE DEMOCRATS** in Massachusetts filed petitions for three congressional candidates on June 7. In all three races for the Sept. 20 primary, they are the only opposition to the incumbents. Denise Ham will run against Barney Frank in the 4th CD; Roger Ham will run against Gerry Studds in the 10th CD. Both Studds and Frank are homosexuals. The Hams are husband and wife. In the 9th CD, Dennis Ingalls will run against Joseph Moakley.