

National News

Spannaus forms PAC to stop Oliver North

Nancy Spannaus, who ran in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate in Virginia, announced on June 21 that she was forming a political action committee (PAC) to defeat the Republican nominee Oliver North, whom she characterized as a "Bush operative and drug-runner."

"The first campaign of the committee will be to flood Virginia with a special version of the bumper sticker LaRouche Democrats are putting out in Texas and Florida [where George W. Bush and Jeb Bush are running for governor], 'Don't Elect That Son-of-a-Bush.'"

"It is our intention to spearhead the kind of campaign that will eliminate the threat that Ollie North might enter the Senate of the United States. Once Virginians get the story that he ran plane loads of drugs into our country, and conspired to destroy anyone who got in the way, they won't buy this story that Ollie is a folk-hero representing family values. They'll run that son-of-a-Bush out of here in no time," she said.

During the June 28 nationally televised debate of the four Virginia Senate candidates on "Larry King Live," North gave the lie to his own claims to being an outsider when he praised Bush as a "great statesman": "I'd have sent George Bush to Bosnia, Haiti, and then the rest of them—because he knows how to solve them." He told King he would "call [Bush] tonight," and ask him to campaign for North.

Lewis du Pont Smith to run for Minnesota AG

Lewis du Pont Smith, DuPont chemical heir and associate of Democratic presidential precandidate Lyndon LaRouche, declared his candidacy for the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party nomination as Minnesota's Attorney General, challenging incumbent Hubert ("Skip") Humphrey III. In 1992, Humphrey investigator Rick Munson was caught on an FBI wiretap discussing a national "get LaRouche" campaign with former Loudoun County, Virginia Sheriff's Lt. Donald

Moore. The FBI wiretap led to Moore being charged in a plot to kidnap and "deprogram" Smith and his wife in 1992.

Smith's statement detailed some of the unsavory characters that back his opponent:

"1) Humphrey backer and regular contributor Fred Isaacs went to jail in 1961 for defrauding the Twin City Rapid Transit Co. in cahoots with the infamous Meyer Lansky partner Kid Cann;

"2) Humphrey intimate Deil Gustafson was convicted of 24 felonies for skimming from the Tropicana Casino in Las Vegas in partnership with Kansas City mob figures;

"3) Humphrey backer Hal Greenwood was convicted of 25 felonies relating to savings and loan fraud;

"4) Skip's brother-in-law and political crony C. Bruce Solomonson was sentenced to 46 months in prison for defrauding his own insurance companies."

'Jane Roe' hailed as feminist anti-heroine

Far from being the "abortion rights" movement's version of Rosa Parks, a new book, *I Am Roe: My Life, Roe v. Wade, and Freedom of Choice* by Norma McCorvey, depicting the Kafka-esque life of its lesbian heroine, shows her to be almost entirely without principles.

According to a review in the *New York Times* on July 3, McCorvey was sent away to live with relatives as a child, where she was sexually abused; she later married a man who physically abused her. She "realized she was pregnant," divorced her husband, and moved in with her mother. Wrote the *Times*, she "began discovering that she was attracted to women." Her mother induced her to sign away custody of her child after getting her drunk. Despite the fact that she was now a practicing lesbian, she became pregnant again. (The child was placed for adoption.)

Yet a third time, she "realized she was pregnant," during which she was picked up by a wealthy Texas lawyer named Sarah Weddington, who was looking for a case to overturn Texas's abortion laws. McCorvey became "Jane Roe."

The case did not bring McCorvey fame and fortune: Weddington, not wanting to dirty her hands further with McCorvey after

Roe, ended contact with her. McCorvey now lives with her lesbian lover, whom she met when she, McCorvey, was caught shoplifting from her store. The *Times* concluded that "in a country where the rights of women and children are still under attack," Norma McCorvey "as Jane Roe is not the symbol we would have chosen; but she is the symbol we deserve."

Wolf urges Virginia: Resist casino gambling

Concerned that there will be another try to legalize casino gambling in Virginia next year, U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.) wrote a commentary in the July 2 *Richmond Times-Dispatch* urging Virginia to "resist" its lure. Wolf cited a recent study funded by the Aspen Institute and Ford Foundation, denouncing casino gambling for promoting organized crime, destroying the economy, and harming the people involved in it.

The study's author, Prof. Robert Goodman, cites the following statistic: Casino gambling was legalized in Atlantic City, New Jersey in 1976. Since 1978, the city's crime index exceeded that of the state as a whole. By 1981, there was a near-tripling of total crimes. That brought Atlantic City from 50th in the nation in per capita crime to first.

Wolf concluded, "Virginians should resist bringing casino gambling to the Commonwealth because of the adverse impact it may have on our tourism and other business concerns."

Chicago Tribune boosts integral fast reactor

An editorial in the *Chicago Tribune* on June 24 supported the fight to restore funding to the integral fast reactor nuclear program. Headlined "Fighting to Save Good Nuclear Science," the editorial reported that Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.) was preparing to lead a fight to restore funding for the IFR, and noted that Simon might face opposition from the Clinton administration and Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary. The IFR, being developed at Argonne National Laboratory in

Illinois, was cancelled this year under the rationale that the United States should discourage plutonium use around the world by discontinuing its civilian plutonium program.

The editorial cited the reactor's merits: While a "conventional reactor burns just 1% of its uranium fuel, leaving radioactive waste and about 500 pounds of plutonium each year . . . Argonne's fast reactor is designed to consume 99% of its fuel, leaving virtually no plutonium behind. Furthermore, it can burn waste from other nuclear plants or from nuclear warheads."

The editorial concluded: "Since other nations, like nuclear-dependent Japan and France, aren't likely to shut down their reactors any time soon, the Clinton position is politically unrealistic and Argonne's reactor may offer the best long-term solution to reducing nuclear proliferation. . . . The Senate should follow Simon's leadership and restore funds for the fast reactor."

Washington Times blasts harsh Waco sentences

The *Washington Times* denounced the barbaric sentences meted out to seven members of the Branch Davidian religious group in its lead editorial on June 26, and defended the innocence of the accused. The defendants were charged with using firearms in a violent crime, during the shoot-out with federal agents in Waco, Texas in February 1993. "Last week a federal judge hit church members who survived the attack with 40-year sentences for their non-part in a non-conspiracy to kill federal agents," said the editorial. "Federal prosecutors couldn't have been happier."

After a pro forma effort to blame the firestorm at Waco on Attorney General Janet Reno, who became AG in the middle of the siege (which was stage-managed from beginning to end by Bush-era federal agents), the *Times* accurately summarized the 51-day "standoff": "Naturally, the feds blamed the whole disaster on church members (carefully referred to as 'cult members' by government officials). Trouble was, a jury of 12 impartial citizens did not. [Federal prosecutor] Mr. Jahn and company wanted to convict the Branch Davidians of murdering federal agents. The jury refused. Mr.

Jahn wanted to convict them of conspiracy to commit murder. Again the jury refused. But faced with confusing jury instructions, the panel did convict several of the defendants of carrying a firearm in the commission of the crime that, remember, the jury had already said they didn't commit. Seeing the contradiction, the judge threw out that conviction."

Despite the protests from the jury that they had mistakenly arrived at the firearms conviction, the judge agreed to reinstate it, and further ruled that the firearms were automatic weapons, which means a stiffer sentence.

The *Times* concluded, "The defendants in this case should move swiftly to appeal the court's ruling, and people ought to pay attention to what happens."

Columnist: Norplant is 'gas chamber economics'

Leftist columnist Alexander Cockburn penned a scathing attack on the contraceptive implant Norplant in the *Los Angeles Times* editorial section on June 30. Cockburn began his column by quoting the infamous Dr. J.N. Baker, before the Alabama State Legislature in 1935: "With bated breath . . . the world is watching the bold experiment in mass sterilization recently launched in Germany."

Cockburn continued, "Before Hitler and his fellow Nazis (who said they learned much from U. S. sterilization laws) made the discipline unfashionable, eugenics and the prevention of unworthy babies were hot topics among American social engineers. The keenest engineers were not Southern crackers but Northern liberals. . . . States pioneering sterilization laws early in the century included Robert M. LaFollette's Wisconsin and Woodrow Wilson's New Jersey. . . .

"Beyond these, there is the profoundest myth of all, which blames young, poor, unmarried mothers for drug abuse, slums and poverty. . . . Norplant will turn society around. These are gas chamber economics and social prescriptions. . . . Wait for the social engineers to start insisting that poor black female teenagers accept Norplant as a condition for probation or any form of social benefit, or for living in public housing, or for existing."

Briefly

● **OKLAHOMA** became the first state in April whose legislature passed a resolution "Memorializing Congress to Cease Certain Activities Concerning the United Nations." Among other things, it calls on Congress to cease any support for the establishment of a "new world order" or to any form of global government. A nearly identical bill has been introduced into the California Senate.

● **PAULA CORBIN JONES**, the woman who is suing President Clinton for alleged sexual harassment when he was governor has been awarded \$50,000 from No Excuses designer jeans to model their wares. The deal promotes Jones as being the most "Alive and Uncensored" woman in America as the ceremony on June 23 in New York was the latest in Jones's promotional tour.

● **WALTER CRONKITE** told the Discovery Channel that "we cannot afford not to keep going into outer space," referring specifically to manned missions. "We should not abandon a program that pushes human capabilities, that recognizes that failing to accept the challenges before us invites stagnation," he said.

● **PEG LUKSIK**, who ran for governor of Pennsylvania in 1990, winning 42% of vote on a shoestring budget, is considering running again, as an independent. Four years ago, Luksik won widespread support through her strong campaign against "outcome-based education." She reported that the camp of Republican candidate Tom Ridge has both offered her jobs and made threats in order to keep her out of the race.

● **MARY SUE TERRY**, Virginia's former "get LaRouche" Attorney General, whose gubernatorial ambitions were smashed in 1993, was recently invited to address a forum on "Overcoming Political Defeat." When only a dozen people showed up, the moderator suggested the forum be cancelled. Terry, who is still without a job, gratefully left.