

# National News

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## Court upholds Special Master for Demjanjuk

The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the right of the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to appoint a Special Master, who would investigate whether the Justice Department Office of Special Investigations withheld or falsified evidence that led to the Sixth Circuit's approving the 1986 extradition of retired Cleveland auto worker John Demjanjuk to Israel, the *Washington Times* reported on May 25. Demjanjuk was charged with being the Treblinka concentration camp guard "Ivan the Terrible," and has been sentenced to death in Israel. His case is being appealed there on the grounds that the U.S. Justice Department knowingly used Soviet-forged documents to have him extradited, and knew there was evidence that another man was "Ivan."

Two former lawyers of the Office of Special Investigations, George Parker and Norman Moscowitz, had appealed the Special Master appointment to the Supreme Court, arguing that the Sixth Circuit lost jurisdiction after the extradition and should have referred the case to a federal judge in Cleveland.

Ironically, Parker had testified before the Special Master, U.S. Judge Thomas A. Wiseman, that he did not believe Demjanjuk was Ivan the Terrible. Parker said that one of the reasons why he left the Justice Department was its decision to proceed with the denaturalization case against Demjanjuk. Judge Wiseman completed hearings in April, and his report is expected in a few weeks.

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## Bear attacks man; man shoots bear; man fined

Montana rancher John Shuler was fined \$4,000 under the Endangered Species Act for shooting a grizzly bear that had attacked him. On a snowy night in 1989, Shuler entered his sheep pen and was confronted by three grizzly bears. He fired shots to frighten

them away, when a fourth reared up behind him. Fearing for his life, he shot it.

According to a press release from Putting People First, a group that seeks to counter the lies of the so-called animal rights lobby, three and a half years after the incident, an administrative judge has now ruled that Shuler cannot claim self-defense in killing the grizzly, which is protected under the Endangered Species Act, because the "self-defense" exception to the act must meet the same criteria used in criminal law for humans. The judge ruled that when Shuler left his front porch and entered the sheep pen, he "purposefully placed himself in the zone of imminent danger of a bear attack."

William Perry Pendley, president and chief legal officer for the Mountain States Legal Foundation, who is representing Shuler, told the press, "The decision is a frightening embrace by an agency of the U.S. government of the view of many animal rights fanatics and environmental zealots that human beings are only co-equal inhabitants of the planet, no better than any other creature."

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## U.S. should legalize drugs, says 'Economist'

The influential London *Economist* magazine carried a lead feature in mid-May, demanding that the United States "Bring Drugs within the Law." In an editorial and accompanying news story, the City of London mouthpiece crowed that a debate about the option of legalizing drugs has begun in Washington, and pointed to a May 7 meeting convened by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to review U.S. policy on the drugs issue. On May 18, the same week that the *Economist* issue appeared on newsstands, *New York Times* editor Abe Rosenthal issued a warning against the threat of drug legalization—de facto or de jure.

The *Economist* praised the "decriminalization" policy in effect in Holland and expressed hope that "a more rational discussion" will take place in the United States "to change public opinion" away from "the dogma of prohibition" of recent years. Indicating the true purpose behind its advocacy for legaliza-

tion—to narcotize the American people—the editorial includes a subhead, "The Quest for Soma," which is a reference to the universally used narcotic in Aldous Huxley's utopian fascist novel *Brave New World*.

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## Iowa and Mass. adopt opposite school policies

The May 19 issue of *Education Week* announced that Iowa had dropped its Outcome-Based Education (OBE) program after a year's efforts to impose it on all schools. The head of Iowa's schools, William Leply, said it generated too much controversy and too little support.

OBE substitutes "politically correct" categories such as "diversity," "environmental responsibility," and "group membership" for education. The May 23 issue of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* in Virginia editorialized, "Here's hoping for an identical outcome here."

By contrast, "gay rights" became educational policy in Massachusetts on May 18, when the State Board of Education became the first in the nation to endorse guidelines aimed at fostering acceptance of homosexuality. According to a report in the *Washington Times*, "Among the measures that received the board's imprimatur are plans to train teachers to be sensitive to homosexual issues and encourage them to weave sexual orientation into their lessons." The board endorsed non-mandatory measures for schools to protect homosexual students from discrimination, violence, and harassment, to establish support groups for homosexuals, and to provide counseling for families of adolescent homosexuals.

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## Farrakhan turns 60, performs concerto

Some 4,500 people from around the United States attended the 60th birthday celebration concert of Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan, held on May 18 at Christ Univer-

sal Temple Church on Chicago's Far South Side. Because the concert was conceived to inspire the young, offerings included 16-year-old Demarre McGill on the flute, performing a modern work by Charles T. Griffes, "Poem for Flute and Orchestra"; and later, the Kennedy-King Chorus of Chicago's South Side joined the New World Orchestra and pianist Armenta Adams Hummings, to perform Beethoven's "Choral Fantasy," in English translation. Finally, after two choral pieces performed by the Christ Universal Temple Ensemble, Minister Farrakhan took his place on stage to perform Felix Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, Op. 64, with the New World Orchestra, under Michael Morgan's direction.

After a rousing ovation, Minister Farrakhan expressed his desire for "the concert to end with a public performance of the Hallelujah Chorus of *The Messiah*. We often sing the Hallelujah Chorus two times a year. It is often sung around the birth of Jesus, because Jesus overcame death. It is also sung at Easter, when Jesus gains victory over death. For us to come here tonight with Christians, Jews, and Muslims, we had to overcome something too. We had to overcome fear, anxiety, and wonderment of suffering and loss. I would like us all to stand and sing the Hallelujah Chorus from *The Messiah*, because we have overcome."

## Masonic monument to desecrate Gettysburg

The masonic order is erecting a monument at the National Military Park at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to honor the brotherhood of white Masons, despite what they refer to as the temporary differences between those who fought for the Union and Confederacy in the Civil War. According to information received from the freemasonic Order of DeMolay, the National Park Service reached agreement to give away the federal land after lengthy private negotiations with the U.S. masonic order. Ground was broken for the monument in March 1993, and dedication is scheduled for August. The masonic statue would be the first monument erected

by a purely private organization on the Gettysburg battlefield.

Lincoln delivered his inspiring Gettysburg Address at the consecration of the cemetery in 1863, following the battle which was the turning point of the Civil War. During the antebellum period, that area of central Pennsylvania was a hot-bed of anti-masonic sentiment, led by U.S. Congressman Thaddeus Stevens, the architect of the post-Civil War Reconstruction of the South.

## Spannaus files petitions for Va. governor's race

Nancy Spannaus, a longtime associate of statesman Lyndon LaRouche and editor of the *New Federalist* newspaper filed 32,160 petition signatures at the Virginia Board of Elections in Richmond on May 20, as an independent candidate for governor of Virginia. The number filed was more than double the requirement for ballot qualification. Spannaus was joined by four independent candidates for delegate, and two leaders of the state Southern Christian Leadership Council. Roy Perry, head of the SCLC in the Tidewater area, announced his support for Spannaus, due to her opposition to the death penalty. Rev. Robert J.N. Jones, Jr., president of the Richmond SCLC, also declared his support for Spannaus because of her opposition to the death penalty, as well as other aspects of her program.

Spannaus said that she would be running under the slogan, "Bring Justice to Virginia." She introduced the four delegate candidates, and said that they were part of a slate of about 19 candidates who would be running for the House of Delegates on the same platform. The central programmatic issues would be the LaRouche program for economic growth; stopping the barbarism of the death penalty, which has led to Virginia becoming an object of international scandal; and ending corruption in the judicial system.

Spannaus said that she would campaign heavily against her chief opponent, former Attorney General Mary Sue Terry, whom she characterized as a "New Age barbarian."

## Briefly

● **MICHIGAN'S** weak anti-euthanasia law was overturned on May 21, after the American Civil Liberties Union brought suit on behalf of Jack "Dr. Death" Kevoorkian. Judge Cynthia D. Stephens argued that "the right of self-determination" rooted in the Fourteenth Amendment includes "the right to cease living."

● **THE CHICAGO** Board of Police has voted to launch an investigation of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) and any relationship it may have to the Chicago Police Department. The board is a select committee under the jurisdiction of the mayor's office.

● **A FORMER IRS** commissioner, Jerome Kurtz, threatened churches in New York with loss of their tax-exempt status for their opposition to the so-called Rainbow Curriculum and similar pro-homosexual agendas in the recent school board elections.

● **THE FBI IS UNDER SIEGE**, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. "Indeed, the Waco disaster seemed to sucker punch the FBI while it was already down, serving . . . as an unhappy metaphor for the bureau's fragile situation. Faced with a changing world, a new administration . . . and a shrinking pool of experienced personnel, the FBI finds itself at one of the most critical junctures" in its history.

● **PATRICIA RYAN** of the Cult Awareness Network called for civil liberties to be overturned in order to wipe out "extremists," in a commentary in the *Virginian-Pilot* on May 25. "If we place Waco in a wider context of how extremist groups function . . . we may find a festering infection not easily dismissed."

● **MARIAN ANDERSON**, the late soprano, known as "the voice of the century," was memorialized at a Washington, D.C. concert sponsored by the Schiller Institute on May 29.