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# National News

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## Schiller concert celebrates African-American history

The Schiller Institute will sponsor a performance in Washington, D.C. of the *Requiem Mass* of African-Brazilian composer José Mauricio Nuñez-García, featuring members of the Takoma Park Symphony Orchestra, the Neville Ottley Singers, and the Schiller Institute Choir, as part of area celebrations of African-American History Month. Selections from Handel's oratorio *Messiah* and African-American spirituals will also be presented. The concert takes place on Feb. 26, one day before the birthday of the late singer Marian Anderson, and includes selections from her repertoire.

The *Requiem* is dedicated to the memory of the late chairman of the D.C. City Council, John Wilson, who died last year.

The Nuñez-García *Requiem*, composed in 1816, when compared to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Requiem* (1791), demonstrates the principle of "Classical composers in dialogue," which is seldom heard today. All compositions will be performed at the "Verdi" tuning of C-256, with the original wind instruments, making the performance a unique musical event in all respects.

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## Limbaugh rushes to defense of the Fed

On his Feb. 9 radio broadcast, populist darling Rush Limbaugh defended the Federal Reserve System and its chairman Alan Greenspan and attacked House Banking Committee Chairman Henry Gonzalez (D-Tex.), who recently forced the Fed Open Market Committee to open up 17 years' worth of its secret minutes.

Limbaugh opened with a tirade against President Clinton for "raising taxes," following which he complained that Representative Gonzalez's recent efforts were aimed at putting the Federal Reserve "under the control of the White House."

Acknowledging that many of his mostly conservative listeners "don't like the Fed," Limbaugh defended the unconstitutional in-

stitution as the only "independent," agency in Washington. Limbaugh claimed that Greenspan raised interest rates to "send a message to Clinton that 'We don't want any of your liberal lollipops over here!'"

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## Opposition to 'OBE' grows in S. Dakota

Opposition is growing in South Dakota to state plans to implement "outcome-based education" and what the state calls "modernization." In early February, Chris Anderson, the superintendent of schools in Lyman County, just south of the state capital of Pierre, was forced to resign over opposition to his promotion of outcome-based education. Lyman County was one of 20 pilot districts for the state modernization program, where "districts chose on their own" to modernize and receive state funds. Opponents formed a citizens' group which ran a slate of candidates for school board last June, winning heavily over incumbents who supported Anderson, who became a lightning rod for community opposition.

Three of the newly elected board members have been working to dismantle the program and believe they have a mandate to do it. The state legislature heard a debate this month on HB 1323, a bill which prohibits using the criteria of values, beliefs, attitudes, or emotions to determine grades or as the basis for testing, as prescribed in the state school modernization program.

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## Confederates again hoist 'Stars and Bars'

"Protecting the Confederacy" was the title of a special report in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* on Feb. 14. The state's leading daily is based in Richmond, Virginia, the capital of the Civil War Confederacy. The report, by staff writer Wes Allison, sports a full-color replica of the "Stars and Bars" flag.

Allison's feature begins: "Political correctness is running amok and must be checked before every vestige of the Confed-

erate South is censored and vilified. So say members of the Heritage Preservation Association, formed last fall to combat what they see as increasing attacks by the politically correct on the Confederacy's symbols, culture and descendants." Allison plays up the HPA's plans to put the Confederate flag—symbol of treason against the United States—back into prominence in the South, where it still flies over the state capitols of South Carolina and Mississippi. HPA founder and President R. Lee Collins is quoted, "I don't mean to minimize slavery, but let's put it into historical perspective. Very few Southerners owned slaves. Slavery was not the main reason for war; constitutional principle was." The Confederate flag, he says, "remains a symbol of defiance to the United States and integration."

The article appeared one week after Margaret Thatcher's royal treatment in the state, and one week before the historic conference of Lyndon LaRouche's philosophical association in Washington, D.C., which exposed the pro-British traitors who created the Confederacy.

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## AIPAC taps OSI chief Neal Sher as new head

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee announced on Feb. 10 that it has named Neal M. Sher, currently director of the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, as its new executive director. AIPAC President Steve Grossman described Sher as a "bold, innovative leader." AIPAC was established to handle the U.S. Congress for the Zionist lobby, but, since the Israel-PLO accord, has aligned itself more closely to the Likud party's Ariel Sharon, who violently opposes the accord.

AIPAC executive director Tom Dine resigned last June after a book quoted him describing Orthodox Jews as "smelly." A few days later, AIPAC Vice President Harvey Friedman quit after admitting that he had called Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin a "little slime ball."

The OSI, set up under the aegis of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in the 1970s, used its mandate to "hunt Nazis" to inject forged KGB documents into the

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U.S. legal system. Sher has directed the OSI over the past 11 years. He supervised such legal atrocities as the deportation of John Demjanjuk, and the barring of Austrian President Kurt Waldheim from entering the United States both on the basis of evidence forged by communist authorities.

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## Aristide rebuffs Clinton peace efforts

The Clinton administration is pressuring ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to reach some sort of power-sharing agreement with his military opponents. An angry Aristide responded on Feb. 8 by attacking, for the first time, the U.S. policy of interdicting Haitian refugees on the high seas before they can reach U.S. shores and claim political asylum, according to Reuters on Feb. 11.

Aristide called the interdiction policy "a floating Berlin Wall" that violates international law. This is an about-face for Aristide, who supported the policy when it was first undertaken by George Bush, and has periodically broadcast appeals to Haitians to stay home. A State Department official said Aristide's remarks were "an invitation for people to risk their lives on the high seas," reported Reuters.

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## Virginia blacked out by ice storms

Much of Virginia was declared in a state of emergency on Feb. 11, after ice storms brought down power lines in many areas of the state. Gov. George Allen declared the emergency at 9 p.m., when almost three-quarters of a million homes were without power. Especially hard hit were the least developed areas which had suffered from the storm: the Northern Neck and southwestern Virginia. In one southwest county, an estimated 90% of the households were believed to be without power. Ten counties and cities were declared local emergencies.

Large parts of Lynchburg and 25,000

homes in Richmond also lost their electricity. A reported 60,000 households in the Roanoke area were without electricity, which would take at least four days to restore, leaving them without water or heat in many cases, and threatening further damage from frozen and burst water pipes.

Nancy Spannaus, the LaRouche Democrat challenging Chuck Robb for the U.S. Senate, said in a Feb. 14 statement: "If there had been adequate electricity infrastructure, the damage from the loss of electricity would have been dramatically less. It's not the cold that's to blame—that's unavoidable.

"From my 1990 Senate campaign on, I have underscored the abominable state of Virginia's energy infrastructure—from current power shortages to the prospect of the mainstays of our electric power supply, the four Virginia Power nuclear plants, being decommissioned. Given the disasters that have befallen us this winter, Virginians should be ready to listen."

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## Washington beats drum for North Korea sanctions

After President Clinton said on Feb. 11 that economic sanctions are "one option" if North Korea continues to balk at U.N. inspections of its nuclear sites, other administration officials have increased the pressure. "We're now consulting, all of us among one another, to see what our options are. But obviously, the sanctions option is one option," Clinton had told a news conference. Japan, South Korea, and China are being consulted, Clinton said.

CIA director James Woolsey complained on Feb. 14 that North Korea may be about to recover more plutonium. "They may decide to shut down their Yongbyon reactor soon, enabling them to extract fuel, reprocess, recover the plutonium and use it to produce weapons," Woolsey said. Also on Feb. 14, Secretary of State Warren Christopher told the MacNeil-Lehrer news program that if South Korea were threatened "either in a conventional way or in a nuclear way, that will invoke a powerful military response by the United States."

## Briefly

● **WILL THE IRS** privatize its collection apparatus in order to help cut the budget deficit? Such is one proposal, according to the Feb. 9 *Washington Post*, which quotes an administration official that "the concept is to figure out how we can get private companies to assist with some of our collection-related activity." It is rumored that the IRS style manual will begin replacing the term "mafia" with "collection services consultant."

● **QUEEN ELIZABETH'S** royal yacht *Britannia* quietly docked in New York Harbor on Feb. 10 for "six days of onboard commercial conferences before steaming south to pick up Her Majesty" in the Caribbean, according to the *New York Post*. As *EIR* exposed in its Feb. 12, 1993 issue, the queen hosted a secret meeting of British and Italian financial magnates on her yacht off Italy on June 2, 1992, that led to the destabilization of the Italian state.

● **TOM HAYDEN**, the aging radical and California state senator, has announced that he will be a candidate for governor of California. Why? "It was really the psychic impact of the earthquake that made me feel that I ought to be fully carrying out what I believe. There is an urgency about the times in which we live."

● **MARSHA FREEMAN**, author of *How We Got to the Moon*, had a three-day promotional tour over Feb. 10-13 of Huntsville, Alabama, where the Marshall Space Flight Center and the Space and Rocket Center are located. Her tour included a 20-minute interview with National Public Radio's program "Tech Talk" and a book-signing.

● **THE U.S. ARMY** announced plans in early February to develop Ft. Belvoir, in suburban Virginia near Washington. The development is expected to create 30,000 jobs and connect to the Washington Metro by light rail. Spokesmen say that the economic benefits will far outstrip the "Disney America" theme park planned for nearby Haymarket.