

# National News

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## Bush sitting on volcano, says GOPer

Doug Bailey, a principal of the Republican political consulting firm of Bailey Dear-dourff, said that polling data show that the U.S. population is full of anxiety and discontent about the nation's "longer-term" prospects, in a commentary in the April 8 *Washington Post*.

The implication is that President Bush is sitting on an economic and social volcano.

Americans want to be led in a promising direction, and sense that will require change; but are hostile to the idea that they must sacrifice materially to clean up the blunders of the political establishment, he wrote.

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## Economist says abortion will lead to euthanasia

Paul Craig Roberts, an economist with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, wrote that abortion is paving the way to enforce euthanasia among the elderly, in the April 10 *Washington Times*.

This is so especially since the decision will be made by those "whose conscience has been hardened by decades of legal and social acceptability of abortion," Roberts wrote. "People inured to disposing of the unwanted unborn are unlikely to shrink from disposing of those who have lived a long life and enjoyed an adequate retirement at human expense."

Roberts wrote that the swelling number of retirees in the U.S. will soon overburden the shrinking working population, and although he softly protests "regulated life-spans" or euthanasia, he lists all the malthusian arguments for cutting social programs for the elderly.

At the current rate of 1.5 million abortions a year, a decade of abortions means there will be 15 million fewer people in the future supporting the payroll tax. Since those aborted cannot procreate, society is deprived of their children and grandchildren as well and the toll rises over time, he

pointed out.

"It is not far-fetched," Roberts wrote, "that the young feminist of today fighting to secure her right to abort her progeny is in fact limiting the social acceptability of her own life span. Others might say it's poetic justice."

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## Maglev technology clears committee

The magnetic levitation transportation act of 1990 was passed unanimously by the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee on April 3. The bill, sponsored by Sens. Ernst Hollings (D-S.C.) and James Exon (D-Neb.), authorizes \$50 million to be appropriated for "maglev" technology, for each of the next two fiscal years.

The bill puts federal support behind the development, demonstration, and testing of advanced, third-generation, superconducting maglev systems. According to Dr. Gordon Danby, one of the two U.S. scientists who holds the original 1960s patents for superconducting maglev, this would be enough money to show good faith by the government, leading to like investment by private industry.

Within five years, a 30-mile demonstration line could be operational, according to Danby. A consortium of architectural and engineering firms and companies which would produce the components already exists, and would invest their own funds to help build a demonstration project.

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## Florida considers bill to limit free speech

A bill has been introduced in the Florida legislature which would regulate the political content of newspaper editorials, the April 6 *Washington Post* reported. The bill has gained 32 supporters and has cleared a committee on its way to the House floor.

The proposal would make it illegal for unsigned editorials to be run which advocate support for a candidate or his program. Editorial board members would be required to

file financial disclosure statements or face a \$5,000 fine. An amendment proposed by Florida State House Minority Leader Dale Patchett (R), would require that all editorial endorsements of political candidates be considered in-kind contributions.

This is identical to the proposals developed by Lloyd Cutler's Committee on the Constitution, which are being pushed in the U.S. Congress by Sens. Ernst Hollings (D-S.C.) and Alan Cranston (D-Calif.). These schemes propose to have all political advocacy be regulated by the Federal Election Commission. Even speech concerning issues in an election, should be considered a form of "contribution in kind" according to the architects of this proposal.

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## Lynne Speed sentenced in N.Y. 'LaRouche case'

Judge Stephen Crane on April 5 sentenced Lynne Speed, an associate of Lyndon LaRouche convicted in the New York "LaRouche cases," to five years probation and six months incarceration in the New York City prison, Rikers Island, known for some of the worst conditions among U.S. jails. Crane also ordered her to pay \$16,000 restitution to four lenders who testified for the prosecution.

Speed was convicted on Aug. 31, 1989 on one count of scheme to defraud and acquitted of the broader ranging charge of conspiracy to commit fraud. Judge Crane also summarily denied motions for Speed and another defendant, Marielle Kronberg, to dismiss the verdict on jurisdictional grounds and for prejudice of conspiracy evidence.

Prosecutor Dawn Cardi demanded that the defendant be taught a lesson and be imprisoned for the maximum sentence of four years. But before he pronounced the sentence, Judge Crane talked about the sincere dedication of Lynne Speed to noble causes on behalf of humanity.

Speed's attorney, Lawrence Hochheiser, asked why, if the case was not about politics as the judge and prosecutor claimed, was jail even considered for a first-time offender charged with a white-collar crime? The sentence is stayed pending appeal.

## Briefly

### Poll shows Americans back German unification

A *New York Times*-CBS poll shows that Americans favor a reunified Germany. Asked about the future of Germany, 76% of those polled said they favored unification, a significant increase of 9% from last November's survey, the April 6 *New York Times* reported.

Forty-nine percent said that they did not think a single Germany would try to dominate the continent economically, but 36% thought it could happen.

Memories of World War II were not a factor: There were no consistent differences on these issues between Americans surveyed between the ages of 18 and 29, and those over 64. Only 29% of those polled think American military presence in Europe should be decreased, and 51% say it should be maintained or increased.

While only 19% of those polled disapproved of Bush's handling of the Lithuanian crisis, 31% think that supporting Lithuania is more important than good relations with Gorbachov.

### Virginia defendant seeks judge's recusal

Attorneys for Richard Welsh, the next defendant to go to trial in the Virginia "LaRouche cases," filed a motion with Judge Clifford Weckstein asking him to disclose all extrajudicial sources of information and to recuse himself on the basis of bias.

The 18-page motion, accompanied by at least 100 pages of documentary exhibits, targets Weckstein's connections to the Anti-Defamation League and to the *Roanoke Times and World News*.

The motion documents the role of the ADL in the prosecutions of the NCLC since 1975. "Since the present round of prosecutions of NCLC members began with the Boston grand jury investigation in November of 1984, Welsh believes the ADL has served as a full private sector partner to state

and federal investigators in the task force assigned to the investigation," it read.

The motion notes Weckstein's personal relationship to the *Roanoke Times and World News*, including his brother-in-law, Robert Eure, the current political editor of the paper, and his father-in-law, the former publisher—to whom Weckstein has a current outstanding debt—which has published approximately 179 articles, including editorials, against LaRouche and the National Caucus of Labor Committees.

Weckstein's off-the-record discussions with John Russell, Brian Gettings, and Patrick Monaghan, all of whom have expressed their hostility to LaRouche and the NCLC, are also cited as evidence of bias.

Bias resulting from Weckstein's involvement in previous prosecutions, including the trial of LaRouche associate Michael Billington, demonstrate the judge's bias, the motion read. It also noted that Weckstein's willingness to uphold outrageous sentences further demonstrating bias.

### War on drugs absent from Thornburgh's DOJ

A strange encounter which Rachel Ehrenfeld, author of *Narco-Terrorism*, had while visiting the offices of the Department of Justice recently, seems to indicate that Attorney General Richard Thornburgh has never brought the war on drugs to the Department of Justice.

Ehrenfeld relates in a commentary in the April 9 *Wall Street Journal* entitled "The Drug War in the Halls of Justice," that after passing through a metal detector and a security check, she proceeded to her meeting one floor below that of Attorney General Thornburgh. In the hall, she was accosted by a man who offered to sell her crack cocaine. When she ran into a nearby office and reported that someone had just tried to sell her illegal drugs, the office workers "were not interested and went on with their work as though nothing had happened." Ehrenfeld concluded, "Bush administration officials have just admitted that the war on drugs has been a failure in the streets of Washington. Perhaps it has failed in the corridors of power as well."

● **GEN. BRUCE MEDARIS** has been elected to the International Aerospace Hall of Fame in San Diego, California. A release said, "after the Soviet Union surprised the world by putting its Sputnik I in orbit, the U.S. raced to get its own entry into the space race—and the Redstone rocket team Medaris headed launched Explorer I."

● **THE GREYHOUND** bus company said April 9 that it filed a \$30 million civil racketeering (RICO) suit against the Amalgamated Transit Union, whose members have been on strike against the bus company for more than a month.

● **VERNON S&L** chairman Woody Lemons, convicted of defrauding Vernon, was sentenced April 5 to 30 years in prison by Judge Robert Maloney of the Northern District of Texas. FDIC chairman L. William Seidman wrote the court asking for the stiff sentence, citing public "perceptions that such conduct has been taken lightly."

● **CINCINNATI** police officials issued an indictment April 8 for pandering obscenity against curators of the Contemporary Art Center displaying Robert Mapplethorpe's photos, which depict homo-erotic and sadistic acts of bondage such as those abused children often report they witness during satanic rituals.

● **JESSE JACKSON**, who recently decided not to run for Washington, D.C. mayor, borrowed a few lines from Lyndon LaRouche's congressional platform, and proposed a recovery program, fueled by credit at 2% interest, to rebuild America. Jackson was addressing the National Conference of Black Mayors April 6.

● **THE ACLU** "has declared war on Christianity in America," says a full page ad in the March 22 *Wanderer*, announcing the formation of the American Catholic Lawyers Association to combat the "orgy of anti-Catholic bigotry."