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**1. E-MAIL VERSION OF THE NORTHWEST UPDATE:** Recipients of the Northwest Update can receive this publication via e-mail. If you would like to save CHD paper and postage, e-mail a request to receive an electronic version of the Northwest Update to chdpx@aol.com. Contributions to CHD earmarked "Northwest Update" are always appreciated.

**2. PROMISE KEEPERS "BREAK DOWN THE WALLS":** Coalition staffer Steven Gardner joined Suzanne Pharr of the Women's Project and student activists from the University of Oregon at a teach-in designed to raise concerns about Promise Keepers (PK). The event held on Thursday, August 1 at the University attracted 80 people including religious leaders, gay and lesbian activists, women's rights advocates and members of Eugene's Civil Rights Commission. Gardner answered questions about Promise Keepers, its theology, origins and significance within the larger religious right.

On August 2 - 3 about 35,000 supporters of the Christian Right men's ministry Promise Keepers gathered at Eugene's Autzen Stadium. The two-day event titled "Break Down the Walls" focused on "the twin walls of denominationalism and race" that in Promise Keepers jargon keep Christian men apart. Despite its \$130 million budget, 400 staff people and exponential growth, Promise Keepers has managed to maintain remarkably good public relations, casting itself as a strictly apolitical movement. Critics have always observed that PK was laying the cultural foundation from which other organizations of the Christian Right could draw support, but the Eugene conference gave further evidence to support Promise Keepers theocratic agenda. The lecture by John Hagee, outspoken pastor of the 15,000 member Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, Texas and author of the book Bible Positions on Political Issues, highlighted the PK vision of a nation in which the wall of separation between church and state is broken.

In his Friday night lecture, Hagee advocated that parents encourage their children to seek confrontation over prayer in public schools and then contact his organization to file a law suit, an idea that received the warmest response of any raised over the two day event. Hagee went far beyond the typical Promise Keepers message of salvation and responsibility to attack abortion, civil rights and secular society.

The majority of the other speakers and activities stuck to the usual Promise Keepers themes like Bruce Fon's lecture "Going All Out for Your Wife" and Stu Weber's "Turning Your Heart to Your Children" mixed with music and sporting event take-offs like doing "the wave" for Jesus. The big top style PK Bookstore and Outreach Ministries tents located just outside the stadium are where the nuts and bolts organizing and marketing was going on. The Bookstore tent featured piles of slick PK literature, books and promotional material including T-shirts, hats, lapel pins and coffee mugs sold by women wearing blue Promise Keeper volunteer T-shirts. The Outreach tent featured state-by-state PK recruiting tables looking for potential "key men" to organize in their respective churches as well as other organizations, like Hagee's ministry and the publishers of Charisma magazine. A visit to the Oregon table revealed that Promise Keepers not only has a statewide office in Portland staffed with a dozen people, but task force coordinators in thirty of Oregon's thirty-six counties.

**3: RACIST SKINHEAD CHARGED WITH OREGON CROSS-BURNING:** FBI agents and Gresham, Oregon police arrested Troy Allen Harlow and Michael Scott Shuman July 25 in connection with a June 16 cross-burning in Gresham. The Oregonian (July 26) reported that Shuman lives nine blocks from Billy Ballard, the 59 year-old African-American man who was the victim of the cross-burning (See Northwest Update Through July 1, 1996). A federal grand jury indicted Harlow and Shuman on two counts each of conspiracy to deny civil rights and violating the Fair Housing Act by force and threat. They face a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count.

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Acting on exclusive information provided by the Coalition for Human Dignity, Oregonian reporter J. Todd Foster exposed Harlow's extensive involvement in the racist skinhead movement. Foster documented Harlow's activities with the Southeast Boot Boys, a racist skinhead group that operated in Southeast Portland from 1990 through 1992, and his ties to the Volksfront, another racist skinhead organization. Harlow had previously been charged with racial intimidation in June 1990 following a confrontation with an African-American woman clerk. He was convicted of a lesser harassment charge in that case.

Longtime CHD friends may recall a series of racist attacks that took place during May, 1990 at the Essex Apartments near Southeast 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Powell Boulevard. Members of the Southeast Boot Boys—including Troy Harlow—occupied the Essex Apartments numbers 10 and 11. Neighboring tenants were being constantly threatened by the racists. Finally, the late Kirk Russell, a Native American activist and CHD member, together with fellow tenants and other CHD activists pressured the building management to evict the racist skinheads. After two lively, 7:00 A.M. protests outside the building, the group was evicted, although not without trashing the apartment and scrawling racist and anti-Semitic graffiti throughout the complex.

**4. CLINTON TO SIGN GOP WELFARE BILL:** President Bill Clinton has announced his intention to sign a GOP welfare bill which would eliminate the federal guarantee of aid to the poor, disproportionately target legal immigrants and people of color and impact most of the 12.8 million people who receive welfare. Clinton's decision, his latest display of "new democrat" pandering to the right, would result in the passage of a bill which would abolish Aid to Families With Dependent Children, set a lifetime limit of five years for welfare payments, cut benefits to most adults within two years of receiving aid and expand the authority of states to run their own welfare programs. In its present form the bill makes \$24 billion in cuts in food stamps over the next six years, denies legal immigrants welfare benefits and social services during their first five years in the U.S. and ends food stamps and supplemental security income for immigrants now receiving benefits. While Clinton spokespeople have summarized the bill as "significantly better" than two previous bills and necessary to fix a broken system, a more apt summary of the bill came from Georgia Representative John Lewis: "This bill is mean. It is base. It is downright lowdown. What does it profit a great nation to conquer the world, only to lose its soul?"

Like poverty in America, the proposed welfare bill stands to fall hardest numerically on the backs of poor whites and disproportionately on the backs of African-Americans and Latinos. According to the Urban Institute, of those to be cut off after two years on welfare, 65% are white and other, 23% are black and 13% are Latino; of those completely cut off after five years 43% are white and other, 34% are black and 23% are Latino. The bill has subsequently drawn fire from numerous quarters. Hugh Price, president of the Urban League, stated that "It's almost as if Washington has decided to end the War on Poverty and begin a war on poor children;" a spokeswoman for Catholic Charities USA said her group was "devastated that the President has decided to sign this dreadful bill;" an unidentified administration official was quoted in the New York Times (August 1) as saying, "This is a sad day for the country, a sad day for poor people and a day that will come back to haunt Bill Clinton throughout history." The Coalition for Human Dignity would like to join these voices in condemning this mean-spirited, racist and xenophobic attack on poor people.

**5. FAR RIGHT LABOR DAY CONFERENCE:** A host of far right speakers are slated to appear at the "Rally for the Bill of Rights" scheduled for August 31 in Washington D.C. The rally is being organized by Citizens Against Legal Loopholes for Legal Reform and is being billed as "America's largest Patriot's March and Rally" called to address issues such as sovereignty, the Second Amendment, immigration, Federal Reserve, IRS and property rights.

Speakers for the event include racist Christian Patriots, militia organizers, Reconstructionists and other ultraconservatives. Among the speakers are California state senator Don Rogers, Militia of Montana figure Caroline Trochmann, Michael New, US Taxpayers Party head Howard Phillips, Coalition of Unregistered Churches leader Greg Dixon, conspiracy theorist Lynn Meredith, Colorado state senator Charles Duke, Liberty Lobby heavy Tom Valentine, far right Democratic presidential candidate Ted Gunderson, hard-core anti-Semite Eustace Mullins, common law court figure Eugene Schroder, John Snyder of the Bellevue, Washington-based Citizens Committee to Keep and Bear Arms, Gun Owners of America leader Larry Pratt, Constitutionalist Networking Center head Walt Myers, retired police officer turned Patriot Jack McLamb, Christian Patriot Byron Dale, and numerous others. G. Gordon Liddy was originally scheduled but has backed out. Graham County, Arizona Sheriff Richard Mack has also withdrawn in order to continue his campaign for re-election. The far right Jews for the Preservation of Firearms is also involved in sponsoring the event.

The event will include a jam session with members of The Steve Miller Band, Lynard Skynard, Soul Asylum, Carl Klang, Steve Vaus, Barry Weinstein and Dave Riddell. Event organizers are making an effort to reach out to

the counter-culture by including a "Tribute to Jerry Garcia." John Clark, reportedly a former friend of Garcia, is on the entertainment committee. Special air rates for the event are being offered through a travel agent at 1-800-233-7584. Callers are to ask for Bridgette and use the code word "Liberty Weekend." Citizens Against Legal Loopholes: PO Box 361; Del Mar, CA 92014; (609) 797-9520.

**6. FORMER MILITIA LEADER ARRESTED FOR THEFT:** Michael Cross, the former leader of the Oregon Regional Militia, has been charged with aggravated theft and criminal misconduct. Cross is accused of exploiting 85-year-old Phyllis Carlberg while the latter was under his care as a licensed foster-care provider. Cross gained control of Carlberg's finances earlier this year and proceeded to grant himself 14.5% of her estate, including a \$25,000 advance. According to the Oregonian, (August 1) state regulations prohibit home operators from receiving financial gifts from residents, controlling their finances or writing their wills. Like most militia leaders caught in wrong-doing, Cross claims that the charges against him are politically motivated. Cross was arraigned Tuesday July 30 and remains free pending an August 8 hearing.

**7. WASHINGTON GOP CANDIDATES ON THE CHRISTIAN RIGHT:** As the Christian Right has become entrenched in the GOP, candidates across the conservative political spectrum have been forced to address movement activist's agitation for a Christian republic in the U.S. Washington's GOP contenders for governor are no exception, ranging from ardent Christian Right ideologues to fiscal conservatives honing the fine art of pandering. A recent questionnaire sent to GOP contenders by the Northwest Christian Journal gives insight into how the party's gubernatorial contenders are seeking support from the Christian Right. The following are the candidate's answers to the question "Speaking to an Evangelical audience, why should one vote for you?":

- Nona Brazier: "Those who live in covenant with god should pray and ask God for guidance in casting their vote and obey His directions."
- Ellen Craswell: "Following God's purpose and plan for civil government will bring blessings and benefits to our state and its families. With God's help I will lead our state in this direction."
- Dale Foreman: "Our system of government and our constitutional freedoms are built on Judeo-Christian values, and as Governor, I will protect that heritage."
- Norm Maleng: "As Governor, I would work to strengthen families, empower parents and bring moral leadership to the problems facing our communities. I have the same core values, strengthened by my religious faith, that one should ask of any public leader. I will bring the office of Governor that I have shown as Public Prosecutor."
- Pam Roach: "I am a fiscal, social and constitutional conservative who can win in a general election... I have proven conservative credentials and can win over any of the democrats."
- Jim Waldo: "For 15 years, Washington's business and government leaders asked me for help solving problems that others had given up on, and I have brought people together and delivered results. Straight talk, common sense, persistence, and a strong sense of fairness are old-fashioned qualities that people still value."

Also attempting to address the same constituency Ellen Craswell promised to "work to repeal or oppose laws that...promote abortion, homosexuality, and other anti-family values" and to eliminate or privatize government programs (including welfare) that go "beyond the limited scriptural purpose for government;" Nona Brazier promised support for the "Parental Rights Amendment," reduced taxes and to push for social programs provided by "private and benevolent organizations;" Dale Foreman focused on economic issues but promised to "strengthen the roles of the private sector, communities and churches" in problem solving; Pam Roach announced that "I am pro-life. I believe it is unconstitutional to extend 'special privileges.' I support informed consent and parental notification;" Jim Waldo stressed education, juvenile crime and welfare reforms to promote "work, education, responsibility and family instead of poverty and dependence;" finally, Norm Maleng focused on getting tough on crime and cutting taxes to strengthen the family.

**8. OREGON INITIATIVES COMING FROM THE HARD RIGHT:** Initiatives sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) intended to curtail gay and lesbian rights and outlaw second and third trimester abortions failed to qualify for the ballot recently. Likewise, initiative efforts attacking immigrants and affirmative action failed to collect the required signatures to qualify for the November election. There are, however, several initiatives headed for the ballot with strong support from the hard right wing of Oregon politics. Right of center initiatives include a proposed law requiring that tax measures win approval by a majority of all registered voters, not just those voting; another "instructing" state and federal legislators to vote for term limits; an initiative permitting the establishment

of publicly funded, independently operated charter schools, and an effort to prohibit public employee unions from mandating dues from non-members.

**9. BATF PAYS \$5.9 MILLION TO SETTLE BIAS SUIT:** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has agreed to make payments of \$5.9 million in damages and fees to settle a discrimination suit filed by African-American agents in 1990. The suit alleged that black agents were assigned to lower job classifications and paid less than whites, that the bureau discriminated in hiring, promotion and evaluation of blacks and that black agents were kept out of executive positions. Evidence presented by the plaintiffs showed that just 15% of whites were hired without Civil Service protections, as compared to 80% of blacks and that 40% of black agents were hired at the lowest pay scale versus 25% of white agents. Under the settlement 189 current and 51 former agents are eligible for payment. The agreement would provide \$4.7 million for individual claims, \$1.2 million for legal fees and up to \$150,000 to carry out and monitor the agreement. The settlement comes just five months after the controversy over the involvement of ATF agents in the racist Good Ol' Boys gatherings (New York Times, July 11).

**10. COTC CONFERENCE FALLS ON ITS MAXIMUS:** Only about 10 people attended the Church of the Creator's national conference held July 27 at the Superior, Montana home of Church "reverend" Slim Deardorf. Among them were Missoula leader Dan Hassett and Matt Hale, the recently crowned Pontifex Maximus (leader) of the Illinois-based neo-Nazi group. Despite the dismal showing Hale told the Missoula Independent (August 1) that "We Creators plan on winning this war on making this an all-white nation and ultimately an all-white planet...we do not stop with simply a few states in the Northwest, or a little bit of land here where we can live peacefully when the whole rest of the world is teeming with mongrels and misfits."

Hale announced plans to turn the group's monthly newsletter into a newspaper in the style of COTC's previous publication Racial Loyalty; he stated that the group plans to produce a home page on the Internet and that "The White Struggle" cable access show will soon begin showing in Reno, Nevada. Hale also told reporters that the first day of the conference, July 27, was his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**11. AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCH BURNING IN SOUTH CAROLINA:** The 100 member Springhill AME Church in Dillon, South Carolina was hit with an apparent arson Thursday, August 1. Officials with the South Carolina Law Enforcement division stated that the fire was being considered an arson "unless and until it can be proven differently." A neighbor reported that she saw a car leave the church shortly before the fire broke out. The Effingham Baptist Church in nearby Effingham was destroyed in April after someone threw a firebomb through the window. According to state and federal officials, racism has been confirmed as the motive in 18 of the 70 church arsons that have hit black churches since 1995.

**12. CONSTITUTIONALIST ARRESTED ON GUN CHARGES:** A self-proclaimed "constitutionalist" has been arrested on weapons charges after eluding federal agents for two months. James P. Cavanaugh Jr. is being held in jail in Spokane and faces federal charges of being a felon in possession of firearms and a machine gun. He was arrested July 24 near Athol, Idaho. Cavanaugh was convicted in 1989 on federal charges of attempting to make methamphetamine and illegally possessing firearms. The recent machine gun charge stems from Cavanaugh's possession of an Uzi which he claims to have bought to fight gangs in Spokane. Cavanaugh became a fugitive from the law May 20, after fleeing ATF officers who were searching his cabin near Davenport. The agents were searching his home while investigating the unsolved April 29, 1996 bombing of Spokane City Hall. No evidence was found linking Cavanaugh to the bombing.

Cavanaugh told the Spokane Spokesman Review (August 5) that after studying the Constitution he became convinced that the government was in violation of it; he also complained about the United Nations, gun control and excessive government restrictions. After two months in hiding, Cavanaugh was arrested by federal agents posing as militia members. Cavanaugh claims to have thought he was meeting with members of the Militia of Montana when instead he was tackled to the ground and hand-cuffed. He also claims to have attended a militia meeting last year in Lewiston, Idaho.

**13. PROMISE KEEPERS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA:** A Promise Keepers "Mega Wake-Up Call" event that may draw as many as 20,000 Christian men has been tentatively scheduled for October or November 1996 in Vancouver, BC (Christian Info News, June). Canadians involved in initiating a Promise Keepers movement in Canada are Andy Perry (Promise Keepers Task Force Chair for the Fraser Valley), Tom Iwama and Bill Rutherford. Rutherford is Promise Keepers of Canada's first executive director. Promise Keepers of Canada: (604) 532-4055.

**14. CHELAN MILITIA MEETING:** Militia of Montana leader John Trochmann and former Arizona police officer Jack McLamb were the featured speakers at a gathering held August 10 in Wenatchee, Washington. About 100 people attended the event which was hosted by the Eastern Washington Citizens Militia Coalition. Lake Chelan Citizens Militia leader Dan Black opened the event while Wenatchee common law court activist Jeff Townley served as the moderator for a panel discussion. Trochmann gave his obligatory several hour presentation on the UN while McLamb railed about his ongoing struggles to fight the New World Order takeover of law enforcement. One person in attendance was Sheila Pitner, the sister of Washington State Militia leader John Pitner. Speaking about her brother's recent arrest on explosives charges Ms. Pitner told the group that "My brother is being made an example of. He is a martyr."

**15. OREGON STATE GOP ASKS HAYDEN TO RESIGN:** The Oregon State Republican Party has asked Rep. Cedric Hayden to resign his position on the Linn County Executive Committee if he continues with his plans to run as a third party candidate in the November elections. Hayden (R-Lyons) is a six-term house member who currently represents the 28th District. He ran for and lost the Oregon Senate Seat currently held by Marilyn Shannon (R-Salem) in the May 21 primary. Hayden, who is backed by the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) is involved in an ongoing fight between the OCA and Oregon conservatives who oppose that organization. (Albany Democrat-Herald, July 22).

**16. ICA TO SUBMIT INITIATIVE LANGUAGE TO LEGISLATURE:** The Idaho Citizens Alliance (ICA) has announced that it will submit two sections of its proposed 1996 anti-gay initiative to the 1997 Legislature. When Idaho Attorney General Alan Lance stated that the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on Colorado's Amendment 2 would apply to the first two sections of the proposed ICA Initiative, the organization stopped gathering signatures. The two sections the ICA is planning to present to the Legislature would prohibit the expenditure of tax dollars to promote homosexual behavior and ban the promotion of homosexuality in the schools. It is widely believed that the primary reason for the ICA's abandonment of its signature gathering efforts had little to do with the Attorney General's comments or the Supreme Court and everything to do with the fact that with only days until the deadline, the group had collected only 6,000 signatures (Moscow Daily News, July 2).

**17. FREEDOM FORUM UPDATE:** The agenda for the Everett, Washington-based Freedom Forum's August 7 meeting included two videos: Oklahoma state legislator Charles Keyes' "Oklahoma City: What Really Happened" and "Vote Scam" featuring James Collier. Arnie Hanson was slated to present an update on the Skykomish County secession effort while Freedom Forum head Darryl Lord was slated to discuss the EPA's "seizure and destruction of cars confiscated... from private property." The group meets at the King's Table restaurant at 3802 Broadway in South Everett. Darryl Lord: (206) 353-3731.

**18. WHITES-ONLY SPERM BANK IN SPOKANE:** A multi-millionaire from Ohio has financed the creation of a whites-only sperm bank in Spokane, Washington. Floyd Kimble, 68, of Dover, Ohio has set up the sperm bank under the auspices of the Foundation for the Continuity of Mankind, a tax-exempt organization which claims assets of \$40 million. Kimble's wealth derives from substantial holdings in eastern Ohio, including strip mines, land fills, a dairy farm and some 500 oil and natural gas wells. The sperm bank is managed by Dora Vaux. Vaux told the Spokane Spokesman-Review that the foundation's main concern is "racial purity" and the preservation of the white race. "They (donors) are engineers, attorneys, farmers, all sorts of people. Just about all nationalities, but no black people, because that wouldn't be the best thing to do, collect black sperm and mix it with white sperm," she added. The sperm bank also excludes gay men because "it may be a hereditary thing." Vaux's "expertise" in eugenics derives from her stint with the California-based Foundation for the Advancement of Man, a project which sought to collect the sperm of Nobel laureates. 65 men have reportedly donated sperm to the Spokane sperm bank (Seattle Post Intelligencer, August 8).

**19. NAAWP IN WASHINGTON STATE:** David Duke's neo-Nazi National Association for the Advancement of White People is represented in Washington State by Bud White of Seattle. Bud's address is 7333 39<sup>th</sup> Ave SW; Seattle, WA 98136. Former Duke campaign treasurer Paul Allen is currently the president of NAAWP while Dan Daniels serves as NAAWP Field Commander. In a recent issue of NAAWP News the group issued a call to arms, stating that "the National Association for the Advancement of White People respectfully submits itself as the nucleus and the crucible out of which a paramilitary army of millions of men and women might be formed. NAAWP members will become sergeants and NAAWP Local Leaders will become officers." The group's publication has also become

increasingly crass in its racism and anti-Semitism, running headlines stating that "Latest IQ tests show Negro welfare children are half-wits" and "The Jewish plot to destroy Pat Buchanan." NAAWP: P.O. Box 10625; New Orleans, LA 70181; (504) 393-2654.

**20. EX-OCA ACTIVIST IN GOP FEUD:** One-time Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) stalwart and current chair of the Linn County Republican Party John Leon is battling with conservative state Rep. Patti Milne over the role of the OCA in the Oregon GOP. According to the Salem Statesman-Journal, Leon admits to leaving three messages on Milne's voice mail declaring political war. The conflict is part of the ongoing disintegration of the OCA. Leon is a paid advisor to state Sen. Marilyn Shannon, another conservative on the OCA's enemies list, who has reportedly had words with Milne in the recent past concerning the role of the OCA in the party. The latest spat erupted as a response to Milne's candidacy for national committee woman. Leon refused his support because Milne's husband had attacked Shannon's candidacy (thus supporting the OCA by default) in the recent primary. According to transcripts of the messages left by Leon on Milne's voice mail and obtained by the Statesman-Journal under Oregon's Open Records Law, Leon stated, in part: "So, let's just, let's just be real clear. Clear the decks. The guns are all aimed at you now, and let's go to war" (July 24). Concerned with the language of the phone messages, Milne reported them to the police. However, the Marion County District Attorney's Office declined to file charges against Leon (Albany Democrat-Herald July 26).

**21. THE LANGUAGE OF CANDIDATES, SLUM LORDS, AND BIGOTS:** Spanish is "the language of doormen, dishwashers and fruit pickers" according to Ron Tabor, candidate for superintendent of public instruction in Washington state. Tabor spoke to a gathering of Grays Harbor County Republicans at the Southshore Mall in Aberdeen on July 11, where he elaborated concerning the above statement: "I spoke about Spanish, but I could have used the foreign language of any country's (immigrants) coming to America." Tabor is also the force behind Initiative 173, which would create a voucher program in Washington, allowing parents to use public money to send their children to private schools. Tabor claims support from the Christian Right and plays to fears about a "gay agenda" in the schools. Referring to an elementary health textbook, Tabor said: "It is designed to make sure the homosexual agenda is gradually placed into the schools and that it's perfectly normal from the time a child is in kindergarten..." (Grays Harbor Daily World, July 12).

**22. FAR RIGHT CANDIDATES FOR 1996:** Ronna Romney has received an endorsement from the anti-Semitic Spotlight (July 22) in her bid for the US Senate in Michigan. Romney is running on a platform of favoring "less government, the Second Amendment, serious tax cuts and term limits." She is also advocating the repeal of NAFTA. Romney for Senate: PO Box 2287; South field MI 48037-9876.

**23. ELLEN CRASWELL ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL:** Christian Right leader Ellen Craswell continues to work the church circuit in her bid for the GOP gubernatorial nomination. In the month of August she has appearances scheduled at the New Life Center in Everett, the Christ Center in Wenatchee, the Auburn Nazarene Men's Fellowship, the Marysville First Assembly, the Word of Truth in Federal Way and the Men's Fellowship at Dightman's Bible Book Store in Tacoma. Craswell is also scheduled to appear August 15 at a FACTS for Freedom Rally in Seattle. FACTS for Freedom, led by James Galbraith, walks the line between Christian Right bigotry and Christian Patriot white supremacy. Seattle far right activist Gene Gooseman has worked closely with the organization while in 1992 the group praised racist leader James "Bo" Gritz.

Craswell reports that to date her campaign has attracted 10,981 volunteers, 6,393 contributors, and received \$463,640 in-cash and in-kind donations. Craswell claims to have spoken 500 times since announcing her candidacy, including 293 this year. Her goal is to distribute 35,000 yard signs, 4,600 4 X 8 banners and doorbell at 3,000 homes per week. Craswell has campaign coordinators in 49 legislative districts. Ellen Craswell for Governor: (360) 779-161.

**24. MILITIA RADIO:** United States Militia Association leader Samuel Sherwood is hosting a satellite radio show Sundays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The show can be heard at Galaxy 6, Transponder 14, Audio 5.8 wideband.

**25. RIGHT WAY STUDY GROUP:** The Christian Patriot group Right Way law hosts monthly meetings in Seattle, Washington. The meetings are held at Charlie Mack's at 170<sup>th</sup> and Aurora in north Seattle. Right Way advocates tax protest and instructs activists in filing suits against public officials. The most recent meeting was scheduled for August 12.

**26. ACSC NEWS SERVICE LINKED TO IDENTITY FIGURE:** A recent article reprinted in the far right Trade n' Save tabloid attributed to the ACSC News Service is authored by George Eaton, the Arkansas-based head of the Present Truth Ministries and publisher of the Patriot Report. Eaton, who was based in Ponderay, Idaho as late as March 1994, made clear his belief in Christian Identity in the April 1996 edition of Patriot Report: "The Adamic race brought forth the Israelites, and the Israelites are the Caucasians and white nations of the earth. The non-white races are God's creations before Adam." To fill the pages of Patriot Report, Eaton draws on anti-Semitic sources such as Lawrence Patterson's Criminal Politics; he also peddles material by such noted racists as Pete Peters, Jack Mohr, Jack McLamb, and Jim Wickstrom. Another item for sale in Patriot Report is the militia terror manual Militia Operation Plan American Viper, a 60-plus page primer on how to tactically wage guerrilla warfare against the U.S. government and civilian enemy targets.

**27. ICAN UPDATE:** The far right Idaho Citizens Awareness Network (ICAN) continues to meet monthly at the Sandpoint community hall. In addition to recently advertising the appearance of Holocaust denier Michael Hoffman at an ICAN meeting, the group has taken up the issue of "the ongoing abuse the state is doing" to children through Child Protective Services and attacking the State Bar Association. The most recent ICAN meeting was held August 8 at 7PM. ICAN: (208) 236-1767.

**28. NEO-NAZI WEB PAGES:**

National Socialist White Peoples Party (NSWPP): <http://members.aol.com/ct8994/private/nswpp/nswpp.html>.  
The page contains the following: "What is National Socialism?," "40 Questions On The Holocaust," and "Who Is George Lincoln Rockwell?" as well as sample issues of the Party newsletter, Resistance. The N.S.W.P.P can be reached by email at [nswpp@earthlink.net](mailto:nswpp@earthlink.net). or by mail at Dept. W, P.O. Box 9444, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-9444, U.S.A.

NSDAP-AO: <http://alpha.ftcnet.com/~skinhds/neworder/>

The page on the SkinNet www site acts as an online catalog for the NSDAP-AO. It contains the following: regalia, flags, armbands, T-shirts, march music, speeches in English and German, German war art, posters and drawings, books and videos.

**29. OCA FILES NEW INITIATIVES FOR 1998:** In an effort to revitalize its sinking political stock, the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) has filed three new initiatives with the secretary of state's office aimed at the 1998 general election. Thwarted in its 1996 signature gathering efforts, for the first time in its history, and hard hit by in-fighting within the Republican Party and the Supreme Court ruling striking down Colorado's Amendment 2, the OCA has reformulated its initiative strategy, launching three new efforts to (1) ban second and third trimester abortions, (2) define the family as a male-female relationship and, (3) redefine the roles of the three branches of state government, limiting the role of the courts in overturning laws approved by the people. Signatures cannot be gathered for the new initiatives until ballot titles and summaries have been written and approved and any legal challenges been resolved.

**30. COLORADO CREATIONISM SEMINAR:** The Manitou, Colorado-based Summit Ministries will host the Institute for Creation Research Summer Institute August 26-30. In addition to hosting creationism seminars, Summit Ministries targets young people through educational seminars, curriculum development and by hosting wilderness camps. Summit is associated with the American Christian College and seeks "to train a generation of leaders who understand the times, know what it means to think biblically in every area of life, and are able to become leaders for Christ in their schools, communities, churches, families and county." Summit draws on the work of Christian Right figures such as Gary Bauer, James Dobson and David Barton and advocates tearing down the wall between church and state: "The founding fathers did not include the First Amendment in the Constitution to disallow Christianity from influencing state-established institutions; on the contrary, America's founding fathers expected our nation to be (on the whole) Christian, and our government to reflect that bias."

In addition to the ICR Summer Institute, Summit Ministries is sponsoring two week leadership courses slated for August 11-23 and September 1-13. Summit Ministries: P.O. Box 207; Manitou Springs, CO 80829.

**31. MONTANA FAR RIGHTIST FILES LAWSUIT:** Militia of Montana figure Paul Stramer has filed a lawsuit in federal court against the Mussellshell County Sheriff, County Attorney, the Department of Public Safety and several Mussellshell sheriff's deputies claiming that he was beaten and falsely jailed in 1995. The claim stems from the March 1995 arrest of Stramer, Militia of Montana leader John Trochmann and five other far right activists when

the group descended on the sheriff's office armed with weapons. Stramer was arrested after he entered the sheriff's department with a gun. Stramer is claiming that he was severely beaten and suffered injuries to his back, arm, wrist, head, neck and chest. He also alleges mental anguish, psychological distress and continuing physical pain and suffering. The lawsuit parallels a similar suit brought by Stramer and fellow activists Cajun James and Amando Gerry Lopez in state court. The state suit is asking for \$8 million in damages. The most recent edition of the Militia of Montana newsletter Taking Aim also claims that militia leader John Trochmann is filing a civil suit in federal court against the same public officials. (Billings Gazette, Taking Aim, July 1996)

**32. MILITIA, COMMON LAW COURT ACTIVISTS DENIED BAIL, INDICTED:** In the continuing saga of the Washington State Militia leaders and common law court activists arrested for allegedly making pipe-bombs, U.S. Magistrate David Wilson denied bail to John Pitner, Fred Fisher and Richard Burton on August 1. U.S. Magistrate Phillip Sweigert denied bail to John Kirk, Judy Kirk, Gary Marvin Kuenhoel, Tracy Brown (aka William Smith, William Stanton) and Marlin Mack on August 5.

A federal Grand Jury in Seattle issued a six-count indictment against the 8, along with a ninth person, Theodore Carter Jr. on August 7. In the indictment it alleges that on Feb. 27, Carter – a reported member of the Washington State Militia – taught Pitner, Mack, Fisher, Kuenhoel and others how to build destructive devices using clumped together sparklers. A search of Carter's Bellingham residence turned up 60 boxes of sparklers. Carter is expected to be released on a \$100,000 bond on Aug. 13.

An additional charge in the indictment alleges that on Aug. 23, 1995 Pitner taught Fisher and Mack how to make a bomb using a propane cylinder filled with gunpowder. Search warrant results indicate the discovery of numerous materials that could be used to construct pipe-bombs, including pipe, ammonium nitrate fertilizer, fuse and numerous chemicals. (Seattle P.I. July 29, 30 Aug. 2, 6, 8, 13 )

**33. PRESBYTERIANS CONTINUE GAY BAN:** At the 208<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA held the week of June 29 - July 6 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the ruling body of the denomination voted 324 to 244 to continue its ban against the ordination of gay and lesbian clergy. The formal report approved by the vote, which took 18 years to complete, stated in part: "Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage of a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness" (Wasco County Chronicle, July 19).

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