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## *NORTHWEST UPDATE*

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**1. SHOOTINGS IN LITTLETON, COLORADO SURFACE HITLER, RACISM AND HATE:** On April 20, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 12 fellow students, one teacher and finally themselves while wounding 21 in a bloody rampage at Columbine High School in suburban Denver. Planned to take place on Hitler's birthday, the youths' attack reportedly targeted athletes, Christians and people of color. The teenage gunmen were armed with sawed off shotguns, an assault rifle and a TEC-DC9 semiautomatic pistol. Police also reported finding approximately 30 explosive devices scattered throughout the high school. Some bombs were connected to propane tanks and placed in areas where there was likely to be a high concentration of students.

Police have found a diary that belonged to Eric Harris that suggests Harris and Klebold had been planning the attack for nearly one year. According to investigators, the diary is filled with German phrases and provides a detailed plan for the assault on the high school. When asked why the assailants picked April 20 for the date to carry out the attack, Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone replied, "It was Hitler's birthday." He added, "It was a Nazi kind of thing." Students reported that both Klebold and Harris would goose-step down the halls at Columbine High School. Others stated that Klebold would raise his hand in a Nazi salute and shout "Heil Hitler" during bowling classes. Both youths openly admired Hitler and reportedly liked to act out WWII battle scenes.

Klebold and Harris were part of a group that dubbed itself the Trench coat Mafia. The Trench coat Mafia had run-ins with school athletes or "jocks" and was formed, according to some of its members, to protect themselves against harassment by athletes. Students reported that when the assailants entered the school library, they shouted, "All jocks are dead." Eight of their victims were members of Columbine's athletic teams.

The Trench coat Mafia also was responsible for handing out its own harassment to the limited number of students of color at Columbine. They picked a fight with Isaiah Shoals, an African American student several months prior to their assault on the high school. At that time his sister, Cheryl Shoals was racially harassed by girls that she believed were dating boys who wore trench coats. Ms. Shoals reportedly went to school administrators with her complaints who told her to "wait until next time." On April 20<sup>th</sup> when the gunman burst into the school library they saw Isaiah Shoals working at a computer terminal and reportedly shouted "There's that little nigger son of a bitch right there, let's get him." Isaiah Shoals was among the 12 students murdered by Klebold and Harris.

The attitude, attire and ideology of the Harris and Klebold have caused many to speculate on their motivations. The conservative Family Research Council has questioned why the press is "avoiding any mention of their (Harris and Klebold) alleged bisexuality as reported by several students," suggesting it might be a possible motive for the assault at Columbine High School. The National Rifle Association said that lives might have been saved if the school had an armed security guard. It turns out the school did have an armed security guard.

CHD has issued a report looking into the race hatred and admiration of Hitler displayed by the two gunmen and the role they played in this violent attack. While still awaiting more evidence about the events at Columbine High School on April 20, it is worthwhile to investigate the role that racist music and neo-Nazi youth organizing play in American high schools. The CHD report titled "Between Hitler and Satan" begins an inquiry into the "extreme music" subculture and "black metal" music. Just as neo-Nazis have tried to exploit punk and ska music for their own gains, racist metal bands such as Blood Axis, Thor's Hammer, and Graveland are trying to influence metal music scenes. Members of these bands have made their views perfectly clear in industry magazines and fanzine interviews. Blasphemous of the Polish black metal band Veles declared, "White revolution will cleanse our scene.... One day Auschwitz and Birkenau will be re-opened under new management—US!" Contact CHD at (360) 756-0914 for a copy of the report. (Associated Press, April 25, *Washington Post* April 22, 25, 26, Rocky Mountain News Service, April 23)

**2. HOLOCAUST DENIER DAVID IRVING SET TO SPEAK IN ELLENSBURG ON MAY 4:** Flyers were posted around Ellensburg on April 29 announcing a lecture by David Irving on "Why did Pearl Harbor Happen?". The

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meeting is scheduled for 2pm on May 4 in the Student Union Building Theatre. The flyer advertising the event calls Irving "the world's most feared and controversial historian."

Past Irving events in the northwest have been hosted by neo-Nazis with members of the Ku Klux Klan providing security. Irving's appearance in Ellensburg is being hosted by Students for Real History and Pepper Inc. Irving's web site lists David Stennett as the contact person. Stennett, who lives in Ellensburg, has attempted to set up a chapter of the Euro-American Student Union at Central Washington University. Stennett formerly attended the University of Puget Sound which he describes as "a total Jew school." Stennett boasts that he "managed to get a lot of people into revisionism at UPS." (For more information on the Euro-American Student Union see *The Dignity Report*, Spring 1998)

**3. FOCUS ON THE FAMILY BRINGS EX-GAY ROADSHOW TO SEATTLE:** Focus on the Family is focussing their "Love Won Out" conference on how to suppress information on homosexuality in the Seattle public schools. Eleanor Durham, Director of Parents and Teachers for Responsible Schools, is organizing the conference to be held on May 1 at the Calvary Fellowship Church in Mountlake Terrace. John Paulk, "ex-gay" Chair of the Board for Exodus International, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker. Exodus International attempts to "rescue" people from the homosexual lifestyle. Paulk who travels the country explaining how he has left the gay lifestyle now works for Focus on the Family where he is the Homosexuality and Gender specialist. The conference is also scheduled to feature Joseph Nicolosei, the founder of National Association of Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH). Nicolosei is leading the campaign to have the American Psychiatric Association list homosexuality as a mental illness. The conference will cover questions such as: Is it genetic? Can it be prevented? What is being taught in the schools? How do I help my friend who is gay? (*Seattle Gay News*, March 26)

**4. FORMER ARYAN NATIONS SECURITY CHIEF PLEADS GUILTY IN SHOOTOUT:** Edward J. Warfield, 43, pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting an aggregated assault. Prosecutors charged that Warfield and others from the Aryan Nations compound near Hayden Lake, Idaho shot at Victoria and Jason Keenan in July 1998 hitting their car several times. Nobody was injured in the incident. Warfield claims that he was acting under direct orders from Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler and his chief of staff Micheal Teague. (*Kootnai County Press*, March 27)

**5. MORE ANTI-AFFIRMATIVE ACTION LEGISLATION IN OREGON:** State Representative Bob Montgomery, R-Cascade Locks, introduced House Bill 2879 in January at the request of the Oregon Apprenticeship Coalition. The bill would prevent the state Apprenticeship and Training Council from adopting or enforcing affirmative action requirements. When asked about the bill Montgomery explained that he was not even aware of what the bill did and said, "I am not anti-anything." The bill has had one public hearing in the House Business and Consumer Affairs Committee. (*Skanner Portland*, March 31)

**6. KEHOE TRIAL RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING:** Attorneys prepared their final arguments in the murder and conspiracy trial of white supremacists Chevie Kehoe and Danny Lee. The final days of testimony featured Cheyne Kehoe claiming that his brother not only murdered gun dealer William Mueller, his wife Nancy and her eight year old daughter Sarah, but is also responsible for the murder of neo-Nazi skinheads Jeremy Scott and Jon Cox. Also featured at the trial was Chevie Kehoe's friend Jeff Brown. Brown who owns the Shadow Motel in Spokane testified that on April 19, 1995, Chevie Kehoe woke him up and insisted he turn on CNN. Within minutes there was a news flash about a bomb going off in Oklahoma City. Brown remembers exclaiming, "It's gotta be a car bomb!" Kehoe, he remembers, replied, "It's gotta be a truck bomb." "I look back on it," Brown said, "and he obviously knew about it beforehand." Federal investigators have not ruled out that Kehoe met Timothy J. McVeigh at the white supremacist compound Elohim City.

Defense attorneys brought in three prisoners who claimed that Cheyne Kehoe boasted to them that he was the one who had murdered the Mueller family and was setting his brother up. The inmates, Deono Giergedis, James Harrison, and Robert Taylor, had spent time in jail with the younger Kehoe in Ohio. (*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, April 14, 18, 22, 27, 28)

**7. WHITE SUPREMACIST RANDY WEAVER TAKES BOOK TOUR THROUGH SPOKANE:** Randy Weaver appeared at a gun show at the Spokane Interstate Fairgrounds selling his new book, *The Federal Siege at Ruby Ridge: In Our Own Words*. Weaver who now lives in Marion, Mont. travels the country selling his book at gun shows, Y2K events and Preparedness Expos. Weaver found mostly supporters at the event where people saluted what they viewed as his stand against the government.

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The stand off with federal agents in 1992 in Ruby Ridge, Idaho resulted in the deaths of federal agent William Degan and Vicki Weaver and Sam Weaver. The stand off stemmed from Randy Weaver's failure to appear in court after selling two sawed-off shotguns to an ATF informer. Weaver calls his sale of the guns a "victimless crime," and went on to say, "It's like driving down to the corner for milk without wearing a seatbelt." (*Spokesman Review*, April 4)

**8. KELSO MAN CONVICTED OF BEATING NATIVE AMERICAN MAN:** Francis Elliott "Frank" Hickman was convicted of beating 44 year old Patrick Hill of Kelso. Hill is of Yakima and Cowlitz Indian descent. Hickman beat Hill and cut-off half a dozen handfuls of his hair shouting, "This is what fucking Indians deserve." Hickman was also charged with first degree rape for forcing Hill to perform oral sex on him. Hickman may get a life sentence under Washington's "three strikes you're out" program. (*Daily News* (Longview, WA) April 16)

**9. PAT BUCHANAN'S SISTER TO SPEAK ON MULTICULTURALISM IN POCATELLO, IDAHO:** Angela Bay Buchanan, sister of presidential candidate Pat Buchanan, is scheduled to speak at Idaho State University on April 26 at 7pm. The event is sponsored by the College Republican Student Organization and the Young Americas Foundation. Her program on multiculturalism will reportedly discuss the need for Americans to become unified in the context of modern America. Angela Buchanan has served as chair of her brother's presidential campaigns in 1992 and 1996. (*Idaho State Journal*, April 12)

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