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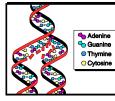
MUBARAK WARNS ISRAEL OF 'GRAVE CONSEQUENCES'

Oct 3, 2002 The Jerusalem Post reports: "President Hosni Mubarak warned Israel Wednesday against the consequences in the Middle East of its policy toward the Palestinians.

'I warn the Israeli government again against the grave consequences of its policy on the future of the whole Middle East region including the security and stability of the Israeli people,' Mubarak said in a speech.

Mubarak's speech, delivered before several hundred senior military officers and televised live, marked the 29th anniversary of the October 6, 1973 Mideast war, when the Egyptian army launched a surprise attack across the Suez Canal, dislodging Israel's army from positions along the east bank of the waterway. Mubarak was Egypt's air force chief during the Yom Kippur War.

'The great [Mideast] peace process is facing grave dangers because of the policies of the current Israeli government which are merely based on using force to achieve its goals,' Mubarak said. He cited attacks on Palestinian civilians, the assassination of wanted militants, demolishing homes, reoccupying cities and towns, and besieging Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat as part of those policies..."



SCIENTISTS GET OK TO PUT HUMAN GENES IN CATTLE

Oct 2, 2002 Reuters reports: "New Zealand gave the go ahead to begin experiments that involve inserting human genes into cattle to produce proteins that could be used to

treat medical conditions such as multiple sclerosis.

A committee of the Environmental Risk Management Authority (ERMA), which controls the introduction of new plants, animals and genetically modified organisms into New Zealand, approved the plan despite receiving only seven of 850 submissions supporting the proposal.

The authority placed restrictions on the experiment -- the first in New Zealand to involve genetic modification outside a laboratory -- including electronic animal tagging and a complete ban on any cow leaving the secured site. Under the approved plan, a state research institute, AgResearch Ltd., plans to insert genes from goats, pigs, sheep, mice and humans into the cattle, with the resulting genetically modified embryos transferred into normal cows to create 'transgenic calves.'

'You do the research because you don't know the answers. Although some of the uncertainties of the research may be related to the risks, likewise some of those uncertainties may be related to the benefits,' ERMA Chief Executive Basil Walker said..."

'SUICIDE BOMBERS EVERYWHERE' AHEAD OF U.S. STRIKE

Oct 2, 2002 The Jerusalem Post reports: "Israel is concerned that the Palestinians will try to 'set the ground ablaze' before a U.S. attack on Iraq in an attempt to provoke an Israeli response and make it more difficult for the government to act, a senior official said.

'The concern now is not about a few Scud missiles, but suicide bombers everywhere,' the official in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's entourage said Tuesday. He said there is also heightened concern about infiltration attempts from Lebanon and Jordan.

The much-criticized siege of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's Ramallah compound was a signal to the Palestinians, after last month's suicide bombing in Tel Aviv, that even with an impending U.S. action, Israel will not sit with folded hands, the official added. He predicted that over time the blockade will prove to have had a deterrent effect..."

HIGH SCHOOL SATANISM CLUB PROMPTS PARENTAL OUTRAGE

Oct 1, 2002 The San Mateo County Times reports: "A group of San Mateo High School students trying to stir up controversy formed a club based on Satanism, a religion typically associated with hedonistic philosophy and with the rituals of black magic.

Calling themselves The Satanic Thought Society, co-president of the club James Doolittle admits he originally started the club with his friend Matt Heeney to 'rile things up a bit.'

But now that the two juniors have studied the teachings of Anton LaVey, founder of the Church of Satan, they say Satanism helps people to express themselves.

'Its (Satanism's) purpose is to turn man back into a natural state and not have him corrupted by religion,' Doolittle said. The club does not worship the devil, he said, as some may think."

SCHOOL OFFERS MORNING-AFTER PILL TO 11-YEAR-OLDS



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Sept 29, 2002 The London Daily Telegraph reports: "Girls as young as 11 will be able to obtain the morning-after pill at a London school without their parents' consent.

If the scheme at Chestnut Grove School in Balham is successful, it could be extended to every secondary school in Wandsworth, a borough which has the fifth highest teenage pregnancy rate in inner London.

Margaret Peacock, the headmistress, said her school was trying to responsibly. She said under-16s could already obtain the pill without

their parents' consent from hospital accident and emergency units and pharmacies.

'The school governors thought it would be better for children to receive counseling from the school nurse at the same time. If the child is under age, loud bells will ring and the case will be treated as a child protection issue.' Social services could be involved, although under current law, parents do not need to be informed.

Government figures in July showed that four girls of 10 had become mothers. The figures covered three years - 1998, 1999 and 2000 - and showed that another 23 girls of 11 had become pregnant and about 400 under-14s had conceived..."

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