



both of which ought to be of interest to ParaScope readers. (Check them out at keyword: hub on AOL or at <http://www.thehub.com> on the web.)

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### Conspiracy Newsline: Daily updates for cognitive dissidents.

Idaho prosecutor's decision to file charges in Ruby Ridge case displeases all sides; new book blows the lid off the Oklahoma City bombing conspiracy; videotape shows violent prisoner abuse at private Texas prison; Tennessee appeals court halts King assassination probes; updates on Nike labor violations in Vietnam and Bangladesh; imprisoned Branch Davidians to seek sentence reductions.

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### Pat Robertson Recommends Stoning for UFO Enthusiasts

The Bible says the Earth belongs to man, but the heavens belong to the Lord, and you UFO nuts better keep that straight! Otherwise, you'll be stoned to death in accordance with the book of Deuteronomy. That's what religious honcho and former Republican presidential candidate Pat Robertson suggested in a 700 Club news segment broadcast on July 8. In a rambling discourse, he stated that if aliens exist, they are simply demons trying to lead people away from Christ, which Robertson perceives to be a very serious threat. ParaScope will soon be taking orders for stoning-proof vests and granite-resistant BELIEVER helmets, but until then, you can get the details on Pat's rant in Nebula.

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### Castro and the Kennedy Assassination: New Documents, New Details

In the early 1960s, the U.S. government put multiple hits on Cuban leader Fidel Castro. Did Castro return the favor? Some investigators of the Kennedy assassination have speculated that the bearded revolutionary was in some way involved in this most controversial of political murders. Now newly released documents fill in the story of how Castro reacted when he heard the news from Dallas. Dossier has investigated the new findings and how they fit in with what was previously known about Castro and Kennedy's death. If you've ever wondered how covert ops against Cuba may have been involved with JFK's killing, don't miss this Dossier special briefing.

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### CSICOP Takes Stock of the Media

CSICOP (the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal), publisher of Skeptical Inquirer magazine, is planning a campaign to acquire stock in various media conglomerates "to provide leverage for its response to the television networks' lucrative commercial marketing of fringe science and pseudoscience." By obtaining shares of common stock in Time Warner and the four major TV networks, CSICOP will be able to "question the infatuation with the paranormal increasingly demonstrated in television programming" at shareholders' meetings. Enigma editor D. Trull has the details on CSICOP's skeptical initiative.

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### Prescription for Controversy: Reefer Madness in the '90s

Sixty years ago, Congress outlawed marijuana in the midst of a firestorm of

patently false, often racist propaganda fed by tabloid-journalism hysteria. The plant which was on the brink of becoming a multi-billion dollar cash crop instead became the target of a multi-billion dollar drug war that has imprisoned tens of thousands of otherwise innocent American civilians. But the tide began to turn in 1996, when voters passed medical marijuana ballot initiatives in Arizona and California. Ignoring the clearly expressed will of the people in those two states, the Fedgov has launched a series of retaliatory attacks. President Clinton and drug czar Barry McCaffrey promised that users of medicinal marijuana in Arizona and California would still face federal charges if caught. And various Congressional representatives have sponsored a host of certifiably insane anti-marijuana bills, including Rep. Newt Gingrich's proposal that anyone caught with two or more ounces of marijuana be executed. ParaScope presents a situation report on the current legislative landscape, including roundups of pending ballot measures, Congressional updates and related news.

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