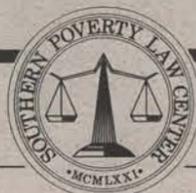


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Boyd (center) holds anti-Dees banner during 1991 march.

## Ex-Klansman Indicted for Death Threat Against Morris Dees

■ Former Klansman Gregory Shaun Boyd, of Rome, Ga., was indicted May 25 by a federal grand jury for threatening the life of Southern Poverty Law Center co-founder and Chief Trial Counsel Morris Dees.



Boyd (right) at a rally in 1991.

Boyd, once a member of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia, is charged with one count of mailing a death threat to Dees last September. The letter included a crude drawing of a man with a bullet hole

in his head and a caption reading: "The Good Jew." The letter also said, "Back off Dees, or else Bang, you're \_\_\_\_\_!!!"

In March 1991, Boyd was among a group of about 200 white supremacists who marched on the SPLC in Montgomery, Ala. During the march, Boyd and several other robed Klansmen carried a large banner reading: "Morris Dees — Enemy of the People." At a rally following the march, Klan leaders launched bitter verbal attacks at Dees.

Boyd may have held a grudge against Dees over an SPLC lawsuit against the Invisible Empire for its role in a 1987 Klan-led attack on a group of civil rights marchers in Forsyth County, Ga. The case was settled in May when the Invisible Empire, then the largest Klan group in the U.S., agreed to go out of business and pay damages to the civil rights marchers.

## Neo-Nazi Skinheads Plot Bombings, Assassinations

■ In July, two loosely affiliated bands of white supremacists plotted to ignite a race war in the United States with a series of carefully planned assassinations and bombings on the West Coast.

Neo-Nazi Skinheads — long noted for their violence and their eagerness to act out the race war fantasies of older white supremacists — played a major role in the recently uncovered plots.

Their targets — selected for their potential to provoke maximum racial conflict — included Los Angeles police beating victim Rodney King and a prominent church in south central Los Angeles whose members include such celebrities as Arsenio Hall and Oprah Winfrey.

Days after the arrests in Southern California, a second band of white supremacist terrorists bombed an NAACP office in Tacoma, Wash., and were plotting other bombings. Military bases, synagogues and rap singers were on the hit lists of both groups.

### Shock Troops

While most of the key figures in the bombing and assassination schemes have



Officials display some of the weapons and Nazi paraphernalia seized during the raids.

now been arrested and the latest white supremacist plot to start a bloody racial conflict has been foiled, these events underscore an alarming trend toward large-scale violence by neo-Nazi Skinheads in the organized hate movement, according to Klanwatch Director Danny Welch.

"If law enforcement hadn't been diligent in their

efforts to infiltrate these groups, we could have seen a repeat of the L.A. riots or worse, much worse," Welch said. "These individuals picked their targets well, and we can only be grateful that they were stopped."

The breadth of the conspiracy of violence suggests a degree of organization not

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## KKK in Disarray

■ Suffering the loss of several top state leaders and the defection of its second-in-command, the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is attempting to survive a May settlement with the Southern Poverty Law Center that forces the group to disband.

In a possible effort to evade the terms of the settlement, which stipulated that the Invisible Empire go out of business and pay damages to civil rights marchers who were victims of a

1987 Klan-led attack in all-white Forsyth County, Ga., Imperial Wizard James Farrands gathered his remaining state leaders for a national meeting in Atlanta in June. The group voted to form a new group, the Unified Ku Klux Klan.

"This isn't the first time Mr. Farrands has tried to get around a court order," said SPLC Chief Trial Counsel Morris Dees. "We will monitor Farrands' actions and do everything in our power to make sure the order is enforced."

My wife and I have been supporters for some years. In the May issue of *Intelligence Report*, the last item in "For the Record" mentions an American Asian teenager murdered in Olympia, Wash. We are grandparents of that young man. His name was Bobby and he was 17 years old.

Directly or indirectly, I believe the SPLC was responsible for bringing the perpetrator to justice. We did not know at the time that our modest contributions would pay such huge dividends. Keep up the good work.

— R. Bollman  
Yakima, Wash.

I am a Presbyterian minister serving as a hospital chaplain. I am from Ghana, West Africa, and my wife and I frequently volunteer in cross-cultural activities and education both in the church and

elementary schools. We specifically teach and promote global awareness and cultural tolerance. Your Teaching Tolerance curriculum is a powerful and very effective resource for teaching about our common humanity.

— K. Adzaku  
Big Rapids, Mich.

My family has recently become contributors to the SPLC through the Combined Federal Campaign program. I just finished reading the April 1993 *SPLC Report*, and I am impressed with the work that is being done.

— B. Jones  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Thank you for sending me the videotape on the SPLC. It gives the Center's work a visual image that those of us who have supported it for many years can now carry around with us.

Nothing in it, however, is as important as the actual victories we all recount — here, of course, over the Metzgers in Portland. Or to go a step further, nothing in the film is as important as the Center's Teaching Tolerance program.

I don't have to repeat here how important such efforts are in a climate of increasing hostility and narrowness of imagination. I only wish I had more to donate in a time when our Bill of Rights is being so severely challenged.

— G. Cummings  
Manzanita, Ore.

One thing I learned from the *SPLC Report* which cheered me considerably: you do have an endowment fund to support your work. It makes me feel my modest support can be helpful for "on-going" programs.

— V. Tabb  
Austin, Texas

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## Teaching Tolerance Welcomes New Employees



David Aronson (l) and Jim Carnes (r)

Teaching Tolerance recently welcomed two new permanent employees. Jim Carnes joined the staff in June as Research Associate. A native of Mississippi, Jim earned his B.A. degree with honors in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For eight years he served as a writer and editor at *Encyclopaedia Britannica* in Chicago. He has a special interest in folk music and participates in traditional shape-note singing groups in several states. Jim will do research and write for *Teaching Tolerance* magazine as well as the forthcoming video-and-text kits.

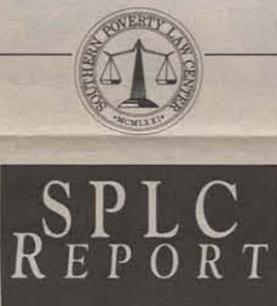
Staff writer David Aronson moved to Montgomery in August from Kansas, where he was an instructor at Baker University. David graduated with honors in anthropology from Wesleyan University and received his Master of Fine Arts degree in nonfiction writing from the University of Florida. Having spent several years of his youth in the Ivory Coast and Nigeria, he returned to Africa as a Watson Fellow in 1987 to do research for a book about Zaire. Fluent in French and Swahili, David maintains a lifelong interest in multicultural issues.

## New Director of Planned Giving



The Center is pleased to announce that Amelia Montjoy has been promoted to Director of Planned Giving. Ms. Montjoy began working at the Center in 1990 as Special Gifts Coordinator. She is designing and implementing a program for bequests, annuities, trusts, and other types of planned giving. Ms. Montjoy's department will play a major role in ensuring the long-term financial security of the Center, making it possible for the Center to carry on its work well into the next century.

Would you like to help the Southern Poverty Law Center continue its valuable work into the next century? You can! Become a "Partner For The Future." Simply mail the form on page 4 and we'll send you the latest information on Planned Giving opportunities.



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## Former Wife of Slain Radio Talk-Show Host Visits Center



Judith Lee Berg

■ Judith Lee Berg, former wife of slain Denver radio talk-show host Alan Berg, visited the Center on July 7. Berg was murdered in 1984 by members of the Order, a fanatical white supremacist group dedicated to creating an America without minorities and Jews. Alan Berg was the first victim on the Order's hit list. Center co-founder Morris Dees

was next. The Order's preliminary plan called for kidnapping, torturing and then murdering Dees. However, the FBI arrested the assassins before they could carry out their plot.

Ms. Berg has been a classroom teacher for almost 30 years and has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to teaching tolerance, speaking out against hate crimes and racial hatred in her travels throughout the country. She is currently using Teaching Tolerance materials as a foundation for learning in special education workshops.

# Neo-Nazi Skinhead Plot

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previously seen among neo-Nazi Skinheads in the U.S.

When Robert Mathews formed the Order and Glenn Miller molded the White Patriot Party in the early 1980s, there was no neo-Nazi Skinhead movement, no organized bands of young haters eager to be the shock troops in a white revolution. After declaring war against the federal government, Mathews and Miller were forced underground in their efforts to follow the lead of the radical right's blueprint for racial revolution, *The Turner Diaries*. Their revolutionary tactics failed. Mathews was killed in a shoot-out with law enforcement authorities, and Miller served several years in prison.

Today, younger white supremacists serve as the well-armed racist infantry of older movement leaders who are unwilling or unable to act out a race war scenario.

According to Welch, "There has always been a

fear that if the Skinheads ever got organized, they could cause a lot of trouble. What has just been uncovered on the West Coast may be a wake-up call for law enforcement all over the country. These young Nazis are ready and willing to act and, next time, we might not be so fortunate."

Law enforcement officials are investigating possible links between the Skinhead suspects and some of this country's most radical and militantly racist hate groups — White Aryan Resistance, Church of the Creator and a lesser known neo-Nazi group, the American Front.

"We may be seeing some very dangerous trends developing here," said Klanwatch Chief Investigator Joe Roy. "We see more and more Skinheads trading in their baseball bats for pipe bombs and assault rifles. The fact that the national groups are taking advantage of this and, even worse, apparently interacting with each other to carry out terrorist acts could signal a highly volatile situation."

## 1993 Tax Act Encourages Charitable Donations

■ Passage of the 1993 Tax Act has ramifications for donors to the Center, especially in regard to gifts of appreciated securities and properties.

### Implications of 1993 Tax Act

Taxpayers will be affected in different ways by the new tax rate structure. Because of surcharges and new tax brackets, some persons will be taxed at rates approaching 40%. Since tax changes are retroactive to January 1993 and withholding or estimated tax payments are based on former rates, a number of people will owe additional taxes.

One way to reduce or eliminate these taxes is to increase deductions by making charitable gifts before December 31. These gifts may actually cost less after taxes because of provisions in the new tax law.

All charitable gifts completed before year-end offer deductions for the full value of the gift (except in the case of some restricted gifts of appreciated property). Gifts

of cash or cash equivalents may be deducted in one year up to 50 percent of the donor's adjusted gross income. Deductions in excess of that amount may be spread over a period including the current year and five succeeding tax years.

Another important aspect of the 1993 Tax Act is the repeal of the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). The AMT, a special tax established in 1986 on gifts of "preference" items such as appreciated securities and other property, reduced the benefits of these gifts to the donor. By abolishing this tax entirely, Congress encourages taxpayers to support organizations like the Center as an alternative to paying higher taxes.

### Supporters Save by Donating Gifts of Securities

Gifts of publicly traded securities to further the Center's work against intolerance and violence offer a number of benefits to Center supporters. In many cases, contributing securities allows donors to

make larger contributions than possible by cash donations alone.

With current income and capital gains tax incentives, giving a gift of securities could actually cost as much as 40% less after taxes than if the securities were sold and the proceeds given to the Center.

Securities that usually result in greater tax savings when contributed to the Center are ones that have grown in value (appreciated) and have been owned long-term. Under current tax law, securities must have been held by the owner for at least one year and one day to qualify as long-term.

The benefits of giving an appreciated security are as follows:

- A federal income tax deduction for the **full present value** of the donated security. For example, if you give stock currently worth \$5,000 that was purchased 10 years ago for \$2,000, you would receive a \$5,000 deduction.
- No capital gains tax on the security's increase in value. In our example, you save \$840 or more in capital gains tax that you would have owed on the \$3,000 increase in value if you had sold the stock.
- A savings of as much as 40% after taxes than if you

sold the securities and gave the money to the Center.

To obtain these benefits, contact your stock broker, investment advisor, or our staff to assist you in transferring ownership of the security to the Center. Other special rules apply to U.S. savings bonds and Subchapter 'S' stock. To receive the tax benefits for 1993, you must complete the transfer by December 31.

Ask your tax advisor to review your particular gift and financial situation for your specific tax implications.

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## Couple Shares Wedding Gifts With Center

■ On May 9, 1993, Sandy Bredt and Ryan Young celebrated their marriage at Sheno Retreat Center in Philo, Calif. They requested that friends and family help them express their joy through acts of *tzedakah*, sharing one's fortune with others, to accomplish *tikkun olam*, the healing and repairing of the world.

Because Sandy and Ryan are especially interested in social justice, conservation and religion, they listed one organization of each type to receive these gifts. The SPLC was designated as the social justice organization in recognition of the need for tolerance education. Sandy, an educator, is Jewish, and Ryan, an engineer, is Protestant.

"We feel that the work of the Southern



Sandy Bredt and Ryan Young

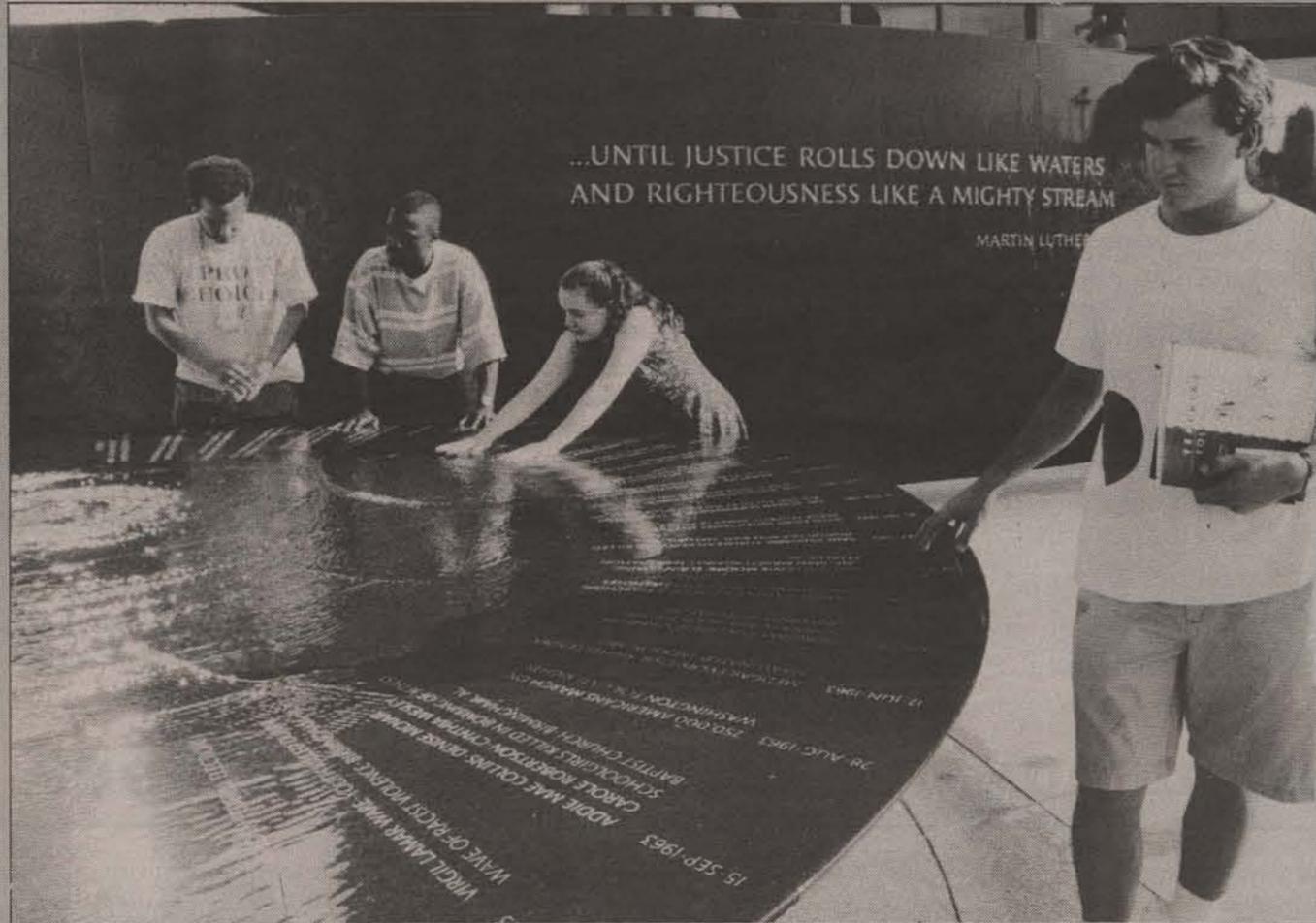
Poverty Law Center, particularly the Teaching Tolerance Project, has resonance in our own lives and especially through our marriage," said Ryan. "We're interested in living out tolerance through intermarriage as an example for our community of friends and the wider community."

## Edward Morgan Leaves Gift to SPLC



Edward P. Morgan, the veteran broadcast journalist and writer, died of cancer January 27, 1993. Mr. Morgan was a long-time supporter of the Center and left a \$10,000 bequest to support its continuing work.

# Project Hip-Hop Visits Center



Nine students and two adult leaders from Project Hip-Hop, a movement by Boston-area students and educators to fight racism, visited the Center recently. The group toured the South to learn about the civil rights movement so they can share its lessons in their schools and communities. The trip also laid the groundwork for a full-scale tour by 80 young people in 1994.

## Combined Federal Campaign Begins This Fall

**CHECK**  The Law Center encourages all supporters who contribute through the **#1222** Combined Federal

**Campaign** to designate the Center as a recipient in the annual campaign this fall.

Federal employees and military personnel can support the Center by checking #1222 on the CFC designation card.

The Southern Poverty Law Center invites all of its CFC donors to serve as "ambassadors" by telling colleagues about its work against intolerance and violence. Brochures and other materials are available to anyone who wishes to represent the Center in this way. Contact Amelia Montjoy or Glenda Valentine at the Law Center to receive this information.

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