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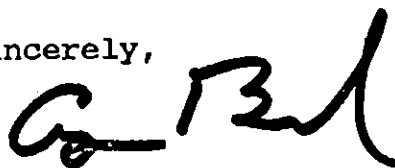
Dear Mr. Young:

Thank you for your kind note about the address that I delivered at the United States Naval Academy last April, when presenting a Point of Light Award to that institution and to the Benjamin Banneker Honors Mathematics and Science Society.

I am delighted that your wife and her students were able to attend the ceremony. If the experience did, indeed, help those youngsters to appreciate more fully the value of a good education, then I could not have asked for a more successful speech.

As you requested, I have inscribed the enclosed photograph for Mrs. Young. It comes with my best wishes to both of you.

Sincerely,



Mr. Gregory D. Young
Division of Humanities
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON D.C.

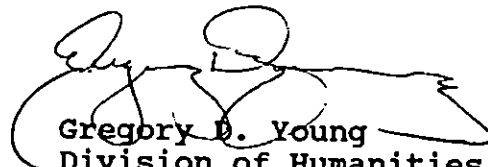
Dear Mr. President,

On April 23rd of last year, you presented the 437th daily "Point of Light" at the United States Naval Academy. That award, presented jointly to Mr. Joseph D. Speller, the Benjamin Banneker Honors Math and Science Society and the United States Naval Academy, recognized the contribution of both to education in our country.

My Wife, a schoolteacher in Annapolis, had written to the Naval Academy in order to recognize a particularly outstanding young Midshipman who had helped weekly in her fourth grade class. I understand that her letter was given to your staff to provide them with the necessary background information for your speech on the day of the presentation. In your speech, you quoted my wife by name in the closing remarks in reference to the impact that this Midshipman was having on the students in her classroom. The Naval Academy must have had some prior knowledge of your remarks since my wife was invited to bring her entire class to the ceremony that day. Teachers in our country today receive very little recognition, but my wife got the ultimate reward that day when her students heard their teacher's name mentioned by the President of the United States. You have never seen a prouder bunch of kids that those twenty ten year-olds on that sunny afternoon.

I understand the immense number of requests that you and your staff get every day, but in order to surprise my wife for Mother's Day and remind her of that day last year, I would respectfully request that you could sign the enclosed photo I took that day to my wife Cecilia Young. Thank you in advance for your assistance sir. In a time when our nation has just experienced extremely divisive urban unrest, many believe that your continued strong support for education may be one hope.

Very Respectfully,



Gregory D. Young
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To Cecilia Young
With best wishes, and with thanks for what you
do for the kids -

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Robert S. Folsom
Folsom Properties, Inc.
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16475 Dallas Parkway
Dallas, Texas 75248-2661



THE PRESIDENT

May 21, 1992

Dear Bob,

I was pleased to send the attached letter to Roy
Huffington, a fine Ambassador and a great guy.

I hope you have a wonderful trip.

Warm personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. H. W. Bush".

P.S. You sure have a fine group of high flying
Eagles there.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1992

Dear Roy,

There is a travel group in Dallas called "Eagles." It is made up of many leading Dallas business and civic leaders and is not to be confused with the Republican donor "Eagles."

Bob Folsom, one of Dallas' leading businessmen and a friend, is the leader of the group. They will arrive in Vienna Thursday afternoon, June 25, and leave June 29.

I would appreciate it if you would arrange for them to visit the Embassy. If you are not in Vienna, perhaps the DCM could give them a briefing.

Should the embassy wish to contact Mr. Folsom in advance, his address is :

Robert Folsom
16475 Dallas Parkway, Suite 820
Dallas, Texas 75248-2661
(214) 931-7400 (214) 250-1812 FAX

Thinking about this, you might be ready for a little dose of Texas camaraderie.

Keep up the great work over there.

Warm regards,

The Honorable Roy M. Huffington
U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Austria
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520



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bcc of both to "W"
FROM THE PRESIDENT



Texas Rangers Baseball Club

P.O. Box 1111 Arlington, Texas 76010

(817) 273-5222

George W. Bush
Managing General Partner

Rose

*Patti - These guys are
great people (many are Dad's friends) and a
notice from G. B.
would be helpful*

Thanks

Guy

*As to Sam - it may be
Dallas*

I look forward to hearing from you

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 5/20/92

TO: *Mr. President*

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FROM: **ROSE ZAMARIA**
Deputy Assistant to the President

May 1, 1992

*I will ask NSC to
send a routine
notification to the
Ambassador.*

*yes —
no — RZ*

lled Eagles. It is composed of approximately
d, Europe, Africa, Asia and going as far as
e good fortune of visiting embassies in many

nd Austria. We will arrive in Vienna on
—day afternoon, June 25 and leave on Monday, June 29. I would appreciate the opportunity
to visit our embassy in Vienna. I know that a fellow Texan, Roy Huffington, is the ambassador.
If he is available for 15 or 30 minutes during the visit, I believe he would enjoy meeting the
Dallas group, some of which he will already know.

We also would like to issue he and his wife an invitation to dinner on one of the nights
we are there.

I am enclosing a list of the couples who will be on the trip. I did not know the best way
to contact the amabassador, so I certainly appreciate your help in getting this letter delivered to
him.

Thanks for your assistance in this matter and I look forward to seeing you either on the
golf course or at the World Series this year with the Rangers representing Dallas.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Folsom

RSF/jrb
Enclosures

George, you will see that the group is very representative of the area. We have previous mayors, city councilmen, real estate developers, oil operators, investment bankers, apparel manufacturers, lawyers and doctors; even Al Casey (who will not be on the trip) now head of the RTC.

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Vienna trip.



May 21, 1992

Sam,

What's the next step with Mary. What are we doing?
Check with Teeter. She wanted us to be aware of
Clinton's remarks this week; and really wants to help.

GB *GB*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

MARY DAVIS FISHER

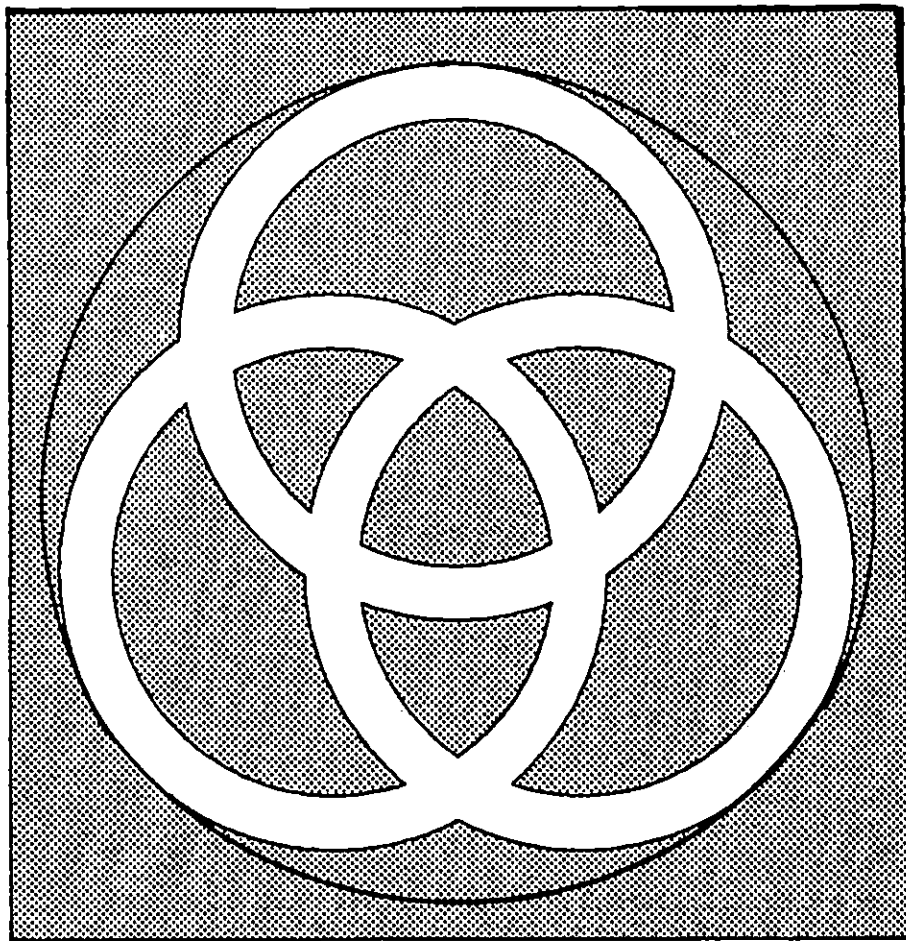
I'm enclosing ² final versions of the Family Arts Network proposal - let me know what you think.

When I met with Sam Skinner I offered this to him... to the President as an avenue - a back door in a way. You see, it's my hope and vision that those who become involved not only are directly affected but are also those

who are concerned... eg parents -
teachers etc. It's beginning to
happen ... I'm going to create
a ground swell of volunteer
action from the "grass roots"
up, while I work all levels!
Please pass this on if you want!
I'll keep you posted on the hearings.
Thanks as usual for everything, -

Love, Mary

Family AIDS Network, Inc.



Mary Davis Fisher
1992

ABOUT THE SYMBOL....

Between July 5 and July 17, 1991, I was waiting for news about the HIV test which I had taken after learning that my former husband had tested "positive." The anxiety of those days can hardly be recalled, let alone adequately described. The initial months following our discovery of the unhappy test results were no easier.

Perhaps it was merely nervous energy that kept me fingering a ring I've long worn, a design with three interlocked hoops each of a different color.

And perhaps it was merely coincidence that Max, my four-year-old, came to call it "our family ring." Max claims that he's "the blue one," my two-year-old Zachary "is the red one," and "Mommy's the white one."

Over many centuries and diverse cultures, the circle has represented eternity and interlocked circles have symbolized the family. During the past year, the three hoops in a single ring have become intimately bonded with my family and my condition.

When first we began planning the Family AIDS Network, I was asked to go to my studio and design a logo. I protested that, although I may be an artist, I am not a graphic artist. And then I went to the studio and began working with my medium: paper.

What emerged after some hours, first as an embossed design and now reproduced with inks, came directly from my soul: Three interlocked circles in a single ring, representing all families -- including my own -- struggling to be whole, hoping to be eternal.

THE FAMILY AIDS NETWORK, INC.

A National Network for Support and Communication

Serving

Families Directly Affected by HIV/AIDS

Mary D. Fisher, Founder

April 1992 .

I. Introduction by Mary D. Fisher

I learned on July 17, 1991, that I was HIV-positive. It took weeks for me to accept that reality and months to understand it. By February 1992 I was ready to do something about it and now (April 1992) I believe I know what to do: Create a Family AIDS Network.

No medicine exists today which can fundamentally change my HIV-positive status. But that does not mean that I am creatively impotent or unable to challenge the epidemic now invading several thousand other American families every passing week.

I've been wisely counseled by those who were engaged in the battle against HIV/AIDS before I enlisted this past year. They have consistently urged me to do three things:

First, develop an organization which will be able to do more through collective effort than I can do alone;

Second, focus on an issue or concern which others have not made their primary target; and

Third, seek partnerships -- not competition -- with other efforts already underway.

The Family AIDS Network is responsive to all three items of advice. I will lend myself and my energy to the cause, but it will increasingly take on a life of its own. We will focus on families, the context in which HIV/AIDS overtakes us. We will forge a national network of partnerships, linking HIV/AIDS-affected families (and others) to efforts initiated and maintained by others.

II. Overview

The Family AIDS Network, Inc., (FAN) will be a nonprofit, charitable organization created to develop and sustain a national system of support and communication for families directly affected by HIV/AIDS.

The primary strategy will involve creation of community-based "FAN Clubs," groups of individuals who will plan, support and maintain services for families directly affected by HIV/AIDS. FAN Clubs will initiate (a) family support groups in which HIV/AIDS-affected families will receive emotional care, (b) family-based HIV/AIDS speakers bureaus in which family members are active participants, and (c) local guides to support and care for HIV-positive persons and their families for use with doctors, clergy, therapists, and other health and human service professionals.

Families will be at the core of the FAN's efforts because AIDS is a family disease.

We recognize that less than 15% of American families fit the traditional pattern of father-breadwinner, mother-caregiver, two or more children at home. The American family today is made up of loving friends and partners as well as, sometimes in lieu of, biologically bonded individuals. The FAN will work with families that are nuclear and extended, traditional and nontraditional.

We also recognize that all HIV/AIDS-affected persons are members of families, and that all American families are now at risk; therefore, any response to the illness may be regarded as family-oriented. But the FAN effort is specifically geared to serve HIV/AIDS-affected families -- all members, all ages, all attitudes -- because we believe that informed, energetic family support will foster wellness and combat illness.

Our aim in creating FAN Clubs is to create a "family of families" within each community, a context in which HIV/AIDS-affected families will find compassion and support, not ignorance and stigma.

Individuals may also join the Family AIDS Network by providing a financial contribution which will assure their receipt of ongoing communication regarding the FAN.

III. Basic FAN Programs

The Family AIDS Network will recruit volunteer leaders in communities across the United States to organize and give initial guidance to FAN Clubs within their regions. During the start-up phase especially, many volunteers will be responding directly to the appeal of Mary Fisher to "become ambassadors of compassion within your community." This appeal will be included in Mary's personal and broadcast appearances, and will be encouraged in all media coverage.

The network will initially identify and create partnerships with existing qualified organizations. Where family support groups currently exist, they will be recognized rather than replaced. National and regional groups (NCAP, Pediatric AIDS, Mothers' Voices, etc.) will be acknowledged as affiliate partners.

Conditions for becoming a FAN Club will include the promise to recruit local membership, implement locally specific FAN programs, participate in regional FAN training and attend an annual (national) FAN conference. FAN Clubs will be officially recognized and listed in FAN publications. All members of FAN Clubs will become members of the Family AIDS Network.

The FAN programs which will be initially developed include these three:

- A. FAN Support Groups. In every community, the FAN Club will begin and maintain one or more FAN Support Groups which will bring together members of HIV/AIDS-affected families for the purpose of emotional care and mutual support. A local telephone number will be available in each community so that when families discover that HIV/AIDS has reached them, there will be another HIV/AIDS-affected family available with support and guidance.
- B. FAN Speakers Bureau. Each FAN Club will recruit, train and make available a cadre of speakers representing HIV/AIDS-affected families. Fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers; members of the nuclear or extended family, including in many instances close, personal friends -- all will be recruited to become "ambassadors of compassion" within their community. Appropriate supporting literature

will be available for distribution at each speaking engagement.

- C. Professional Guides. Personal contact will be made with, and written resources will be given to, health and human service professionals in each community informing them of support and care available to HIV/AIDS-affected individuals and families. It is especially our goal that, at the time individuals or families are informed of test results (positive or negative), they will be put in contact with the local FAN Club.

IV. Year One: Creation and Support of a Network

During the first year of development, the Family AIDS Network will focus on recruiting and equipping leaders for FAN Clubs across the United States. Recruitment of general FAN membership will be continual, but the higher priority will be formation of viable FAN Clubs serving various communities.

We estimate that available and committed leaders can be immediately identified within thirty-to-fifty communities (persons who have already promised volunteer support to Mary Fisher, or any of our affiliated partners/families). As media reports of Mary's efforts expand, and especially as Mary begins promoting the need for volunteers to initiate local FAN Clubs, we expect the number of available leaders to increase dramatically. Specific appeals for leaders within some designated communities (to assure broad, national participation, for example) may also be required.

The following approach is being planned for Year One:

A. Training and Organizational Resources

Approximately four months will be used to design and produce materials needed to equip local leaders to form FAN Clubs. These materials will be designed, tested, and produced for introduction in regional training events to which local leaders are invited.

An organizational manual (guidelines for FAN Club formation, pamphlets, model letters, suggestions for financial support, etc.) will be provided.

We anticipate scheduling initial training events in Fall 1992 and approximately quarterly thereafter in various regions.

We anticipate founding approximately one hundred FAN Clubs during the first year with no less than twenty Clubs in any geographic region. Until twenty leaders within a region are identified, regional training will not be scheduled.

B. Formation of "Model FAN Clubs"

All Fan Clubs created during the first year will be regarded as "Model FAN Clubs." Leaders and participants will be asked to "pilot test" a variety of program efforts. Careful evaluation of results will be stressed so that future programs emphasize the most effective programming.

By the conclusion of Year One (June 1993), a set of FAN Club videos will be produced based on successful programming in various FAN Clubs during the first year. These videos will be introduced at the first Annual FAN Conference.

C. FAN Club Newsletter

A monthly newsletter will be distributed to all Network members and all FAN Clubs containing organizational and program concepts, summaries of available HIV/AIDS research and policy items, exemplary material for use in local promotions or programs, and descriptions of available resources.

D. Annual Family AIDS Network Conference

Once each year the FAN will host an annual conference to which all FAN Club leaders are invited. Initial conference: June 1993. Cost of travel and lodging will be paid by local FAN Clubs, but the Network itself will pay all other conference expenses without cost to participants.

In addition to providing an opportunity for FAN Club leaders to network with each other, the annual conference will showcase the work of the Family AIDS Network for media, will allow the founder and supporters to interact with FAN Club leaders, and will provide an occasion for recognition of outstanding contributions to the Family AIDS Network at a tribute dinner.

V. Future Projects

During its first year of existence, the Family AIDS Network hopes to create a membership list of at least one thousand individuals and a Network of approximately one hundred FAN Clubs. Resources needed to organize, equip and manage a FAN Club will be developed, tested, and revised for broader use in following years. Basic training tools and strategies will be put in place and the first annual conference will be planned and conducted. A monthly newsletter will be launched.

If during Year One the Family AIDS Network can successfully establish a broad network of FAN Clubs -- each spawning and supporting effective, family-based programs -- the Network itself will be expanded as rapidly as good organizational growth will allow in future years. Depending on financial and human resources, the Network could expand by as many as 300-500 Clubs per year after Year One. At this rate, up to one thousand Clubs could be in existence within three years.

Quality of FAN Club services will be a higher priority than mere expansion in quantity. But when the basic patterns and resources are in place, it is possible that a single national, tollfree ("800-number") telephone listing could link together all FAN Clubs in all cities. This would make it possible for HIV/AIDS-affected family members anywhere in the United States, at any time, to call a single number and be immediately put in contact with a nearby Family Support Group.

Growth of the Network itself may also make it possible to develop, in future years, regional events which draw Network members --

especially those who are members of FAN Clubs -- and the media to a single setting for networking, advanced training, meetings with Mary Fisher and other national leaders, and unified efforts to influence policy.

VI. Identification

The Family AIDS Network will be closely identified, at least initially, with its founder, Mary Fisher. During personal appearances, in published articles and through broadcast stories, Mary will be an advocate for awareness and compassion in the face of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and, as appropriate, will specifically encourage support of and participation in the Family AIDS Network.

Founder identification may initially be supported by describing the Network as "Mary Fisher's Family AIDS Network," or by describing local units as "Mary Fisher's FAN Clubs."

The logo created by Mary Fisher for use by the Family AIDS Network will appear on all printed material and, as possible, in broadcasts. During some personal appearances, artist originals and signed, limited-edition prints of the logo may be offered as a memento or fundraising premium. (Rights to and proceeds from use of the logo belong to the Family AIDS Network.)

VII. Organization and Leadership

The Family AIDS Network, Inc., will be a 501(c)(3) corporation recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt organization.

Leadership groups will be created for governance (directors) and financial support (founders). Advisors will be named and listed in FAN material for specific categories such as research, policy, and media.

- A. Board of Directors: Up to twelve directors with fiduciary responsibility for the Family AIDS Network, chaired by Mary Fisher, meeting regularly.
- B. Founders' Council: A council of major donors (or donor representatives) with honorary co-chairs Max and Marjorie Fisher and President and Mrs. Gerald Ford, meeting annually in conjunction with the Annual FAN Conference.

Initial staff services for strategic planning, program development and resource production will be contracted from one or more experienced consulting firms. As the organization grows, fulltime staff will be appointed as needed.

The founder and Board Chair, Mary Fisher, will devote fulltime, non-salaried leadership to the organization.

Attachments: AmFAR Program
 Media Reprints



To honor
Mary Fisher
with the AmFAR Award of Courage

The Board of Directors
and
The National Council
of the
American Foundation for AIDS Research
present a
Dinner Dance
following the
AmFAR Fine Jewelry Auction
GLITTER AND BE GIVING

Monday, April 13, 1992
The Pierre Hotel
Fifth Avenue at 61st Street
New York, New York

This evening is dedicated to the memory of
Tina Chow

AMFAR AWARD OF COURAGE

to

Mary Fisher

for educational contributions and public awareness
in the struggle against HIV/AIDS

Mary Fisher, who recently announced that she is HIV positive, has become a spokesperson for AIDS awareness. Mary was raised in the metropolitan Detroit area where she attended The Cranbrook School, the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and Oakland Community College. She has produced a live morning show for Detroit's ABC owned and operated, WXYZ-TV. Additionally, she produced the first PBS television auction at Channel 56 in Detroit. She gained national prominence from her appointment as the first female "Advance Man" for the White House, working directly with President Gerald R. Ford. Mary is also a nationally acclaimed artist for her work with handmade paper. Always active in community affairs, she has contributed her time and expertise to numerous organizations including the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, and the Detroit Educational Television Foundation.

Today, Mary uses her experience and her political contacts to help raise public awareness about HIV/AIDS in hopes of ending the spread of this deadly virus. She has been appointed to the National Commission on AIDS as a consultant and is developing television programs for AIDS awareness. The mother of two children, Max and Zachary, she never believed she was "at risk" and vulnerable to the virus. However, as she recently told Diane Sawyer on *Prime Time Live*, "If it can happen to me, it can happen to you."

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS OF THE AMFAR AWARD OF COURAGE

Anthony S. Fauci, M.D.

for scientific achievement and insightful leadership in the struggle against HIV/AIDS

Madonna

for compassion, generosity, and forthrightness in the struggle against HIV/AIDS

Ortho Biotech

for generosity and creativity in the struggle against HIV/AIDS

Mary Fisher

On Monday, April 13, 1992, Mary Fisher received the "AmFAR Award of Courage" at a benefit in New York City. After receiving the tribute from Elizabeth Taylor and Georgette Mosbacher, Mary offered the following remarks.

If Life is a Burning Candle. . .

April 13, 1992

... Thank you all very much. This is an incredible evening for me. I thank AmFAR, and I thank all of you, for this wonderful tribute. I feel your compassion because I see your support for AmFAR and for the fight against HIV and AIDS. Please continue to help in what is a life-and-death struggle for millions of people.

The numbers are staggering when you take them one at a time, which is precisely how AIDS takes us: one at a time.

I doubt you ever imagined how it would feel to be one of those numbers, to be told you are HIV Positive. I never wondered about it before last July. I didn't think that "THAT" disease could ever touch me. I didn't think I was at risk. I thought I was safe.

As you know, I did not need to imagine it; I experienced it. I stood at a pay phone at LaGuardia and made the call that divided my life into "before" and "after". I listened as I watched my little boys play. I heard my doctor apologize for telling me that I was HIV Positive. I remember feeling totally alone, almost invisible. I was in shock as I struggled to reach my children, who were just fifteen feet away.

As time passes, I realize that in many ways my life has not really changed since that day in July. The "after" is not terribly different from the "before".

I was then a mom and a daughter; I was a sister and a friend. I am still all of those.

I was an artist and I am an artist.

My sons, two year-old Zachary and four year-old Max, still wake me up in the night for a drink of water, or a hug that helps dry tears after a bad dream.

In other ways, I am different. I have come face-to-face with my own death and it has brought me new life. It's a healing and freeing experience that comes with acceptance, an acceptance that has made me feel I'm where I'm supposed to be, given a special chance to give back -- and that's an important lesson. Another is that honesty means everything to me now, and appearance means almost nothing. Oh...I still worried about what I would wear tonight; but I worried much more about what I would say that might make a difference.

One of the hardest things to accept has been that AIDS is very much; a family disease. It threatens to rob my children of their security, their Mom and their Dad.

My Mom and Dad are here with me tonight, as are many of my friends, my extended family. They are all painfully aware that AIDS affects the whole family.

My father knows more about AIDS than I ever wanted him to. He knows, because of me, and he understands that the world is not yet accepting.

Where there is stigma, Daddy, you will bear that with me. I wish I could spare you that, but I can't.

If there are whispers of discrimination, they will affect me as well as my children, Max and Zack, your grandchildren, Mom. I wish it wasn't so, but it is.

My brother Phillip and my sister Julie are here. When ignorance gives rise to meanness, Phillip and Julie, you will be treated meanly...and I'm sorry.

When the fears which surrounds this disease isolates you, my friends, I hurt from the knowledge that loving me brings you this pain.

At these moments, I resent so deeply that AIDS is a family disease, and that I cannot change it.

I'm here tonight because I need you to know that if it can happen to me, it can happen to you. I'm here to call for a family AIDS network, a national network of support made up of all of us – all families, nuclear and extended, conventional and unconventional, affected by this disease.

Because support is the root of whatever courage any of us will ever have.

If I have shown courage as a parent, it is because of you Mom and Dad, and your unwavering support.

If those of you who are my friends, who love me most, have seen courage in me, it's only the reflection of your support and courage.

From last July until this past February, I didn't make my diagnosis public. The reasons were both intimate and obvious; Arthur Ashe spoke for many of us last week. But, in February, I decided that I should not run and hide. I should stand up and fight, occasionally with tears, but mostly with love. I don't think telling my story is heroic or courageous. I think of it only as what is right. It is what I must do. And I know, it is possible because I am so supported by your love.

Sometimes I fear that I'm too much of a dreamer, but a friend wrote and sent me a wonderful song, "Only the Dreamer Can Change the Dream." An evening like this reminds all of us that in the face of horrible realities, we need a dream.

If my life is a burning candle, then I would like to make the most of its light. I would like to be an Ambassador of Awareness. I ask you to join me so that we can all become Ambassadors of Awareness. Together, we can begin to ease the darkness of ignorance and fear and point the way to hope, opening our arms with compassion and with love.

Thank you, and good night.



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COMING OUT AGAINST AIDS



Mary Fisher, 43, drives her Corvette in Boca Raton, Fla. "I want to help people get rid of the fear" of AIDS, she says.

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Wealth, power and love didn't block the virus

For two weeks, Mary Fisher had called her doctor every day, holding her breath in near panic as she dialed the office in Palm Beach, Fla.

Was the test back yet? Why in the world was it taking so long?

Now she stood at a pay phone at La Guardia Airport in New York, the tightness in her chest returning as she tapped in the number.

In just a few minutes, Mary had to put her two young sons on a plane to Detroit, to visit cousins while she was away.

She was waiting for a flight to France, to join her parents, Max and Marjorie, and a host of friends for a short vacation — a Mediterranean cruise aboard a yacht called Easy to Love.

Waiting for her call to go through, Mary watched the boys playing, grateful they didn't know that just a few feet away, their mother's life was on the line.

A nurse answered. "Oh, Mary," she said, her voice strange. "Just a minute."

The doctor came on the line.

"I'm sorry," he said. "The test is positive."

The breath left Mary's body. She quivered all over and realized her face was soaking wet. When did she start crying?

She turned her back to her children, so they wouldn't see.

The children! If she had the AIDS virus, what about them?

Zachary, 1½, was adopted, but Max, 3½, had grown inside her for nine months. Had she passed the virus to him after getting it from her husband?

It was unthinkable. She had to get him tested. Right away.

But her children's plane was leaving for Detroit. And her parents were waiting

for her in France. Her mother knew about the test and desperately wanted the result. Her father knew nothing, but had to be told.

Mary kissed her kids good-bye, telling them she was sobbing because she would miss them so much.

Really, she feared she would never see them again. She felt she'd been given a death sentence.

Most of all, she feared for little Max.

That was in July.

In the seven months since, Mary Fisher, 43, has learned that being infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes AIDS, doesn't mean she's dying, or even sick, at least not right now.

The daughter of Max Fisher — renowned financier, philanthropist, presidential confidant and political power broker — also has learned that the AIDS epidemic doesn't always recognize boundaries of gender, life-style, even marriage.

And Mary Fisher has moved beyond her feelings of panic and despair. She is determined that good must come from the evil she faces. Mary knows that being a Fisher may present a unique chance to make a difference.

She is going to take it.

Breaking down the barrier

The Max Fisher family has many friends and considerable influence in places where Mary Fisher believes an impact could be made on AIDS laws, public awareness of the disease and research to stop its relentless progression.

She thinks her story and example may help bring the epidemic closer to many important people who so far have felt insulated from it.

More than a month ago, Mary sent a personal letter to President George Bush, a longtime friend of her father, telling him she was infected with HIV and

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Fisher has a hug for her eldest son, Max, before his bedtime. He has tested negative.

A FAMILY'S CHALLENGE

Mary Fisher hopes to use her family's status to carry a message about AIDS to people who, maybe now, will listen. Her father, financier Max Fisher, helped found New Detroit and Detroit Renaissance. He is a major contributor to charitable, cultural and political causes. He has been confidant and counsel to U.S. presidents for 30 years.

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expressing her concern about whether everything possible was being done to battle the AIDS epidemic.

She hopes to get a chance to visit the White House soon, to state her case in person to officials there.

To make the most of her situation, Mary Fisher is going public, sacrificing some of the privacy her family so fiercely protects and risking rejection by people who will be afraid of the AIDS virus and anyone with it.

"I figure — what can anyone do to me that's any worse than what's already happened?" Mary said one night last week, sitting on a couch in her Boca Raton, Fla. home. "I don't really think anybody can do anything bad to me anymore."

Her knees drawn up to her chest, she hugged an oversized beige-and-white striped pillow. Her eyes — wide, deep blue and haunting — welled with tears. She usually doesn't allow that to happen, choosing to think positive.

"Part of my whole thing is that I want to help people get rid of fear," she said. "Sometimes people are so afraid of dying they forget to live."

Mary said her parents have been an example for her of people giving what they can to their communities.

Mary now belongs to the community of people infected with the AIDS virus, a community estimated to be



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In her dance room, Mary Fisher does tap as her assistant Jeffrey Cleary watches in the background. She recalls performing with Gregory Hines.

one million people in this country alone. She feels as if she owes those people something.

"Have you ever wondered, in the largest sense, what you're meant to be doing?" Mary asked. "I think my father knows for himself. And he's positioned himself in ways and places to do that. He feels strongly about helping other people, about giving back, about trying to make a difference in the world — in his way, in a way not many people can do.

"It's ingrained in me."

Mary's family is worried — even fearful — about her decision to go public. But also, they are proud.

"It's a courageous decision," Max Fisher, 83, said in a brief telephone interview from his Palm Beach home.

Relatives said the patriarch almost never talks about Mary's infection. They say he was devastated by the news and still hasn't come to terms with a problem he cannot help solve — not for Mary, not for all the others who are infected.

When other family members discuss Mary's infection, Fisher just shakes his head, as if refusing to believe it. Mary said that before July, her father didn't know the difference between HIV and AIDS. He didn't think he peed to, or that AIDS would ever touch his family.

"I didn't have the slightest idea," Max Fisher acknowledged. "Life is that way."

He said he does not plan to discuss Mary's situation in public but will talk about it privately, with politicians and other people he knows, to try to promote awareness and compassion. He fears that Mary will feel the cruel effects of the stigma surrounding the virus.

One of Mary's closest friends is Betty Ford, the former first lady who was so widely praised for her candor about battling drug and alcohol addiction. The wife of the only U.S. president from Michigan said that Mary's story should, at the very least, give strength to other infected people.

"People with this virus feel shame when they shouldn't," Ford said from her California home.

She also said it's significant that a high-profile woman is lending her name and face to the cause, because most of the attention and research dollars have been focused on men.

Mary said she wants to wake up women, make them realize that when they sleep with a man, they're not only sleeping with everyone he's known but with everything he's done.

She was infected by her husband during the course of a three-year marriage. They divorced amicably more than a year ago, and Mary did not learn until later that her husband once had used intravenous drugs.

Sharing contaminated needles is one of the two activities that account for nearly all HIV infections in recent years. The other is unprotected sex.

Mary understands people will want to know how she got the virus, or how her ex-husband got it. But she resents having to explain it. She believes people will be looking for a way to dismiss her, to separate themselves from the infected and be reassured that they are not in jeopardy.

"It doesn't matter how you got it. It can happen to anyone. I was infected in a loving, trusting relationship."

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Mary also believes the measure of compassion for infected people should not be determined by how they got the virus, most frequently associated with homosexuality and drug use.

"It doesn't matter how you got it," she said. "It can happen to anyone. I was infected in a loving, trusting relationship."

Mary also wants people to see AIDS not as a strange affliction of the social fringe, but as a disease that diminishes whole families.

Her father and mother, who live in Franklin but spend winters in Palm Beach.

Her brother and three sisters, all living in the Detroit area.

Her two children, who may lose both parents before they reach adulthood.

Mary wants to let people know how it feels to learn you have the AIDS virus.

It feels sad. And terrifying. Because there is no cure for AIDS. Because people die from it.

A life of privilege, purpose

Max Fisher's fortune, estimated at more than \$100 million, came from oil, real estate, stocks and other investments. In a rare interview in 1980, he estimated that he gave away half his income each year.

Mary, second-oldest of Max and Marjorie's five children, attended the prestigious Cranbrook schools and then the University of Michigan.

In 1969, she went to work as a producer of public television auctions at WTVS-TV (Channel 56) in Detroit. She then moved to WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) and produced a live morning show.

In 1974, she moved to Washington, D.C., and signed on as a staff assistant to President Gerald Ford, the former congressman from Grand Rapids. She worked in the White House for two years; until Ford left, then did free-lance public relations work in Detroit and elsewhere.

In 1979, Mary was married for the first time, but it lasted less than a year. After the divorce, she moved to Manhattan.

It was there, around 1984, that she began dating artist Brian Campbell and feeling a new level of control over her life.

She stopped drinking, catching an alcohol problem "before the elevator hit the basement," and with sobriety found the courage to become an artist, something she had always wanted to do.

Brian, too, was recovering from substance abuse — in his case, both

alcohol and drugs. Mary never asked specifically which drugs. In Manhattan at that time, "it was enough to be recovering," she said. "It was enough to be getting your life together."

It never occurred to her that she might be at risk of HIV. "I wasn't gay," she said. "I didn't use drugs. I wasn't a prostitute. . . . I would think of it from time to time and then dismiss it by taking myself out of those categories."

In 1985, Mary produced an off-Broadway musical. In her spare time, she helped recovering alcoholics, work that eventually would earn her a seat on the board of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.

In 1987, Mary and Brian married and moved from Manhattan to Palm Beach. It seemed a better place to raise kids. Ten months after their wedding, Mary gave birth to Max. Two years later, the couple adopted Zachary.

The family migrated 25 miles south to Boca Raton, where there were more young couples and children. Mary opened her own studio, just a few miles from home. Gallery owners increasingly raved about her work — beautiful, colorful framed wall hangings of hand-made paper.

Mary said she began to realize that she and Brian were developing different values. He moved out in the summer of 1990, and their marriage ended in divorce.

But still, Mary was happy. She had her art, and most of all, she had her kids. Through them, she was experiencing anew the wonder of the world. And she wanted them to share in the beauty she saw.

She surrounded them with art. On the walls of the downstairs playroom, she sketched and helped paint a cartoon jungle, with characters from "The Jungle Book" sitting atop trees and peeking out from behind the fronds of plants.

She transformed Zachary's room into the interior of a circus tent, with striped walls and a canopied bed in the form of an animal cage, with multi-colored bars on three sides.

Max got a custom-designed bed shaped like a pirate's galleon, with several steps up to it and a ship's wheel at one end. On the widest wall of the bedroom, she painted a mural in which Captain Hook stands tall in a rowboat and Tinker Bell rains fairy dust on him as he chases after Peter Pan.

Mary and Brian remained friends. He visited or called Mary to ask about the boys.

But on July 3, Brian called for a different reason. He told her that he had been tested for HIV and the result was positive. His doctor thought Mary should get tested too.

Mary was stunned. AIDS? This was ridiculous, impossible. She was a faithful wife. A devoted mother. AIDS? This had to be a mistake.

She doesn't remember feeling anger toward Brian, or blaming him, and still doesn't. She knows he didn't intend this and that he is hurting, too.

Brian, 42, who hasn't developed AIDS, said he doesn't want to discuss his own infection or history, but he's supporting Mary's decision to go public.

"I love Mary very much, and I love



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After spending the morning in Miami, Fisher, right, greets her mother, Marjorie, at lunch Saturday at a Boca Raton restaurant. Marjorie Fisher said of the virus, "I wish I had it instead of her."

my children, and I'm very proud of what Mary's doing," he said in a telephone interview from his home in Boston.

"Mary is doing this so that our children, who will have to deal with this issue in their lives, will be proud of us, and so the stigma and the shame attached to this disease will be eliminated in our lives."

He added that even if just one person is helped by her story, "then it's all worth it."

The day that changed a life

Mary went in for her HIV test on July 5. Following standard procedure, the doctor assigned her a fictitious identity, to protect her privacy. Mary's test went to the laboratory under the name Cher.

The results came July 17, via that pay phone at La Guardia.

That call turned Mary's trip to France from a vacation to a grim pilgrimage. Throughout the flight, she felt like someone had made a deep cut inside her chest.

She boarded Easy to Love in the Riviera, off the coast of France and Italy.

Looking at Mary's face, her mother knew immediately the news was bad.

Now they had to tell her father. They postponed it for more than a day.

Marjorie Fisher and Mary's brother Phillip — who also was told about the HIV test — tried to mask their sadness as they talked with friends on the yacht, including Kathy DuRoss Ford, Henry Ford II's widow. She remembers thinking that something seemed very wrong about the Fishers.

Mary sat away from the others on the deck, writing in a journal to calm her fears and staring off into the horizon. She tried to focus on the beauty of the mountains in France's Cote d'Azur, but all she saw were the faces of her children, of little Max.

Max tilting his head so she could put medicine in his ear. Had his ear infection really been a sign of something more serious?

Max in her arms as a baby. Had she been holding a child destined only to grow sick and die?

She looked at the dark blue water, the light blue sky.

"What an incredible place I'm in," she wrote. "Unbelievable. I keep thinking I'm going to wake up and it won't be true. This is a nightmare."

Late that afternoon, as everyone sat inside the main cabin listening to a pianist, Mary, her mother and her brother asked Max Fisher to come speak with them in private, in the master bedroom.

The four of them sat in a circle on the bed. The yacht, anchored for the night, was perfectly still.

Mary grabbed her mother's hand. She took several deep breaths.

"I'm sorry, Dad," she said. "I have to tell you something."

Then she told the story, from her ex-husband's call to that moment.

Max Fisher said nothing for several seconds, his face blank.

Without changing his expression, he muttered, "Oh, my God," and leaned over to hug Mary and kiss her on the cheek.

"I love you," he said. "We're behind you 100 percent, all the way. I'll do whatever I can do."

The family members looked at each other, puzzled.

"What can we do?" someone asked. "Who can we call?"

They had no answers.

Mary stayed with her parents for only another day and a half. She had to get back home. She had to find out about Max.

She wondered if the pain and fear she was feeling would ever go away.

In her journal she wrote: "Will everything I do or say be tainted by the blush of dying instead of the blush and excitement of life and living?"

A test for a child

Mary arranged an HIV test for Max in New York City and had him brought to the Manhattan hospital where it would be done.

Taking his hand, she led her little boy down a long hall to the doctor's office. As the words on the sign above the door came into view, she shuddered.

"Infectious Diseases."

It sounded ominous. Hideous.

Mary pulled Max closer and started chattering to him so he wouldn't notice the sign. Then she realized how silly that was. Max couldn't read.

The doctor put a rush order on the test. Mary was back in Boca Raton when he called the next day.

"Max is negative," he blurted out.

Mary began hyperventilating, as her bottled-up dread rushing out in a moment of relief.

Her son would live.

Now, she could think about how her own life would go on.

She began to devour information about HIV and AIDS. With knowledge came hope. Having the virus didn't mean she was sick. She might stay healthy for a decade or longer.

She had time and knew almost immediately how she wanted to use it.

Mary Fisher knew she had been given a good life. She knew the lesson of her parents — give something important back.

"This is my way of teaching my children how to give back," Mary said.

Maybe, she thought, that's why this has happened to me — because I can do something special with this.

"I have to justify it and give this disease a kick," she wrote in her journal. "I can't go quietly."

The people around Mary urged caution. Some friends and family members had deep misgivings about her decision to go public. They worried that Mary and her children might suffer rejection and pain. They worried that too many people still had a blanket fear of the infected.

One friend even reminded Mary of the 1986 case of a Florida family with three HIV-infected children, all hemophiliacs who got the virus from tainted

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blood products, whose home was burned to the ground by panicky neighbors.

Such stories made Mary even more determined to come forward.

She reasoned that if she did, it might help end the discrimination. If she didn't, she would be living her life in secrecy, and in shame.

Mary's doctor made her promise to wait at least six months from the time of her diagnosis before speaking out, to be certain about her decision. That gave Mary time to do two important things.

She wanted to break the news in person to friends and relatives, and she wanted to learn from doctors and AIDS activists how she could make the biggest difference.

"If I drop a rock," she would ask them, "where can I get the most ripples?"

Around Labor Day, Mary flew to southern California to tell Betty and Gerald Ford.

In October, she flew to England for an art show and took that opportunity to visit Kathy DuRoss Ford in her London flat. Ford sobbed, as she recalled the scene during an interview last week in Florida.

She and Mary were about to go out to dinner when Ford received a phone call from a friend. During the conversation, Ford's friend happened to mention a great interior decorator who didn't work much anymore because he has AIDS.

"How awful," Ford said. "I don't know anybody who's had this disease." Mary overheard.

When Ford hung up, she said: "I have to tell you something."

Mary also visited Dr. Mathilde Krim, founder of the American Foundation for AIDS Research. She went to Dr. Eric Osborn, chairperson of the National Commission on AIDS and dean of the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Osborn was struck by Mary's unflinching determination to "make her tragic situation into something that was helpful for the world, rather than it be useless."

"It heartened me," Osborn said. "In terms of people coming forward who have had the possibility of attracting national attention — it has been very uncommon."

In November, months after Mary had begun laying the groundwork for going public, she got a call from a friend who told her to turn on the TV right away — an important sports figure was going to make some kind of AIDS announcement.

Mary felt a surge of hope as she watched basketball star and Michigan native Earvin (Magic) Johnson tell the world he had been infected with HIV. She wanted to reach into the TV set and hug him.

Family could give support but no answers *She began to learn all she could*

He was with her in this fight.

Through Magic Johnson, Mary also saw how painful going public could be. Reporters pressed him for details about his private life; people speculated about whether he had slept with men or taken drugs.

Mary knew she could expect similar questions. She knew, too, that people would ask why it mattered so much that she was infected — so were hundreds of thousands of other people. She decided to take that criticism as it came, refusing to believe it would change the importance of what she wanted to do.

But as much as the smiling face of Magic Johnson buoyed Mary's spirits, the image of Kimberly Bergalis disturbed her.

Infected with HIV in her dentist's office, Bergalis was in the news frequently last summer, pleading publicly for laws requiring that health-care workers be tested for HIV.

The debate reminded Mary of how scared people could be of this virus, of the drastic and, Mary felt, often counterproductive measures they would consider just to make sure it never touched them.

And the emaciated Bergalis, 23, her voice reduced to a whisper, reminded Mary of what having HIV probably meant.

Wasting away with AIDS. Dying too young.

Mary felt a stab of panic when Bergalis died Dec. 8 — the kind of fear she thought was behind her when Max tested negative.

Later that month, she talked to her father about how badly she wanted to assist the fight against AIDS. But she didn't tell him about her plans to go public, saying only that she wished he could talk to one of his friends, George Bush, about the need to end discrimination and spur education and awareness.

Max Fisher suggested she write Bush a letter.

Mary agonized for days over what to say to the president — until waking suddenly one morning around 5 a.m., and going directly to the computer in her home office. As the sun came up and the morning light shimmered on the lake behind her glass-walled house, she typed in two pages.

Mary told the president she had HIV. She said she was concerned — for herself, for all the people who were infected, for all the people who might still be spared.

It felt good to get it out, to take another step toward controlling her situation and wringing something positive from it.

In fact, it felt great. Something that had been slowly blooming in Mary was now bursting into full flower.

It was a feeling of purpose. She had spent much of her life wondering if the job, volunteer work or piece of art she was doing at any moment was the most valuable way to spend her time, what she was meant to be doing.

Now, she had no doubt. Worries, of course. Fears, too. But no doubt.

Becoming an activist

Some of Mary's friends — amazed by how easily she recited facts about AIDS and how fervently she argued for compassion for infected people — began referring to Mary as an activist.

She didn't feel like the word fit her. "That's not what I am," she told one friend.

Her friend answered: "You're becoming one."

Mary feels more like Belinda Mason, also a mother of two children. Mason, a writer in a small Kentucky town, was infected with HIV by a blood transfusion in 1987. She went public and was appointed to the National Commission on AIDS, becoming the only person on the panel who actually had the disease. She served until last September, when she died at the age of 33.

Shortly before her death, Mason talked about how living with AIDS had changed her life. Mary has the speech on videotape. She has watched it five times and each time, it has made her cry.

Mason said her illness gave her a new appreciation of life — of the soft form of a tree, of her children's laughter.

"I'm often asked by reporters and even average people I meet, in my travels, how I feel about what's happened to me," Mason said. "Sometimes I'm glib — I'd rather have a broken leg, I say. Sometimes I refuse to answer."

"The truth is," she said, "I feel devastation and exhilaration, in equal measure."

Mary has come to terms with what's happened.

She holds out hope of living a long time with the virus, or that a treatment will be found. In the meantime, she appreciates each day more, doesn't waste time on obligations and propriety. She tells people how she feels about them — how much she cares.

"I feel like I've been given a type of gift. ... You know how you go through soul-searching? I don't have any searching anymore."

Mary's main regret is an excruciating one. She cannot be sure her children will be able to find the same peace.

She hasn't talked to them about her infection. At their age, they wouldn't understand what it means.

She tells them other things, though, to prepare them for what might happen, for losing their mother while they're still young.

She exhorts them to love each other and be brothers not just in name but in heart. She wants them to be able to lean on each other. They may need that.

She teaches them that even the bleakest situation and darkest hour contain beauty and hope, if you look hard enough for it.

As she puts her children to bed each night, she asks them to "think happy thoughts" as they fall asleep. It's a new tradition, since July.

Zachary, now 2 — a white-haired blur of energy with a smile that never quits — calls Mary "my princess."

Max, 4, the moodier of the two, has trouble getting to sleep at night if Mom isn't upstairs, close to his pirates' nest.

"A mother's greatest fear is who's going to take care of her children," Mary said. "Could anybody love them as much?"

She paused, then answered her own question. "Nobody can."



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Kathy DuRoss Ford, right, gets teary at lunch Saturday as she discusses her friend Mary Fisher, left and Fisher's AIDS virus. "It's cruel and wicked. It's so unfair," Ford said.

Loved ones face difficult reckoning

BY FRANK BRUNI
Free Press Staff Writer

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Kathy DuRoss Ford tried gamely to joke about it.

"I don't even want to have a sexy thought in my head," she said. "It's all Disney movies for me from now on."

But then she started to cry.

"I wish I could stop," she said. "It's just because I'm tired."

In a tone of mock consternation, Marjorie Fisher snapped: "No you're not! You do this all the time whenever we talk about this."

This was the still-stunning news that Mary Fisher, Marjorie's 43-year-old daughter and Ford's dear friend, has the AIDS virus.

Fisher, 68, wife of powerful financier and philanthropist Max Fisher, and Ford, 52-year-old widow of auto magnate Henry Ford II, probably never dreamed they would be discussing the AIDS epidemic, as they did with Mary on Saturday at a Boca Raton restaurant.

Now, they share a nightmare with the families and friends of an estimated one million other people in America who have the virus that leads to AIDS.

"It had never hit my life," said Fisher. "I never worried about my children or my friends."

She tried to describe the pain she felt at learning about Mary. "Do you

remember where you were when Kennedy was shot? It was that kind of day. ... I was hurt right here," she said, clasping her hands together — as if praying — then tapping them against her breast. "For months, I had a soreness here."

"I wish I had it instead of her."

Mary's brother Phillip, 41, of Orchard Lake said: "I know a lot more today" about AIDS and "I think concerns need to be raised and questions need to be asked to bring everybody up to speed."

Mary is trying to bring everyone in her life up to speed.

She hands out copies of a 300-page book on HIV and AIDS to anyone interested in reading it. Mary wants everyone she knows to become what she called ambassadors of AIDS awareness to everyone they know.

Joy Prouty, one of Mary's closest friends in Florida, said as soon as she heard Mary's shocking news, "I wanted to know everything about HIV, everything about AIDS." Now Prouty, 50, who owns a fitness club in West Palm Beach, said she can help Mary dispel the stigma and myths surrounding AIDS.

During the lunch, Ford said it seemed especially unfair for Mary to be infected, since she has two very young children.

"It's cruel and wicked," Ford said.

"She wasn't involved in anything at all that you think about in terms of AIDS."

Mary cut her off.

"Wait," she said. "Stop. Stop for a second. Nobody plans this. This isn't fair for anybody."

Ford thought about it and agreed, adding that one of the most horrible things about HIV is that it is spread, most often, through acts of love.

"I think it's criminal for people to get this, to be penalized for doing something normal," she said. "Even two guys — I mean, that's been happening for centuries."

After her comment about Disney movies, Mary reminded her that AIDS "is not a casual disease," then explained how difficult it really is to transmit the virus.

"So I can hold hands?" Ford asked her.

"Yes," Mary said. "And you can kiss."

Ford laughed when asked if the news about Mary made her think she might be at risk and ought to be tested.

"I've been widowed for four years — I have no reason to get tested," she said. Then she added, jokingly, "If I had this, I'd be pretty mad at Henry. I thought he was faithful to me all these years."

Everybody laughed again. It was welcome relief.

Early signs of character in two famous heirs



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their 40s today. A couple of decades in there.

I first met Mary at Channel 56's first fund-raising auction. It was in the court of Southfield's just-opened Twelve Mall. Mary, who can get along with the immediate world, was the celeb host.

All the celeb auctioneers and emcees were in the green room, and Mary introduced us to her father, Max Fisher, and friend Henry Ford II. Mary called him "Henry." I was impressed.

I remember that Fisher and Ford seemed confused about what they were supposed to do as auctioneers. The two of them should just buy all the items, someone joked. Everyone laughed. Mary explained it all to us. Everyone was flying by the seat of his or her pants. It was terrific!

The next time I heard from Henry Ford II, oddly enough, it concerned Edsel a year or so later. I'd talked to some Detroiters in New York who'd seen their friend Edsel Ford at a couple of parties in the city. He'd come down from Babson College in Massachusetts.

I then wrote some line about the Ford heir having the time of his life with a New York party crowd. One minute after nine the morning it appeared, I got a call from Henry Ford II, mad as hell.

He told me his son was working hard at school. "Edsel is no playboy.



Fisher



Ford

I'm real proud of him. He's a good kid. He certainly doesn't need that kind of crap from you."

I apologized and asked if I could quote him. "You bet," he said. I did.

The last time I saw Edsel I squeezed his cheek. Yes, *that* one. I know. I'm awful. Sometimes I can't control myself.

Everyone was standing for the start of a Pistons game, and we were walking along the court at the Palace.

As we passed where Chuck Daly's best friend, John Ginopolis, has his first-row seats, I noticed Edsel and his wife were with the Ginopolises.

I couldn't resist and gave Edsel a little pinch on the rear as we walked by. Adolescent guy stuff, I know. So what?

We all laughed. Did the let's-get-together exchange. Lunch. You call. Soon. Still haven't. But it sure looks like it's time to.

Mary and Edsel, all grown up. Edsel's trail is taking an interesting twist as the possible new owner of the Detroit Tigers, should Tom Monaghan sell them. Mary's courageous shocker about being HIV positive has lifted our consciousness another level about HIV and AIDS.

Mary will be great for the AIDS fight. She's smooth, she's smart, she reads powerful people as well as anyone. She's been around them all her life.

The best use of clout is using it to do good for people in real need. It's Mary's credo. I remember a certain place for needy kids was going to be closed and moved some distance away. Mary asked me to tag along to the meeting where the decision was to be made.

She told the board that it would be a shame if the public found out about the hardships it would cause if the center closed, "if they read about it in Bob Talbert's column." Heads jerked in my direction.

I just grinned like a fool and nodded my head yes-yes-yes. I'd never been happier to be used. There are countless stories like this about Mary. Using people for others in need who have no champion.

Mary's always been a winner in her own right. Loved a challenge. Her name helped, but skill and talent did the trick. Hopefully, it will help in her greatest challenge.

Edsel, we cheer you on. Mary, our prayers are with you.

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IN OUR OPINION

AIDS

That the disease can strike anyone becomes clearer

There is no more room or time for public denial of the urgent public health crisis that is the AIDS epidemic.

Many for too long have believed this was just a disease of gay men and drug addicts. Then basketball star Magic Johnson's revelation that he has been infected with the virus that causes AIDS brought home to some that heterosexuals can get it, too. Now Mary Fisher, daughter of local financier and philanthropist Max Fisher, gives us similar news.

Ms. Fisher's tragedy and her courage in facing it make it very hard for anyone to argue that AIDS is someone else's problem. She comes off very much like most other mothers of young children in this country, only richer. She is heterosexual and was faithful within her marriage. But none of that protected her from infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes AIDS, she presumes as a result of intravenous drug use by her now former husband before their marriage.

AIDS cannot reasonably be put into the mental box of a disease of just gays or drug addicts. Its victims are not guilty or innocent, pure or depraved, but infected. Until such time as there may be a vaccine, only changed behavior can stymie its spread.

The World Health Organization says that 90 percent of new infections in the world last year resulted from heterosexual intercourse. AIDS is a heterosexual disease in the United States, too. In fact, the rate of new infection among gay

men has declined; it's among heterosexuals that the incidence is skyrocketing.

There are things we can learn and, as Ms. Fisher fervently desires, the president of the United States and other leaders can help teach, by using their public platforms.

One lesson is that through changed behavior, by at least using condoms and never sharing needles, the spread of the disease can be all but blocked. Another is that anyone who engages in unprotected sexual intercourse, even in a monogamous relationship, by extension becomes part of someone else's life experiences. So couples may need to sort out whether past or present practices by one or both mean that HIV tests may contain information they should have. A third is that people had better get a lot more worried about whether this disease is being spread and less about whether someone is having a sexual relationship of which they disapprove.

These are messages that a legion of persons less well known than Mary Fisher or Magic Johnson have been trying to get across at great cost to their privacy. Those who still try to deny that this is a disease that can touch anyone had better pay attention.



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Mary Fisher, who revealed that she has tested HIV-positive.

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TALK ON AIDS COMES STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART



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Larry Fisher, left, hugs Jennifer Swartout, 17, Wednesday at Livonia Churchill High School. Swartout's uncle died of AIDS last fall.

Livonia seniors hear vivid words of warning

FRANK BRUNI

Press Staff Writer

Spring break and its promise of fun, sun and sex were just a day away.

And Livonia Churchill High School seniors were thinking about it Wednesday as they sat in the auditorium. But they were frightened and sad. Some were in tears.

The students had been summoned to an assembly about AIDS, to hear a last-minute plea to think about the

disease and guard against it in the sex-charged atmosphere of such popular spring break sites as Florida, Mexico, the Carolinas or Texas.

That plea — made with wrenching emotion and painful honesty — came straight from people whose lives were changed forever and diminished by AIDS.

The kids were rattled, in ways they had not been rattled before.

"I could feel the pain," said Bridgette Orosz, 18, who sobbed as she

listened to one speaker, a 22-year-old gay man with AIDS named Tim.

Tim predicted he would die in a few years and described the experimental treatments he gets that pump blood out of his body, warm it, then pump it back in.

The talk "scared me to death," Orosz said. "It really hit home."

Although she is not traveling during spring break, Orosz said the assembly will echo in her mind any time she thinks about sex.

"It's becoming more and more vivid to me all the time — how much this disease will affect me and the people around me."

Jeff Meadors, 18, who is heading to Cancun, Mexico, after school lets out today, said the assembly attached faces and voices to a disease that often seems remote. He vowed to keep them in mind as he chases fun in the sun.

"It made me realize it's not always

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Speakers tell seniors travel with caution

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"other guy," Meadors said. The unusual assembly happened because AIDS touched one Churchill senior.

Jennifer Swartout, 17, lost a beloved uncle to the disease last fall. Afterward, vowing to save others, she marched into the principal's office to see if she could put together an assembly for spring break.

The volunteer speakers Swartout recruited included Mary Fisher, the daughter of wealthy Franklin industrialist Max Fisher who announced in February that she is infected with HIV, the AIDS virus.

Swartout set a grim tone in her opening remarks to her classmates.

"Many of us are leaving for the beaches of Myrtle Beach, Cancun, Florida. We must realize we're entering the adult world," she said. "With adult privileges come adult responsibilities. I'm asking you to be responsible. What you hear today could save your life."

Students heard from a Warren woman who got the AIDS virus from a husband who used IV drugs. She told how she unknowingly passed it to her son, now a 5-year-old suffering with full-blown AIDS.

They heard from Dave Silvani, chief of the Lincoln Park Fire Department, whose eldest daughter Denise died of complications related to AIDS last August at the age of 27. He quoted her as once saying: "Most teenagers think they'll live forever. Look at me. ... You do stupid things when you're not thinking."

And they heard from Tim, the 22-year-old, who said he had been careless in not using protection with the partner who infected him.

"You all have a choice," he said, blinking back tears. "Everybody has a choice. I just made the wrong one."

Fisher, 44, walked among members of the audience and held their hands in an attempt to show them they don't have to fear people, like her, who have the AIDS virus. She asked one girl to stand up and hug her, and as the girl did, the roughly 380 students broke into loud applause.

Parents had been given the option to excuse kids from the assembly, which sometimes included blunt talk about risky sexual behaviors. None of the parents did, said Churchill principal Rodney Hosman.

Hosman said he could not recall another assembly that had students so riveted and obviously touched. He pledged to do more to remind young people that AIDS is real and can invade their lives.

Health experts are anxious to get that message to teenagers because the threat of AIDS often is invisible to them. Since the average time span between infection with the AIDS virus and the onset of AIDS is 10 years, few teenagers ever get sick with the disease.

But the majority of AIDS cases in people ages 20 to 29 are believed to stem from infection during the teen years. Nationally, there have been 41,628 AIDS cases in that age group. In Michigan, there have been 604.

Even with the lag time between infection and illness, AIDS is the sixth leading cause of death among people ages 13 to 24.

A recent report by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control showed that more



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Livonia Churchill High School students on Wednesday examine the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which is dedicated to those who have died from the disease.

than a decade into the AIDS epidemic, nearly one in three teenagers has unprotected sex with more than one partner before graduating high school.

Michele Derda, 18, had been confronted with such numbers before. But they had nowhere near the impact of

the real people at Wednesday's assembly, talking about real risk and real death.

"They say they're not going to leave anything behind," Derda said to the speakers. "But I think they left a lot behind today."

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U.S. PROPOSAL FAILS TO SETTLE FETAL TISSUE

As the House prepares this week to vote on lifting the four-year-old ban on federally funded fetal tissue research, it has been offered an unprecedented compromise by the Bush Administration.

"What the President is doing is providing a solution," HHS Assistant Secretary James Mason said. "He's saying, Look, this is questionable, when we derive the tissue from induced abortions. Let's go to a source that isn't questionable."

But far from settling the controversy, the proposal has been met with derision in much of the scientific community. Many experts call it an absurd and unworkable idea that shows how little the White House understands the intricacies of medical research.

"No one knows how this would work because it is a ridiculous idea from start to finish," said Warren Kearny, a fetal research specialist at the University of Minnesota Center for Biomedical Ethics. He said there is no way that the tissue bank could provide enough genetically normal and usable fetuses to meet the need of researchers. "It's a pure political move in an election year. It's just a stupid idea." (Malcolm Gladwell, Washington Post, A3)

U.S. SEIZES PHILADELPHIA PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

PHILADELPHIA -- The federal government Wednesday took charge of day-to-day operation of the Philadelphia Housing Authority, only the fifth local authority but by far the largest to be displaced since HUD was created in 1965. The move followed by one day a request for federal intervention by PHA Chairman Jonathan Saidel, who said the authority was too mired in political corruption to oversee hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds targeted for it in the next five years. Mayor Edward Rendell (D) also has expressed concern. (Dale Russakoff, Washington Post, A3)

SALOMON, U.S. SETTLE BOND CASE

Salomon Brothers Inc. agreed Wednesday to pay \$290 million in fines and other penalties to settle government civil complaints in the biggest scandal ever in the U.S. Treasury securities market.

In announcing the settlement, SEC Chairman Breeden said the investigation "did not substantiate that wrongdoing was a common, everyday occurrence" in the market for Treasury securities. Breeden also said that Salomon had engaged in "serious wrongdoing," but that the misconduct had been confined to "a fairly limited part of the firm" and involved only a small number of employees.

(Robert McCartney & David Hilzenrath, Washington Post, A1)

TRADE DEFICIT SHARPLY WIDER IN MARCH

The U.S. merchandise trade deficit shot up to \$5.8 billion in March as a stronger American economy pulled in the highest level of foreign goods in 18 months, the government reported Wednesday.

As imports of cars, consumer goods and industrial machinery rose more than 4 percent, to \$42.8 billion, overseas sales of U.S. products declined 1.7 percent from their record \$37.7 billion level in February. Once again, the U.S. ran its largest trade deficit with Japan -- \$4 billion in March, an increase of \$1 billion from the month before. (Stuart Auerbach, Washington Post, B12)

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PANEL VOTES TO EXTEND JOBLESS BENEFITS

The House Ways and Means Committee Wednesday approved a \$5.8 billion emergency unemployment package that would provide an additional 20 or 26 weeks of benefits to jobless people who have exhausted their 26 weeks of benefits.

The measure, which was scaled back from a proposal by Rep. Rostenkowski and Rep. Downey, would help an estimated 1.5 million people who will use up their coverage when the current programs of extended benefits expires in July.

(Eric Pianin, Washington Post, A9)

HILL CONFEREES RETAIN MOST 'PORK' PROGRAMS

House and Senate negotiators agreed to an \$8.2 billion package of spending cuts Wednesday that eliminates relatively few of the "pork barrel" projects President Bush complained about and preserved funds to build one of two Seawolf nuclear-powered submarines Bush proposed scrapping.

Senate negotiators abandoned their effort to make deep cuts in SDI and the B-2 "stealth" bomber and other defense projects backed by the Administration. Instead, they agreed to a token \$500 million cut in the B-2 and a \$200 million reduction in SDI spending.

The negotiators surpassed the President's request for current fiscal year spending cuts by \$308 million, but in many areas they ignored his recommendations. (Eric Pianin, Washington Post, A4)

Cheney Says Seawolf Bill May Suffer Veto

Senate and House conferees Wednesday reached a compromise on the continued building of Seawolf nuclear submarines, but Secretary Cheney warned he may recommend a presidential veto.

"If, in fact, that rescission bill comes down in a form that I think does violence to what our security requirements are, if Congress insists on protecting the pork and trying to cut the essence of our future military capabilities or insist that we buy things we don't need or spend money on systems that we don't think are any longer required, then I wouldn't have any hesitation at all about recommending a veto to the President," he said in a speech at the National Press Club.

(Rowan Scarborough, Washington Times, A4)

BUSH 'STAR WARS' PLAN HITS NEW TROUBLE

President Bush's anti-missile defense program ran into new trouble in Congress Wednesday when SDI Office Director Henry Cooper said completing the first anti-missile site by 1997 would have a high risk of cost and technical problems.

"Meeting the 1997 date represents a major challenge with high concurrency and attendant high risk," Cooper told a Senate Armed Services subcommittee.

(Nation, Washington Times, A2)

'Murphy' Frown

Vice President Quayle Wednesday rejected a White House attempt to put a politically positive spin on his charge that TV sitcom character Murphy Brown had glamorized illegitimacy by giving birth out of wedlock. "The 'Murphy Brown' show does not represent pro-life policies," he said outside a school he visited.

President Bush was dragged into the flap during a news conference with Prime Minister Mulroney. Bush fidgeted and looked into the sea of reporters hoping to spot someone who would ask about the trade wars the two leaders met to settle. But the press wanted to hear his view of Quayle's attack on Murphy Brown.

Bill and Hillary Clinton each blasted the Quayle comments, saying they showed how out of touch the Administration is with Americans, according to AP.

"I think he continues to demonstrate how out of touch he and the Bush Administration is," Mrs. Clinton said. "We shouldn't have some single ideological vision of what a traditional family is. I don't think anybody needs to lecture about what is and isn't a family." Gov. Clinton said, "I think the effect of Murphy Brown on the Los Angeles riots was marginal."

The Vice President found comfort in his own supporters. Gary Bauer fired a blistering letter to 'Murphy Brown' producer Diane English. "Vice President Quayle was right on the money. If we care about this society, we will do all we can to cease depicting violence as pleasurable, out-of-wedlock sex as rewarding and cosmopolitan, and the traditional family as irrelevant and out-of-fashion," he wrote. (Paul Bedard, Washington Times, A1)

WORDS SPARK PASSION, BUT FEW ANSWERS

Vice President Quayle's rebuke of TV icon Murphy Brown's single motherhood was one sentence in a 41-paragraph speech. But the rest of his text examined a jarring and discomfiting issue propelled into prominence by the Los Angeles riots: How much does the loss of traditional values contribute to poverty, hopelessness and racial tension?

When Roy Innis, chairman of CORE, heard accounts of Quayle's 'Murphy Brown' remarks, he thought the Vice President "had been flippant and trivial." But after reading the speech, Innis changed his mind: "He told the truth -- that you cannot solve the poverty of economics until you solve the poverty of values."

(Judy Keen & James Harney, USA Today, 1A)

BUSH LEADS IN NEW POLL

President Bush would beat both Ross Perot and Bill Clinton if the election were held today, according to a new NBC News/Wall Street Journal Poll released Wednesday. The survey found 35 percent of voters supported or were leaning toward Bush, 30 percent chose Perot and 27 percent picked Clinton.

NBC said the poll showed Bush had "high negative" ratings among the 1,118 registered voters polled May 15-19. Among others, he trailed Perot in his perceived ability to deal with the economy and was behind Clinton in dealing with race relations, NBC said. Bush led Clinton and Perot in the public's view of his ability to lead in foreign policy and deal with crime. (Reuter)

**CELEBRATION AT ST. JOSAPHAT'S UKRAINIAN CATHEDRAL
PARMA, OHIO \ THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1992 \ 1:30 P.M.**

**THANK YOU GOVERNOR VOINOVICH. IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE
WITH SEC. DERWINSKI AND SEC. KEMP. HELLO TO LT. GOV.
MIKE DEWINE; PARMA'S MAYOR MIKE RIES [REEZE]; AND MAYOR
RALPH PERK -- FORMER MAYOR OF CLEVELAND AND NOW
PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN NATIONALITIES MOVEMENT;
REVEREND CLERGY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I'M GRATEFUL FOR
THIS WARM WELCOME TO PARMA, AND FOR THE HOSPITALITY OF
THE CLERGY AND PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOSAPHAT'S.**

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**I AM HONORED TO ACCEPT THE FREEDOM MEDAL FROM THE
AMERICAN NATIONALITIES MOVEMENT. YOU REPRESENT
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC WHO
NOW HAVE THE THRILLING TASK OF RENEWING THE VERY FACE
OF EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE.**

**HOW FITTING IT IS THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS PROCLAIMED
THIS FREEDOM DAY. AMERICANS LIKE YOURSELVES GAVE US
THE STRENGTH THAT HELPED TOPPLE THE BERLIN WALL.**

MAY 20 18:34

WE BROUGHT ABOUT THE FALL OF THE IRON CURTAIN, THE DEATH OF IMPERIAL COMMUNISM. WE PREVENTED THE CATAclysm OF A THIRD WORLD WAR BECAUSE FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE IN AMERICA AND IN EUROPE PERSEVERED AND WON THE COLD WAR.

FREEDOM DAY HONORS WOMEN AND MEN OF FAITH -- PROTESTANTS, ORTHODOX, CATHOLICS, JEWS, MUSLIMS -- WHO SUFFERED PERSECUTION RATHER THAN ASSENT TO THE LIES OF COMMUNISM.

THE GREAT LEADER OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE LATE CARDINAL SLIPYJ, [SLI-PEEJ] ENDURED YEARS OF PAIN AND PRISON. AND WE'LL NEVER FORGET HUNGARY'S NOBLE SYMBOL OF COURAGE -- THE LATE CARDINAL MINDSZENDTY. [MIN-ZEN-TEE] BOTH THESE MEN DIED IN LONELY EXILE -- BUT THEY INSPIRED OTHERS TO PERSEVERE. THEY INSPIRED OTHERS LITERALLY TO CHANGE THE WORLD. NOW BOTH ARE HAILED OPENLY AS HEROES IN THEIR NATIVE LANDS -- AS THEY ARE HONORED HERE IN AMERICA.

THIS DAY WE ALSO HONOR HEROES OF THE 1990S -- STATESMEN SUCH AS VACLAV HAVEL AND LECH WALESA, AND VYTAUTAS [VEE-TAU-TAS] LANDSBERGIS. AND WE MARVEL AT HOW OUR WORLD HAS CHANGED. DURING THE 1980S, HAVEL AND WALESA SPENT TIME IN PRISON FOR THE "CRIME" OF SPEAKING UP FOR FREEDOM. AND IT WAS SCARCELY MORE THAN ONE YEAR AGO THAT LANDSBERGIS TOOK HIS STAND -- ARMED ONLY WITH THE TRUTH AND THE SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM -- AGAINST RED ARMY FORCES WHO WERE GUNNING DOWN INNOCENT CITIZENS OF LITHUANIA.

THIS DAY HONORS THE WORK OF HALF A CENTURY: OF OUR GIs AND OUR ALLIES WHO KEPT NATO STRONG. OF RADIO BROADCASTERS WHO PIERCED THE IRON CURTAIN WITH WORDS OF HOPE AND TRUTH. OF FREE WORLD LEADERS WHOSE DEEDS WERE AS POWERFUL AS THEIR WORDS: MARGARET THATCHER, HELMUT KOHL, RONALD REAGAN. OF FAMILIES IN THE EAST AND THE WEST WHO PRAYED TOGETHER, AND PARENTS WHO TAUGHT THEIR CHILDREN RIGHT FROM WRONG.

THE PHYSICAL AND MORAL STRENGTH OF THESE PEOPLE
TRANSCENDED AND DESTROYED THE IRON CURTAIN.

MORAL STRENGTH WILL PREVAIL EVEN WHERE VIOLENCE AND
OPPRESSION HOLD FORTH -- AS IN THE STATES OF THE FORMER
YUGOSLAVIA. THE UNITED STATES NOW RECOGNIZES THE FULL
SOVEREIGNTY OF SLOVENIA, CROATIA AND BOSNIA. WE STAND
IN SOLIDARITY WITH THEIR PEOPLE. AND LET ME MAKE THIS
CLEAR: WE WILL NOT RECOGNIZE THE ANNEXATION OF
TERRITORY BY FORCE. WE WILL NOT REWARD AGGRESSION.

WE WILL STAND BY OUR PRINCIPLES, AND OUR PRINCIPLES
WILL PREVAIL. \\\

WE STAND TODAY ON THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW WORLD OF
PEACE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN
-- TRULY A WATERSHED. IT'S A TIME FOR HOPE -- AND FOR
HARD WORK. MOMENTS LIKE THESE DON'T HAPPEN IN EVERY
LIFETIME -- THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A CENTURY. WE
HAVE THE CHANCE TO CONSOLIDATE A DEMOCRATIC PEACE AND
BUILD THE ENDURING PROSPERITY THAT MUST FOLLOW THE COLD
WAR.

IT'S JUST AMAZING TO LEARN ABOUT SOME OF THE EFFORTS ALREADY BEGUN: THINK TANKS AND FAX MACHINE NETWORKS TO FOSTER DEMOCRACY AND FREE ENTERPRISE IN THE BALTIC REPUBLICS, IN UKRAINE, IN RUSSIA, THROUGHOUT EASTERN EUROPE. GOVERNOR VOINOVICH TELLS ME THE GROWTH OF TELEPHONE TRAFFIC BETWEEN OHIO AND UKRAINE IS PHENOMENAL. NEW PHONE LINKS ARE HELPING FAMILIES RESTORE OLD BONDS AND HELPING NEW BUSINESS VENTURES GET GOING.

AND PEOPLE FROM KIEV AND VILNIUS NOW TRAVEL HERE WITHOUT HAVING TO FEAR THAT THEY'VE LEFT HOME FOR THE LAST TIME.

AND GOVERNMENT IS DOING ITS PART. TWO WEEKS AGO, I WELCOMED PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND CAMP DAVID ON THE FIRST VISIT BY A FREELY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF INDEPENDENT UKRAINE. TOGETHER, WE MADE PROGRESS AGAINST THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR. I ANNOUNCED AMERICA'S PLEDGE TO ESTABLISH A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER IN UKRAINE.

WE SIGNED AGREEMENTS THAT WILL FOSTER TRADE AND INVESTMENT WITH UKRAINE. AND I HAVE TAKEN ACTION TO GRANT MOST FAVORED NATION STATUS FOR UKRAINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. \\ AND IN JUST A FEW DAYS, OUR OWN ROMAN POPADIUK WILL BE SWORN IN AS THE FIRST AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO UKRAINE. \\

TWO DAYS AGO I HAD AN EQUALLY GOOD MEETING WITH KAZAKH PRESIDENT NAZARBAEV.

LIKE PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK, HE PLEDGED TO JOIN THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AS A NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATE, AND PLEDGED TO REMOVE ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITHIN THE SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD OF THE START AGREEMENT. AND IN A FEW MORE WEEKS, PRESIDENT YELTSIN AND I WILL MEET TOGETHER IN WASHINGTON TO CHART A NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE.

THE UNITED STATES IS EAGER TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN CLOSE TIES WITH BELARUS, MOLDOVA, ARMENIA AND ALL THE NATIONS THAT HAVE WON INDEPENDENCE FROM SOVIET RULE. WORKING WITH THEM AND OUR ALLIES, WE WANT TO ESTABLISH A DEMOCRATIC PEACE -- A LASTING PEACE BASED ON TRUST AND SHARED VALUES, NOT SIMPLY THE ABSENCE OF WAR. TO FINISH THIS JOB, I NEED YOUR HELP.

WE'VE DONE MUCH TO SUPPORT THE NEW NATIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH -- AND THERE ARE OTHER INITIATIVES THAT WILL HELP THESE NATIONS ALONG THE ROAD TO DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM.

FOR INSTANCE, THE FREEDOM SUPPORT ACT WHICH WE'VE SENT TO CONGRESS WILL PROVIDE EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN BUSINESS. IT WILL CLEAR AWAY THE MASS OF COLD WAR LEGISLATION THAT NOW INHIBITS TRADE AND INVESTMENT WITH UKRAINE AND THE OTHER NEW NATIONS OF THE OLD SOVIET EMPIRE.

IT PROVIDES ME THE AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE FOOD ASSISTANCE TOTALLING \$110 MILLION DOLLARS IN FOOD CREDIT GUARANTEES FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

CONGRESS SHOULD ACT NOW -- PASS THIS BILL WITHOUT DELAY -- AND GET IT ON MY DESK BEFORE PRESIDENT YELTSIN'S VISIT NEXT MONTH. \\\

LET'S NOT DISAPPOINT OUR CHILDREN. IF WE MEET OUR HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY, A GENERATION FROM NOW PEOPLE MAY SPEAK OF A "UKRAINIAN MIRACLE" OR A "BALTIC MIRACLE" MUCH AS WE MARVEL AT THE RECOVERY OF WESTERN EUROPE FROM THE RAVAGES OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR. YOU AND I CAN HELP MAKE THIS HAPPEN. AND ACHIEVING THIS WOULD BE THE FINEST, THE MOST LASTING MONUMENT WE COULD POSSIBLY BUILD TO HONOR THE FAITH AND THE SACRIFICES OF OUR COLD WAR HEROES. SO LET US FINISH THE JOB.

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LET'S EXTEND THIS DAY OF FREEDOM INTO A LASTING ERA OF FREEDOM, PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PREVAILED OVER COMMUNISM.

I KNOW IT IS STILL THE EASTER SEASON IN YOUR CHURCH, AND TO CLOSE, I WANT TO TELL A STORY ABOUT EASTER THIS YEAR, NOT IN UKRAINE, BUT IN RUSSIA. MANY OF YOU WILL RECALL THE BIG MILITARY PARADES THE SOVIETS USED TO HAVE IN RED SQUARE -- ALWAYS WITH A HUGE PORTRAIT OF LENIN AS THE BACKDROP, ON THE WALL OF THE STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUM.



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WELL, THIS YEAR AT EASTER, THERE WAS NO PORTRAIT OF LENIN. INSTEAD A MASSIVE ICON TOWERED OVER RED SQUARE -- AN ICON OF THE RESURRECTION. AND ATOP IT THE WORDS: "CHRISTOS VOSKRESE" [KREE-STOS VOS-KRES] -- CHRIST IS RISEN.

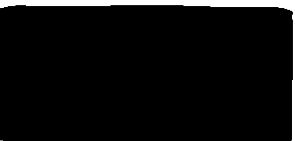
THIS IS INDEED A SEASON OF RESURRECTION THROUGHOUT THE ONCE-CAPTIVE NATIONS OF EUROPE.



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IT'S A WONDERFUL TIME TO BE ALIVE, TO SEE THESE DAYS,
AND TO ENJOY THE FREEDOM GOD HAS GIVEN US IN THE
FREEST, MOST WONDERFUL NATION ON EARTH -- THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA. THANK YOU, AND MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF
YOU.

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^Associated Press Writer=

"MURPHY HAS A BABY ... QUAYLE HAS A CDW" headlined the Philadelphia Daily News. "Quayle to Murphy Brown: YOU TRAMP!" blared the New York Daily News. "DAN RAPS MURPHY'S FLAW," punned the Boston Herald.

At newsstands, on radio talk shows and around the water cooler Wednesday, Americans plunged into the nation's latest domestic furor - Dan Quayle's claim, in a speech on the Los Angeles riots, that television character Murphy Brown's giving birth to a child outside wedlock mocks "the importance of fathers."

On "Regis & Kathie Lee" the syndicated TV hosts got into it, with Regis Philbin saying the vice president had a point and Kathie Lee Gifford asking what else Murphy could have done under the circumstances.

On WABC radio in New York, another host couple - Guardian Angels founders Curtis and Lisa Sliwa - found that callers to their show wanted to talk about nothing else.

"The phone was blown off the hook. Our call screener was going nuts," hooted Lisa. "We haven't had anything like this since Anita Hill and Judge Thomas," marveled Curtis.

That was all they agreed on. Murphy Brown, Curtis said, "is setting the wrong example, like Bishop Casey."

But Lisa asked what Quayle expected Murphy to do - "Have an abortion?" Anyway, she added, "I'm not sure Dan understood Murphy Brown's a fictional character."

"Why is this rich guy telling us about parenting?" asked a male caller. "First they have nursemaids, then governesses, then they send the kids off to boarding school."

By late morning, the Sliwas' successor at the mike, Joy Behar, was sputtering "I'm sick of this topic!"

No one else seemed to be. As 38 million CBS viewers looked on Monday night, Murphy Brown - an unmarried television anchorwoman - gave birth to a baby boy.

On Tuesday, in a speech, Quayle said that "Bearing babies irresponsibly is wrong. Failing to support children one has fathered is wrong."

He continued: "It doesn't help matters when primetime TV has Murphy Brown - a character who supposedly epitomizes today's intelligent, highly paid, professional woman - mocking the importance of fathers by bearing a child alone and then calling it just another 'lifestyle choice.'"

Reaction came swiftly. "If he believes that a woman cannot adequately raise a child without a father, then he'd better make sure abortion remains safe and legal," said "Murphy Brown" producer Diane English. Kim Gandy of the National Organization for Women said the vice president was claiming "there's something wrong with people raised by one parent."

But columnist Carl Rowan, who is black, said the episode would have an "undesirable impact" on youth of all races: "When widely watched sitcoms bore in on a devastating social problem, the producers ought to ask what purpose they have in mind other than getting high ratings. They ought to ask what messages they are sending to the young women of America."

In Los Angeles, incoming Police Chief Willie Williams had the courage, or possibly the good sense, to admit he works too late to see "Murphy Brown." But he added: "We have to stop trying to find one organization or entity to blame the riots on."

About the only person with nothing to say was the woman who plays Murphy Brown, Candice Bergen.

Her publicist, Allen Eichhorn, said the actress was on a flight Wednesday from New York to California. He said that when he told her on Tuesday night about Quayle's remarks, she said, "Oh really? ... OK, fine. Thank you."

"I don't think she cared to jump into the fray," he said.

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WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Students:

I just had the opportunity to view your outstanding videotape, "Say Yes to Life." Congratulations on a wonderful production. The tape reflects the time and energy that each of you put into it, as well as the proud and determined spirit that you have cultivated at Hamilton Middle School.

Those of you who have participated in the School's Chapter One Project have discovered for yourselves the rewards of a good education. You have recognized your God-given talents and learned how to use them. In addition, each of you has pledged to respect your classmates and to cooperate with others. You are right on target when you say that your strategy could be a "blueprint" for young people across the country. Think of how much better our schools would be if more and more Americans adopted the positive attitude found in your rap song, "Go to school and get an education, so we can have a better generation."

Mrs. Bush joins me in congratulating your teachers Cindy Mendez, Carolyn Rydell, and Kathy Welke on their vision. The video is also a real credit to Dana Rydell-Leach and Jeff DeVouno, its producers, as well as to the generous individuals who donated their time, talents, and technical assistance. Your production is a wonderful example of the community lending a hand to our schools.

I am passing along your video to Secretary Lamar Alexander at the Department of Education so that he can enjoy it, too, and share your success with others.

You have my best wishes for a bright and happy future.

Sincerely,

Az Bush

The Chapter One Classes
Hamilton Middle School
1060 East 70th Street
Long Beach, California 90805

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Sample -
ltr to
Students

ck May 14, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR SHIRLEY GREEN

FROM: LILLIE M. BELL *AB*
SUBJECT: Video from Jeff DeVuono

The attached video may be something that the President would like to see and, possibly use at a later date.

It concerns a remedial program at the Hamilton Middle School in Long Beach, California, called Chapter One. One of the participants in the program is a former gang member, Santiago Alonso (age 14). With the coming of summer, this program may curtail some of the anticipated violence.

Perhaps some type of acknowledgement from the President would be possible?

Enclosure

ck
Washington D.C.
20500

Dear Mr. President:

You have seen the negative aspects of our educational system many times. And you and the governing bodies have been accused of-heck, you know all of that. How would you like to see something positive about education for a change?

Without crying for additional federal or state funds, the Chapter One program at Hamilton Middle School in Long Beach, California took what funds that were offered, changed the educational system, and made it work! I hope that you will spend 19 minutes to watch the enclosed tape which explains how the program works. But the tape doesn't describe the wonderful results since the completion of "Say Yes To Life."

Not only has this program noticeably effected and changed many of the students involved, but the school as a whole, the teachers, the staff, the parents and the community surrounding the school have come together and rallied around its successes. Even the Board of Education, which at first fought against the program and the tape, are rethinking the educational process.

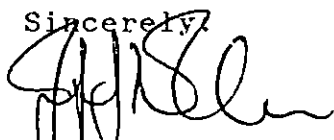
With the recent incident in Los Angeles, everyone is talking that the lack of education is our societal and economic illness. Well these kids don't talk, they show the path to the cure. Santiago Alonso is 14 years old. He was the camera operator for the video. Before this project he was a leader in a gang. Since then, he has slowly disassociated himself from that gang. And the day after the "video shoot," he was seen with some things no one had seen with him before-a book in his hand and a smile on his face.

But these are, after all, just kids. And because of last week, they are scared and confused. All of the positive virtues they have been learning can easily be squandered. This summer, gang activity will surely accelerate and put not only these "at risk" students, but the surrounding community, even further at risk.

Obviously, you know and understand your power. Any acknowledgment from you to say that this kids are doing the right thing will continue the positive momentum through the dangerous summer months. In football lingo Mr. President, you can be an ALL-PRO defense against the upcoming summertime gang offensive.

Obviously, you can call me anytime. But I will call you next week in hopes that we can discuss this tremendous opportunity to show the nation that there is hope if we, like these kids, stop talking and start doing. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jeff DeVuono', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Jeff DeVuono
1443 N. Fuller #408
Hollywood, CA 90046
213-878-0340

P.S. Although I don't think you'll need it, good luck this November.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

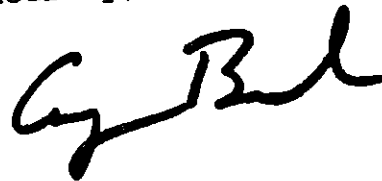
Dear Dr. Klopfenstein:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning health care in the United States.

I have asked that you be given a more detailed reply, but I did want you to know I read your letter and appreciated your sharing your views with me.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Lee A. Klopfenstein, M.D.
President
Van Wert County Medical Staff
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A. Klopfenstein, M.D.

FAMILY PRACTICE

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May 11, 1972

The Honorable George H. Bush
President of the United States
The Whitehouse
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

The purpose of bringing this letter to your attention is to make you aware of the worsening problem of government interference in health care, its distribution and reimbursement. The government has never been able to, and cannot, run business efficiently and distribute health care fairly. Attempting to pass laws to do this will relegate our patients and your constituents to second rate health care with respect to other industrialized countries.

It is true that the delivery system of health care needs to be overhauled but our only hope is to enhance the free enterprise system so that individuals can choose their physician, hospital and other health care providers based on their track record of quality health care and cost effective health care.

The letter itself, I believe, is self-explanatory when you understand that it is referring to the global surgery fees and the manner in which Nationwide Health Insurance is administering this for physicians assisting with the surgery, who also care for the patients' other medical needs.

Sincerely,



Lee A. Klopfenstein, M.D.
President, Van Wert County Medical Staff

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Enclosure

cc: Vice-Pres. J. Dan Quayle
Senator Howard Metzenbaum
Senator John Glenn
Senator John Rockefeller
Representative Paul Gilmore
Representative Pete Stark
D. Brent Mulgrew, J.D. Executive Director, OSMA
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May 11, 1992

Robert Scheidt, M.D.
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Dear Bob:

It is with regret that this letter is even necessary. But due to the unfortunate and unfair circumstances which have resulted from the changes in Medicare policies and the way in which they are being implemented, it has become impractical to assist on surgeries on our elderly patients. The ideal arrangement would be to continue what has been standard procedure for many years with the primary care physician assisting on major surgeries on their patients. I feel this is what the patients want and what they desire, but contrary to what Medicare indicates they want.

It is unreasonable, a disservice and essentially dishonest for Medicare to reimburse quite poorly and less than the overhead of the time invested for assisting and then to refuse to pay for any medical care, whether related to the surgery or not, over the next 90 days. This is in spite of using the appropriate modifiers and the appropriate codes.

I will be happy, and prefer, to be consulted on my patients for any medical clearance needed, medical problem which occurs or unrelated surgical problem before or after surgery on any of my patients at any time.

I appreciate your understanding in this matter and welcome any comments and assistance in getting the message to our patients now Medicare is rapidly approaching rationing health care and making health care for our elderly second rate.

Sincerely,



A. Klopfenstein, M.D.

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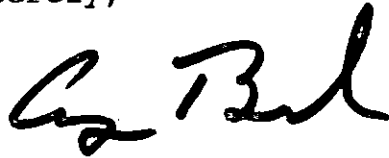
Dear Mr. Fuhrman:

Congressman Gingrich recently gave me a copy of your July 4, 1991, letter which I had not previously seen. Your letter clearly shows the pain and personal suffering that accompanied the bankruptcy of Eastern Airlines. I certainly appreciate the personal sacrifices you and your colleagues have made in this situation. It is clear that the strength of spirit that Captain Rickenbacker brought to Eastern Airlines is also evident in the spirit of so many of Eastern's employees.

As the commercial aviation industry begins to recover from the past two very difficult years, I very much hope that Eastern employees will find appropriate opportunities for their skills and great talent.

With every best wish,

Sincerely,



Mr. Robert G. Fuhrman
110 St. Andrews Drive
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 19, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: NICHOLAS E. CALIO *NEC*
SUBJECT: Attached letter from Gingrich Constituent

After a Republican Leadership meeting Newt Gingrich handed you a letter from his constituent (attachment B), for which you had requested a reply for your personal signature. Attachment A is a proposed reply.

THE

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The Honorable George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Rec. 3/25/92

Dear Mr. President:

The tragedy of the collapse of Eastern Air Lines and the peculiar way in which Frank Lorenzo acquired the airline, managed the airline, and bankrupted the airline really does deserve a deeper investigation than it has gotten.

The way in which normal, everyday, hard-working Americans can have their lives crushed and distorted by bankruptcy laws is something that should trouble every citizen. The level of pain caused by Eastern's collapse is so great, and the flaws in the system that allow the Lorenzo's of the world to engage in predatory behavior are sufficiently great that I feel compelled to ask you to look seriously at the attached letter by a very patriotic and very sincere Eastern pilot who truly believes in America and is deeply troubled by what has happened to him personally and the people he knows.

Sincerely,

Newt

Newt Gingrich

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Enclosure

*PS The attached 5 page letter
and supporting documentation
is truly heartrending and represents
the pain of over 20,000 families who
worked for Eastern Airlines.*

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July 4, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush,

On June 22, 1991 Congressman Newt Gingrich requested that I write this letter to you in care of his office. The matters in this correspondence were addressed at a townhall meeting in Peachtree City, Ga. on this date.

Mr. President, it is with respect for you and your office as President of the United States, that I write this letter.

On this day that our great Nation celebrates our freedom and independence, I write this correspondence to inform you of matters of concern that have affected the lives of many American citizens, the families of Eastern Airlines. I ask God through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, to give me the ability to present these matters to you with meaning and truth.

Eastern Airlines was the heritage of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker. Captain Rickenbacker was a man whose faith in God was measured by his life and example as he served the people of Eastern and the people of our nation. In this example, from 1976 until 1985, the employees of our company worked together and gave up hundreds of millions of dollars in wages so that Eastern would prosper and have a future. As part of this process and as an employee group, the families of Eastern earned a twenty five percent (25%) ownership position in our company. We had every reason, as hard-working American citizens, to see Eastern successful in the commercial airline business.

In 1985 and 1986 the families of Eastern, in God's love, sent three mercy flights (flown by Eastern crews on Eastern aircraft) to Ethiopia and the Sudan. These mercy flights saved human life and eased the suffering of many people. Eastern began to prosper with the first two quarters of 1985 producing the highest profits in our companies history. I saw the people of Eastern being blessed in the fruits of their labor and everything we dreamed and worked for was coming to fruition.

Then, in July of 1985, a change from the positive environment occurred causing Eastern to operate in a negative manner and our company began to lose money.

The systematic destruction of our company had begun involving methods which were unethical, immoral, and illegal. This un-American activity towards the families of Eastern are not mere conjecture but are contained in written facts. The lack of fulfillment of the laws of our nation concerning the injustices

at Eastern are evidently clear. As citizens of the United States we continually petitioned the U.S. Government under the First Amendment of our Bill of Rights for a redress of our grievances, including placing on your desk as President of the United States, HR 1231.

HR 1231 was a bill simply asking for an investigation to our grievances, bi-partisan in nature, and non-binding to you as President. On November 21, 1989 you vetoed this bill on the basis that the government should not involve itself with the process of business.

Mr. President, the situation at Eastern was not a normal business environment but involved criminal acts that our government is responsible to redress. The acts include fraud in the falsification of Eastern's maintenance records, a theory of constructive fraud on creditors or a theory of breach of fiduciary duty concerning the assets that were wrongfully taken from Eastern, and the totally unacceptable fact that Eastern Airlines was used as a major conduit for drug shipments into the United States from November of 1983 until July of 1990.

A. Fraud in the falsification of Eastern's Maintenance Records:

Federal Aviation Regulation 61:151(b) states: "that to hold an Airline Transport Rating, one must be of good moral character." My fellow pilots at Eastern, airmen with honor and integrity, lived up to the moral obligation of this regulation only to lose our jobs because we would not fly our passengers on aircraft that were not airworthy. Eastern Airlines has pleaded guilty to fraud concerning illegal maintenance procedures practiced at our airline. Eighteen people in maintenance have been indicted, and to this date, two have pleaded guilty.

Enclosures:

1. Press Release of July 25, 1990 by Andrew J. Maloney, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

Sixty count indictment concerning charges that arose "out of a scheme by Eastern directed from it's Miami headquarters to defraud both the United States and Eastern's flying customers, by failing to perform mandatory maintenance on Eastern Aircraft and by falsifying maintenance records to appear as if the work had been done in order to avoid costly flight delays and cancellations. Performance of these maintenance items was required by FAA safety regulations." The time that this fraud began was in July 1985 pg.2.

2. Letter from the U.S. Department of Transportation
Gen. Counsel, Mr. C. Dean McGrath, Jr.

"Eastern recently agreed to plead guilty to seven counts relating to the falsification of certain of its maintenance and safety records. The charges stemmed in large part from Eastern's failure to perform certain aircraft maintenance procedures required by the Federal Aviation Administration (an operating administration of the Department of Transportation), and the carrier's subsequent falsification of records to indicate the work had been done."

B. "A theory of constructive fraud on creditors or a theory of breach of fiduciary duty" concerning the assets that were wrongfully taken from Eastern Airlines.

Enclosures:

1. The Prospectus of October 15, 1986, Proxy Statement-
Prospectus Eastern Airlines, Inc./Prospectus Texas Air Corp.

This document states on page 57 "Texas Air and its subsidiaries may in the future sell or lease goods or services to Eastern (and vice versa). Eastern has been advised by Texas Air that Texas Air intends Eastern would pay fair value for such goods and services and that the terms of any such transaction would be generally comparable to those prevailing in arms-length transactions (and vice-versa)."

The assets of Eastern were wrongfully taken from our company so as to weaken Eastern and, by design, placed in a position to be unable to compete in the marketplace, and our company suffered a less than arms-length relationship with Texas Air Corp.

2. Letter from the U.S. Department of Transportation,
Gen. Counsel, Mr. C. Dean McGrath, Jr. March 12, 1991.

"The Court-appointed examiner in the Eastern bankruptcy proceeding, Mr. David Shapiro, conducted an extensive review of a number of questioned financial transactions involving the company. Over a period of six months, Mr. Shapiro's team of 15 attorneys and a large support staff reviewed more than 300,000 pages of documents and considered testimony from 170 witnesses. He and his staff ultimately concluded that there was sufficient evidence for the Eastern estate to press civil claims against the Texas Air Corp. (now Continental Holdings, Inc.) its affiliates, and officers and directors of the firms for amounts totaling \$285 to \$403 million".

3. The Congressional Record pages E-1176 thru E-1179,
April 24, 1990.

"Examiner Shapiro noted that even in Texas Air's initial acquisition of Eastern in 1986, there was no clear evidence that the acquisition by Texas Air was anything other than harmful to Eastern economically." The Examiner reported that he: "Has determined that twelve of the fifteen pre-petition transactions (before Eastern Airlines filed for bankruptcy, author's note) referred to him for investigation would have sufficient merit to warrant assertion of claims on behalf of Eastern against Texas Air or others under either a theory of constructive fraud on creditors or a theory of breach of fiduciary duty."

Mr. President, I have written the Securities and Exchange Commission on more than one occasion and an attorney of respect and integrity has been to the commission on our behalf. I have received letters from the S.E.C. stating that their primary responsibility is in the area of disclosure. The S.E.C. has the Congressional Record, pages E-1176 thru E-1179, April 24, 1990 and the Prospectus of Oct. 15, 1986, Proxy statement-Prospectus Eastern Airlines, Inc./Prospectus Texas Air Corp. The disclosure that "Texas Air Corp. would pay fair value and consider transactions in an arms length relationship (and vice-versa)" is just not true when compared to the facts in the above pages of the Congressional Record. The S.E.C. has failed to conduct a full investigation of the Texas Air Corp.-Eastern Airlines relationship, and as a citizen of the United States, I feel they have failed in their duty to redress our grievances under the 1st Amendment of our Bill of Rights.

C. Eastern Airlines was used as a major conduit for drug shipments into the United States from November of 1983 until July of 1990.

Enclosure: Memorandum from the Department of the Treasury,
U.S. Customs Service

The Memorandum shows that Eastern was fined a total of \$31,348,880. dollars for drugs seized on their aircraft but only paid \$1,390,808 dollars of these fines. In August of 1985, the size of the shipments of cocaine seizures increased by a substantial amount, from 30 to 50 pound seizures to those exceeding 800 pounds. In a zero tolerance environment, with a "just say no" attitude, why was the full fine for these seizures not paid? Why was this operation allowed to function for almost seven years? The U.S. Customs Service, a member of the Treasury Department, I am sure, performed their jobs in a responsible manner, however, since this situation lasted for almost seven years and even grew over the years, it would be

reasonable to assume that a great quantity of this illegal contraband was successful in reaching the United States.

Mr. President, this situation is totally unacceptable and requires a full investigation. Surely, a security program could have been developed to keep this contraband off of Eastern Airlines entirely. In my heart I feel that this is a major reason why our company has experienced the darkness that has so affected the people of Eastern. Forty-two thousand jobs have been lost since 1985 when the process to destroy Eastern began, not because of normal business practices and events but because of criminal acts against us as people, citizens of the United States of America.

The corruption that the families of Eastern suffered is beyond the containment of the Bankruptcy Court. I am appealing to you to apply the full authority of your elected office to uphold us, as United States citizens, in the 1st, 7th, and 10th Amendments of the Bill of Rights. The 1st Amendment for a full redress of our grievances. The 7th Amendment for the jury trials that we have been denied due to stays in the Bankruptcy Court. The 10th Amendment to uphold our power as citizens to direct our government to work on our behalf.

The same faith in God that sustained Captain Rickenbacker while he was lost at sea for twenty-four days during World War II, is an inherent part of the character of the people of Eastern Airlines. Our effort to seek justice will continue in this hope. (Matthew 6:33).

President Bush, I am appealing to you for a full investigation of the Eastern Airlines situation. In all fairness, the people of Eastern need the forum of your office to be heard and for justice to be served.

Respectfully,

Robert G. Fuhrman

Robert G. Fuhrman

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PRESIDENTIAL RADIO ADDRESS: MEMORIAL DAY AND WORLD WAR II
MONDAY, MAY 25, 1992

For many, Memorial Day signals summer's arrival -- families will pull out the picnic baskets and charcoal grills and head for the beach or the park. But, more importantly, Memorial Day is one of our nation's most solemn observances.

On this sacred day, we honor those Americans who died fighting for freedom; we pause to remember, to think about the meaning of the loss of brave men and women who did not return from the battle. And, in cemeteries all across this great land, people will place flags or lay bouquets on quiet graves "where valor proudly sleeps."

On this day, we must tell the stories of those who fought and died in freedom's cause. We must tell their stories because those who've lost loved ones need to know that a grateful nation will always remember. We must tell their stories so that our children and grandchildren will understand what our lives might have been like had it not been for their sacrifice. Because there are thousands, like me, who fought alongside brave friends who fell, we will never hear "Taps" played without remembering them.

So, let us remember the cause for which they fought and the freedom and peace bought with their life's blood. And, let us pass along to a new generation the awesome accounts of honor and courage. On Wednesday at the Naval Academy's Commencement, I will talk about how the great victory of freedom in the world is a vindication of the American ideal. And, I will remind those graduates that democracy is not our creation -- it is our inheritance.

These reminders are important; for as someone said, "Memory performs the impossible for man; holds together past and present." So then, we who are left must nurture the sacred memories of those who paid the ultimate price. And, we must let their sacrifice give meaning and purpose to our nation's future. Because they fought we have freedoms many all too often take for granted. Because of their sacrifice, our children can sleep soundly -- without the threat of nuclear war hanging over their heads.

May God bless the families of all whom we honor. And, may God bless the United States of America.

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News Summary

OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1992
6:00 A.M. EDT EDITION

NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH SAYS 'MURPHY BROWN' RIGHT TO AVOID ABORTION -- President Bush Wednesday turned down an opportunity to directly endorse Vice President Quayle's criticism of the television character Murphy Brown for having a baby out of wedlock, but Bush said "children should have the benefit of being born into families with a mother and a father."
(Copley)

BUSH LEADS IN NEW POLL -- President Bush would beat both Ross Perot and Bill Clinton if the election were held today, according to a new NBC News/Wall Street Journal Poll released Wednesday. (Reuter)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

DEMOCRATS PRESS ADMINISTRATION FOR RECORDS ON IRAQ RELATIONS -- Two leading House Democrats stepped up pressure on the Bush Administration Wednesday to disclose more about its prewar courtship of Iraq.
(Washington Post)

MULRONEY COMPLAINS TO BUSH -- Prime Minister Mulroney took his complaints of U.S. "harassment" on trade disputes to the Oval Office Wednesday and received assurances from President Bush of high-level attention to prevent them from tearing apart the three-year-old U.S.-Canada free-trade agreement.
(Washington Post)

NETWORK NEWS (Wednesday evening)

FAMILY VALUES -- The nation and the White House find that the Vice President stirred up everybody with harsh words about Murphy Brown.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTOR -- Republican fund raisers were stewing over a deadbeat dad.

PEROT -- Ross Perot -- rich, outspoken, and would-be president. But what do we really know?

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Bush said Murphy Brown was portraying his view that "opting for life is a better path" in choosing to have her baby instead of an abortion.

Although Quayle lambasted the show for "glorifying illegitimacy" and "mocking the importance of fathers," Bush avoided any critical comment, saying he was "not going to get into the details of a very popular television show."

Gov. Cuomo mocked the White House for even talking about "Murphy Brown." "They have a comic-book mentality, a television mentality," Cuomo told reporters in Washington. Instead of talking about real domestic and international problems, Cuomo said, "they want to do what they did" in the 1988 presidential campaign "so successfully -- the pledge of allegiance, Boston Harbor. Now it will be values, welfare, sin, morality, abortion."

(Ben Shore & Norma Meyer, Copley)

QUAYLE: 'HOLLYWOOD DOESN'T GET IT'

Vice President Quayle started a national debate with a Tuesday attack on television character Murphy Brown, and Wednesday, instead of retreating, charged ahead with a fresh condemnation of Hollywood.

"Hollywood thinks its cute to glamorize illegitimacy," Quayle told reporters outside a predominantly black middle school in south-central Los Angeles. "Hollywood doesn't get it." He stuck to his contention that the show glamorizes unwed motherhood but insisted he was not attacking single mothers....

Many Administration women were steamed, reading Quayle's remarks at worst as an attack on single mothers, or at best as an impolitic use of a television star to make a point. Even the Vice President's friends wondered aloud if he had not used the wrong symbol to make what they called a good speech on family issues.

"Does the Vice President know that the President's daughter is a single mother?" asked one GOP woman. Said another, "How dare he suggest that all these women struggling to raise children can't do it without a man."

Quayle and his aides professed themselves pleased. White House and campaign officials were on all sides of the issue, some accusing Quayle of a clumsiness that revived the charge that it is the Administration, not Hollywood, that is out of touch; others praised him for giving a substantive speech; and others were uncertain what to think. One senior White House official said: "Someone here just asked me if this was a grand strategy to firm up our conservative base. If it was a grand strategy, I didn't know about it, but if it works, yes, it was a grand strategy."

(John Yang & Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A1)

'Murphy' Frown

Vice President Quayle Wednesday rejected a White House attempt to put a politically positive spin on his charge that TV sitcom character Murphy Brown had glamorized illegitimacy by giving birth out of wedlock. "The 'Murphy Brown' show does not represent pro-life policies," he said outside a school he visited.

President Bush was dragged into the flap during a news conference with Prime Minister Mulroney. Bush fidgeted and looked into the sea of reporters hoping to spot someone who would ask about the trade wars the two leaders met to settle. But the press wanted to hear his view of Quayle's attack on Murphy Brown.

Bill and Hillary Clinton each blasted the Quayle comments, saying they showed how out of touch the Administration is with Americans, according to AP.

"I think he continues to demonstrate how out of touch he and the Bush Administration is," Mrs. Clinton said. "We shouldn't have some single ideological vision of what a traditional family is. I don't think anybody needs to lecture about what is and isn't a family." Gov. Clinton said, "I think the effect of Murphy Brown on the Los Angeles riots was marginal."

The Vice President found comfort in his own supporters. Gary Bauer fired a blistering letter to 'Murphy Brown' producer Diane English. "Vice President Quayle was right on the money. If we care about this society, we will do all we can to cease depicting violence as pleasurable, out-of-wedlock sex as rewarding and cosmopolitan, and the traditional family as irrelevant and out-of-fashion," he wrote. (Paul Bedard, Washington Times, A1)

WORDS SPARK PASSION, BUT FEW ANSWERS

Vice President Quayle's rebuke of TV icon Murphy Brown's single motherhood was one sentence in a 41-paragraph speech. But the rest of his text examined a jarring and discomfiting issue propelled into prominence by the Los Angeles riots: How much does the loss of traditional values contribute to poverty, hopelessness and racial tension?

When Roy Innis, chairman of CORE, heard accounts of Quayle's 'Murphy Brown' remarks, he thought the Vice President "had been flippant and trivial." But after reading the speech, Innis changed his mind: "He told the truth -- that you cannot solve the poverty of economics until you solve the poverty of values."

(Judy Keen & James Harney, USA Today, 1A)

BUSH LEADS IN NEW POLL

President Bush would beat both Ross Perot and Bill Clinton if the election were held today, according to a new NBC News/Wall Street Journal Poll released Wednesday. The survey found 35 percent of voters supported or were leaning toward Bush, 30 percent chose Perot and 27 percent picked Clinton.

NBC said the poll showed Bush had "high negative" ratings among the 1,118 registered voters polled May 15-19. Among others, he trailed Perot in his perceived ability to deal with the economy and was behind Clinton in dealing with race relations, NBC said. Bush led Clinton and Perot in the public's view of his ability to lead in foreign policy and deal with crime. (Reuter)

**ANXIOUS DAYS FOR BUSH'S CAMPAIGN
AS G.O.P. HEADS INTO 3-WAY RACE**

Few Republicans would trade their troubles for the Democrats', but these are anxious days in the President's party.

Most of the Republican scripts for this election have not been working. The economy is recovering, but only sluggishly, and the President's job approval rating is moving even less.

The Republican Party is headed into the uncharted wilds of a three-way race with polls showing almost 60 percent of Americans supporting someone other than the incumbent President. The national mood is bleak, even bleaker in the aftermath of the riots in Los Angeles, some polls suggest.

(Robin Toner, New York Times, A22)

OREGON SENATE PRIMARY STILL TOO CLOSE TO CALL

Oregon's closely watched insider-outsider showdown remained up in the air Wednesday as Rep. Aucoin and millionaire businessman Harry Lonsdale ran neck-and-neck in unofficial returns from Tuesday's primary....

Voters were more decisive when polled after voting about their presidential preferences. Ross Perot, who was not on the ballot, may have been the biggest winner among both Republicans and Democrats, according to exit polls.

Among Republican primary voters, the exit polls showed Bush preferred by 50 percent of Republicans, compared with 40 percent for Perot and 4 percent for Clinton. In the actual voting, Bush and Clinton won their primaries -- Clinton taking 50 percent of the Democratic vote and Bush 60 percent of the Republican vote. But preliminary estimates by Voter Research and Surveys found that 15 percent of Republicans and 13 percent of Democrats wrote in Perot's name.

"We know there's a lot of frustration out there," said Mary Matalin. "No one knows where it ends up.... Come back to me in 60 days."

(Helen Dewar & E.J. Dionne, Washington Post, A17)

BUSH SAYS SENATE'S ADDED URBAN SPENDING 'NOT ACCEPTABLE'

President Bush on Wednesday termed "not acceptable" a \$1.5 billion urban aid proposal before the Senate that would finance summer schools, jobs and other programs in U.S. cities.

Senate Republicans joined Democrats in justifying the proposal by saying they were merely presenting Bush with the option of spending money in other cities by declaring a budgetary emergency. "The President has been given great latitude on this," said Sen. Hatfield.

The scope of the bill grew further when the Senate accepted, 59-40, an amendment waiving requirements that local governments provide 20 percent matching money for transportation projects in the current fiscal year. Sen. Lautenberg said his amendment would allow stalled projects to begin.

(William Welch, AP)

PANEL VOTES TO EXTEND JOBLESS BENEFITS

The House Ways and Means Committee Wednesday approved a \$5.8 billion emergency unemployment package that would provide an additional 20 or 26 weeks of benefits to jobless people who have exhausted their 26 weeks of benefits.

The measure, which was scaled back from a proposal by Rep. Rostenkowski and Rep. Downey, would help an estimated 1.5 million people who will use up their coverage when the current programs of extended benefits expires in July.

(Eric Pianin, Washington Post, A9)

HILL CONFEREES RETAIN MOST 'PORK' PROGRAMS

House and Senate negotiators agreed to an \$8.2 billion package of spending cuts Wednesday that eliminates relatively few of the "pork barrel" projects President Bush complained about and preserved funds to build one of two Seawolf nuclear-powered submarines Bush proposed scrapping.

Senate negotiators abandoned their effort to make deep cuts in SDI and the B-2 "stealth" bomber and other defense projects backed by the Administration. Instead, they agreed to a token \$500 million cut in the B-2 and a \$200 million reduction in SDI spending.

The negotiators surpassed the President's request for current fiscal year spending cuts by \$308 million, but in many areas they ignored his recommendations. (Eric Pianin, Washington Post, A4)

Cheney Says Seawolf Bill May Suffer Veto

Senate and House conferees Wednesday reached a compromise on the continued building of Seawolf nuclear submarines, but Secretary Cheney warned he may recommend a presidential veto.

"If, in fact, that rescission bill comes down in a form that I think does violence to what our security requirements are, if Congress insists on protecting the pork and trying to cut the essence of our future military capabilities or insist that we buy things we don't need or spend money on systems that we don't think are any longer required, then I wouldn't have any hesitation at all about recommending a veto to the President," he said in a speech at the National Press Club.

(Rowan Scarborough, Washington Times, A4)

BUSH 'STAR WARS' PLAN HITS NEW TROUBLE

President Bush's anti-missile defense program ran into new trouble in Congress Wednesday when SDI Office Director Henry Cooper said completing the first anti-missile site by 1997 would have a high risk of cost and technical problems.

"Meeting the 1997 date represents a major challenge with high concurrency and attendant high risk," Cooper told a Senate Armed Services subcommittee.

(Nation, Washington Times, A2)

HOUSE VOTE FAVORS NUCLEAR PLANTS

The House voted Wednesday night to make it easier to build nuclear power plants, agreeing that the lengthy licensing process threatens the future of the U.S. nuclear industry.

A provision, tacked onto a wide-ranging energy bill by a 254-160 vote, would streamline the licensing process and cut the time it takes to put a new reactor into operation from an average of 14 years to about six. A final vote on the energy bill was expected Thursday.

(AP, Washington Times, A4)

House Endorses Pro-Nuclear Energy Amendment

The House gave a big psychological boost to the beleaguered nuclear power industry Wednesday night, voting by a large margin to make it more difficult for opponents to stop operation of a plant once it has been constructed.

"Make no mistake, this is a clear up or down vote on keeping open the option of nuclear power," said Rep. Barton, who with Rep. Clement sponsored the pro-nuclear amendment to the 30-title, 752-page energy bill the House began considering Wednesday.

"This vote is a vindication of (President Bush's) national energy strategy," Secretary Watkins said after the vote. "The Clement-Barton amendment establishes a licensing process that will enable nuclear power to meet our nation's future electricity needs."

(Thomas Lippman, Washington Post, A4)

SENATE PASSES BILL EASING VOTER REGISTRATION

The Senate Wednesday approved legislation to make it easier for millions of Americans to register to vote by requiring states to allow registration by mail and to enroll voters automatically when they apply for driver's licenses.

While Republican leaders said they expected President Bush to veto the bill, the White House did not issue a formal veto threat. Six Republicans joined 55 Democrats in voting for the bill: Durenberger, Hatfield, Jeffords, Kasten, Packwood and Specter. Among Democrats, only Hollings voted against it.

(Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A7)

BARR CULTIVATES SUPPORT FOR URBAN 'WEED AND SEED'

Attorney General Barr Wednesday described as a "common sense idea" a \$510 million Bush Administration program aimed at reclaiming and rebuilding the inner cities and called on Congress for bipartisan support to keep the program going.

Barr told the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control that ongoing demonstration "weed and seed" programs have recognized two important factors: that efforts at social rehabilitation or revitalization of the inner cities were critical and should continue, and that those efforts had to go "hand in hand" with strong law enforcement.

(Jerry Seper, Washington Times, A6)

CRITICS QUESTION BUSH'S URBAN BOTTOM LINE

Last August, Dick Thornburgh flew to Kansas City, Mo., to announce a \$200,000 grant to attack crime in one of that city's most impoverished neighborhoods -- one of three such awards made nationally under the Bush Administration's new "weed and seed" program.

But so far, only \$75,000 of the grant has been released and most of the money arrived just last week. In the meantime, ambitious plans to raid crack houses and begin community police street patrols have yet to get off the ground, prompting neighborhood groups to wonder whether the award was anything more than a photo opportunity. (Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A23)

BARR SAYS JUSTICE SYSTEM NOT BIASED AGAINST BLACKS

Attorney General Barr on Wednesday defended the nation's criminal justice system against charges it was biased against blacks but vowed to determine if police brutality was racially motivated.

"Our criminal justice is designed to be fair and in fact is the fairest known to man," Barr said in congressional testimony that drew expressions of surprise from black House members who disagreed with his assessment. "It has built into it numerous safeguards to prevent racial discrimination. There may well be people who have racial bias in the criminal justice system," but, overall, the system operates fairly.

Rep. Rangel asked, "You don't believe judges don't give more time to blacks and that prosecutors don't encourage more plea bargaining and that the white population has more access to counsel?" Rangel said that in the black community "adults as well as youth are targeted... you find more roundup of black youth" and black defendants do not get adequate legal representation.

But Barr cited studies that concluded there was no significant disparity between sentences given to blacks and to whites.

Barr told reporters that he was concerned that race might motivate police brutality. He said that follow-up studies being conducted by NIJ will attempt to determine to what extent race is a factor in police brutality. (James Rowley, AP)

CHENEY DEFENDS HOMOSEXUAL BAN IN ARMED FORCES

Secretary Cheney defended the Pentagon's ban against homosexuals Wednesday, a day after a bill to end that policy was introduced in the House.

Addressing a luncheon at the National Press Club, Cheney said he and the Joint Chiefs of Staff have reviewed the long-standing policy and determined homosexuality is incompatible with military service.

"Before I would be prepared to change it, I would have to be convinced that the change would not... interfere with the overall military effectiveness and combat efficiency of the units in the U.S. military," he said. "And I have not been persuaded that that change would, in fact, achieve that objective."

(Carleton Bryant, Washington Times, A3)

U.S. PROPOSAL FAILS TO SETTLE FETAL TISSUE

As the House prepares this week to vote on lifting the four-year-old ban on federally funded fetal tissue research, it has been offered an unprecedented compromise by the Bush Administration.

"What the President is doing is providing a solution," HHS Assistant Secretary James Mason said. "He's saying, Look, this is questionable, when we derive the tissue from induced abortions. Let's go to a source that isn't questionable."

But far from settling the controversy, the proposal has been met with derision in much of the scientific community. Many experts call it an absurd and unworkable idea that shows how little the White House understands the intricacies of medical research.

"No one knows how this would work because it is a ridiculous idea from start to finish," said Warren Kearny, a fetal research specialist at the University of Minnesota Center for Biomedical Ethics. He said there is no way that the tissue bank could provide enough genetically normal and usable fetuses to meet the need of researchers. "It's a pure political move in an election year. It's just a stupid idea." (Malcolm Gladwell, Washington Post, A3)

U.S. SEIZES PHILADELPHIA PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

PHILADELPHIA -- The federal government Wednesday took charge of day-to-day operation of the Philadelphia Housing Authority, only the fifth local authority but by far the largest to be displaced since HUD was created in 1965. The move followed by one day a request for federal intervention by PHA Chairman Jonathan Saidel, who said the authority was too mired in political corruption to oversee hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds targeted for it in the next five years. Mayor Edward Rendell (D) also has expressed concern. (Dale Russakoff, Washington Post, A3)

SALOMON, U.S. SETTLE BOND CASE

Salomon Brothers Inc. agreed Wednesday to pay \$290 million in fines and other penalties to settle government civil complaints in the biggest scandal ever in the U.S. Treasury securities market.

In announcing the settlement, SEC Chairman Breeden said the investigation "did not substantiate that wrongdoing was a common, everyday occurrence" in the market for Treasury securities. Breeden also said that Salomon had engaged in "serious wrongdoing," but that the misconduct had been confined to "a fairly limited part of the firm" and involved only a small number of employees.

(Robert McCartney & David Hilzenrath, Washington Post, A1)

TRADE DEFICIT SHARPLY WIDER IN MARCH

The U.S. merchandise trade deficit shot up to \$5.8 billion in March as a stronger American economy pulled in the highest level of foreign goods in 18 months, the government reported Wednesday.

As imports of cars, consumer goods and industrial machinery rose more than 4 percent, to \$42.8 billion, overseas sales of U.S. products declined 1.7 percent from their record \$37.7 billion level in February. Once again, the U.S. ran its largest trade deficit with Japan -- \$4 billion in March, an increase of \$1 billion from the month before. (Stuart Auerbach, Washington Post, B12)

FED VOTES AGAINST CUTTING SHORT-TERM RATES FOR NOW

Fed policy makers decided this week against any immediate cut in short-term interest rates, people familiar with the Fed's deliberations said.

In a sign the Fed isn't inclined to cut rates in the coming weeks either, the Fed's open market committee eliminated a bias toward lower rates that has been included in its policy directives since August.

(David Wessel, Wall Street Journal, A2)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

DEMOCRATS PRESS ADMINISTRATION FOR RECORDS ON IRAQ RELATIONS

Two leading House Democrats stepped up pressure on the Bush Administration Wednesday to disclose more about its prewar courtship of Iraq.

Rep. Gejdenson called for public disclosure of 93 classified documents, which he said would show how the Bush and Reagan Administrations "pampered" Saddam Hussein in the mistaken notion that they could thereby control the situation in the Middle East.

In a separate announcement Rep. Brooks said his panel would hold a hearing June 2 to consider requesting appointment of an independent counsel to investigate the Bush Administration's assistance to Iraq before the Persian Gulf War.

(George Lardner, Washington Post, A46)

MULRONEY COMPLAINS TO BUSH

Prime Minister Mulroney took his complaints of U.S. "harassment" on trade disputes to the Oval Office Wednesday and received assurances from President Bush of high-level attention to prevent them from tearing apart the three-year-old U.S.-Canada free-trade agreement.

But President Bush carefully avoided committing himself to block trade complaints brought by U.S. industries who feel they are injured by Canadian import restrictions or government subsidies.

Nonetheless, Mulroney made the most of his White House appearance, declaring he had gotten what he wanted from President Bush, whom he described as "a free trader and a fair trader."

Mulroney said he told Bush that Canadians are "troubled and angered" by lobbyists and interest groups that he blamed for actions against Canada on trade issues. In a press conference on the south lawn of the White House, Mulroney complained that "the tendency was to retaliate against Canadian products by threatening to impose demonstrably unfair penalties on Canadian imports" rather than resolve the disputes quietly.

"These actions create uncertainty for investors and exporters and undermine the fundamental intent of the free-trade agreement," he said.

(Stuart Auerbach, Washington Post, B12)

BUSH CONCERNED ABOUT DEMONSTRATIONS IN THAILAND

President Bush expressed concern Wednesday about anti-government protests in Thailand but the U.S. said a major program that assists the country's military was continuing.

Margaret Tutwiler acknowledged that even though some \$60 million in U.S. aid was suspended after a February 1991 military coup, Washington has let Thailand buy \$500 million in military equipment under another program since then. She said she did not know why the program was not halted after the government opened fire on thousands of pro-democracy demonstrators this week. But she told reporters that new requests by Thailand will be decided "in light of the current conditions."

(Reuter)

THAI KING TELLS RIVALS TO SETTLE CRISIS

BANGKOK -- Prime Minister Suchinda Kraprayoon announced Wednesday the release from detention of his political archrival, opposition leader Chalong Srimuang, and other measures to defuse Thailand's crisis after the country's revered king brought the men together in a remarkable televised audience and ordered them to solve their differences peacefully. Suchinda said other peaceful protesters who have been arrested would be granted amnesty and that his government had agreed to unspecified constitutional amendments. In Washington, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Solomon said the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok had reported that about 100 people had been killed in the violence. While there was "an element of lawlessness," he said, there was also "clearly the use of excessive force" by government troops. Speaking during congressional hearings, Solomon said the Administration viewed Wednesday's meeting as an opportunity "for ending the violence and addressing the concerns of the Thai people for democracy and civilian rule." (William Branigin, Washington Post, A35)

CHINA ISSUES WARNING TO POST REPORTER

China's Foreign Ministry Wednesday issued a "serious warning" to Washington Post Beijing correspondent Lena Sun, and the State Department expressed hope that the incident that began with a police search of her office last Sunday is at an end. Margaret Tutwiler said: "We hope that with the issuance of this (warning) statement, the Chinese investigation is concluded and that Miss Sun will be unhampered in the pursuit of her activities as the Washington Post bureau chief in Beijing." Tutwiler said also that U.S. Amb. to Beijing Stapleton Roy had met Foreign Ministry officials there Wednesday to express U.S. concern about the actions against Sun. (Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A38)

CHANGES BY MYANMAR HEARTEN U.S. OFFICIALS

The Bush Administration said Wednesday that recent actions by the military regime in Myanmar (formerly Burma) appear to reflect "an unanticipated measure of conciliation" with its opponents and a "policy shift" that holds promise of more significant change. Congressional testimony by Assistant Secretary of State Richard Solomon was the most extensive U.S. comment on the indications of political change in Myanmar since a leadership shift in the regime four weeks ago. Among other recent developments: 102 of an estimated 2,000 political prisoners have been released, and an agreement has been signed with Bangladesh for voluntary repatriation of more than 235,000 Muslim refugees who had fled across the Myanmar-Bangladesh border. In testimony before the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific affairs, Solomon said "a great deal remains to be done before Burma can be said to have changed its course," and he gave no indication that the U.S. is ready to ease its pressures against the regime. Nevertheless, the statements held out an unusual degree of hope for change in Myanmar. (Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A42)

GATES HITS THOSE WHO SNIPED AT CIA AFTER COUP

CIA Director Gates said Wednesday that his agency accurately predicted the possibility of a hardline coup in the Soviet Union in several intelligence analyses years and months before the failed August putsch in Moscow.

In a speech to the Foreign Policy Association of New York Wednesday night Gates said that hundreds of public and secret intelligence assessments, briefings and monographs from the 1950s to 1991 prove that the agency accurately described weaknesses of the Soviet system and the futility of halfhearted reforms by Mikhail Gorbachev and warned repeatedly that the crisis that began in 1989 was leading to the collapse of the old order.

Gates acknowledged that the CIA failed to predict that Gorbachev's reforms would bring down the entire Soviet system, that statistical analysis of the Soviet economy overestimated the strength of the Soviet economy, and that the nature of "unknowables" was not communicated better to intelligence consumers.

(Bill Gertz, Washington Times, A6)

YUGOSLAVIA'S AIRLINE LOSES ITS U.S. LANDING RIGHTS

The U.S. Wednesday suspended permission for Yugoslavia's national airline, JAT, to land flights in this country after Serbian authorities rebuffed U.S. appeals to permit safe passage of humanitarian aid into war-torn Bosnia.

The U.S. action marked the first of what a senior State Department official predicted would be a "ratcheting up" of diplomatic and economic pressures by the U.S. and its European allies to deter Serbian aggression against Bosnia-Herzegovina and other republics of the disintegrating Yugoslav federation.

(John Goshko, Washington Post, A44)

U.S. AND SIX PLAN NUCLEAR CLEANUP IN EASTERN EUROPE

VIENNA -- President Bush and the leaders of the other six major industrial democracies are expected to endorse a multibillion-dollar plan for improving the safety of nuclear reactors in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe at their economic summit meeting in Munich in early July.

The plan, which is being prepared with advice from officials at IAEA here, would provide for refitting of some reactors with more modern safety features, the closing down of those considered too unsafe to be worth saving and the provision of alternative sources of electricity, including supplies from Western Europe, according to diplomats and agency officials here.

(Paul Lewis, New York Times, A1)

BUSH BLASTS CASTRO ANEW

President Bush on Wednesday reaffirmed his commitment to oppose Fidel Castro at every turn and predicted the Cuban dictator's rule won't "survive the wave of democracy that has swept over the world." The President, in a message commemorating the 90th anniversary of Cuba's independence, said "I reject Castro's vision of doom, as I believe the Cuban people do."

(AP)

NETWORK NEWS

Wednesday evening, May 20

FAMILY VALUES

ABC's Peter Jennings: We begin tonight with family values and a make-believe woman and her make-believe baby who have suddenly become unwitting participants in this year's presidential politics. In other words, the Vice President vs. Murphy Brown. Yesterday, Mr. Quayle said that the riots in Los Angeles were in part the result of a breakdown in the family structure and a poverty of values in America. This was not too different with what the President's been saying. But in one instance Mr. Quayle cited the television program as a contributor. And that's what got all the attention and got even the President embroiled.

ABC's Brit Hume: The nation and White House woke up this morning to find that the Vice President had stirred up everybody from the tabloids to the talk shows with a few harsh words about a celebrated but fictional unwed mother, Murphy Brown, of the popular TV sitcom of the same name. On this week's episode, TV newscaster Brown, who's played by Candice Bergen, gave birth. Some of her friends were present, but the father was nowhere in sight.

(Vice President Quayle: "It doesn't help matters when prime-time TV as Murphy Brown, a character who supposedly epitomizes today's intelligent, highly paid professional woman, mocking the importance of fathers by bearing a child alone and calling it just another lifestyle choice.")

[TV coverage of Press Secretary Fitzwater wearing a baseball cap] This morning, presidential spokesman Fitzwater at first agreed with Quayle's remarks, but soon after changed his tune to praise Murphy Brown for choosing birth over abortion and to say that both the show and Ms. Bergen are personal favorites of his. The President also refused to criticize the highly rated show when questions about it intruded during a joint news conference with visiting Prime Minister Mulroney. Mr. Bush did endorse the family values that Quayle was trying to stress. They are, after all, a central theme of the Bush-Quayle campaign.

(President Bush at news conference: "I believe that children should have the benefits of being born into families with a mother and a father who will give them love and care and attention all their lives.")

Well, he was asked, did that mean a single pregnant woman should have an abortion?

(President Bush: "Well, you know I don't favor abortion, and I think that opting for life is the better path.")

Quayle today, though, was not buying the idea that Murphy Brown had chosen a better path.

(Vice President Quayle: "That is not correct. The Murphy Brown show does not represent the pro-life policies.")

So Quayle, having taken a position basically consistent with what this Administration purports to believe, finds himself undercut by a White House exquisitely sensitive to opinion polls, including, it now seems, the Nielsen TV ratings.

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Jennings: Mr. Quayle didn't back off at all from his speech in San Francisco yesterday. Today in Los Angeles, family values and Hollywood interpretation of them came up all over again.

ABC's Ron Claiborne in Los Angeles: The Murphy Brown issue came up again when the Vice President visited a junior high school in south-central Los Angeles. A 12-year-old student asked Quayle what he meant.

(Vice President Quayle: "And what I didn't like about Murphy Brown was the message that it was sending.")

The girl who asked the question, sixth-grader Jenay Burrin [sp] said she didn't understand why Quayle was bothering to attack a television show.

(Burrin: "TV is just TV. But having babies with no husband, that's reality. The riots, that's reality. He didn't really ask too much about the rioting.")

The Vice President was not asked and he did not choose to discuss the other problems that plague this neighborhood: high unemployment, poor housing, drugs and crime. Outside, after talking to the children, Quayle was much more forceful in criticizing the television series and Hollywood in general.

(Vice President Quayle: "My complaint is that Hollywood thinks it's cute to glamorize illegitimacy. Hollywood doesn't get it.") Later, at a meeting with Korean and black businessmen, Quayle again pressed the family values issue. The Vice President's position got some support from people who agree that Murphy Brown should not be a role model.

(Unidentified man: "Murphy Brown is a single caucasian individual. Now how many mothers in south-central can be a Murphy Brown and have a child and give him the proper nutrition and the education he needs?")

Aides to Quayle said he re-wrote his remarks to include the reference to Murphy Brown. Quayle says the deterioration of family life is part of a problem in south-central Los Angeles. His aides say he will be emphasizing this theme in the upcoming campaign.

(ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: President Bush tonight finds himself in the middle of a heated debate over single mothers, family values and what place Murphy Brown has in any discussion of the Los Angeles riots -- this on a night when the latest NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll is out. In the poll, more than 1,100 registered voters shows George Bush leading, but vulnerable on several issues.

President Bush.....35 percent
Ross Perot.....30 percent
Bill Clinton.....27 percent

Ross Perot is not far behind, Bill Clinton running third. John Cochran is at the White House, where the President now is entangled in this family issue.

NBC's John Cochran: The Bush campaign is trying to look smart and sure-footed. But it still stumbles, even when it comes up with a well-calculated game plan. The plan: get voters to regard Bush as the defender of family values. That has long been a favorite Bush theme, but now Bush and Dan Quayle are pushing it with a new urgency and a new villain -- or villainess -- Murphy Brown.

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Cochran continues: Dan Quayle's attack on the TV character's decision to be a single mother got the high-profile coverage the White House wanted.

[TV coverage of the Vice President talking with students]

[TV coverage of Press Secretary Fitzwater in a baseball cap]

Today, White House spokesman Fitzwater said the President is concerned about television's "glorification of life as an unwed mother." But wait. Ms. Brown did, after all, decide to have the child instead of an abortion. So Fitzwater returned with a new spin: "The Murphy Brown show is an excellent show. She is demonstrating pro-life values which we think are good." The President himself deplored the broken families but carefully avoided attacking Murphy Brown.

(President Bush at news conference: "I'm not going to get into the details of a very popular television show.")

No, that wouldn't do for a president. That's why they have vice presidents.

(Vice President Quayle: "What I didn't like about Murphy Brown was the message that it was sending. And it was somewhat glorifying illegitimacy.")

The Bush campaign had planned to push family values this fall as a way of undermining Bill Clinton. But Ross Perot has changed Bush's timetable.

[TV coverage of the President touring post-riot L.A.]

The President needs to shore up conservative support now, especially down South and especially among born-again Christians. Bush aides tell NBC News they will eventually attack Perot as for abortion, for gun control, and against the Gulf War -- a war popular with conservatives. Our new poll shows voters rank Bush first on traditional American values and law and order. But voters rank Bush behind Clinton in race relations and women's issues, and behind Perot in dealing with taxes and the economy. With all those negatives, it's no wonder Bush is focusing on his positives and encouraging Dan Quayle to campaign against Murphy Brown.

Brokaw: This debate over single mothers and the shape of families is not confined to the presidential campaign, of course.

NBC's Bob Kur: Boston anchorwoman Liz Walker is a real-life Murphy Brown. Four years ago at 36 and unmarried, she gave birth to Nicholas. Since then she has married and has two stepchildren. But when she was a single mother, Walker was condemned by clergymen and others as a bad role model. She disagreed.

(Walker: "The message I believe was the one I was sending was that here was a woman who was 36 years old, who was educated, employed, financially self-sufficient, and who had earned the right to make decisions about her life and her body.")

These days in Hollywood and throughout the country, having children has become commonplace for millions of unmarried women. The shame and blame have eroded. But they're not all children of the stars. And because so many are born to poor young women, some insist the government should discourage it.

(Gary Bauer, Family Research Council: "It's not irrelevant to government when 70 percent of the children born in the riot areas of Los Angeles are growing up in homes without fathers.")

In addition, Los Angeles-based activist Izola Foster says even if single women can afford to raise children, a father cannot be replaced by a paycheck.

Kur continues:

(Foster, Black Americans for Family Values: "It sends a message to our young children that men are not important in the lives of our young girls. You don't really need them. And to our poor children they are saying, well, if you don't have the money to take care of them there's always government funding to take care of them.")

In 1990, 25 percent of America's babies were born to single women; 62 percent of black babies were born to unwed mothers, most of them poor, many teenagers. For whites, 17 percent, but the rate is increasing faster among whites. Perhaps most startling is a 55 percent increase in the birth rate among unwed women over 35 in the past 10 years. There's even a national support group -- Single Mothers By Choice -- college-educated, self-supporting women. In a country so often divided by race and class, this is yet another issue where there seems to be a double standard developing: one for the well-off, another for the poor. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Dan Rather: The Bush-Quayle re-election campaign appeared to be in disarray today over the fray created by Vice President Quayle's carefully orchestrated attack on the Murphy Brown TV show. The Vice President insisted again today that the fictional character Murphy Brown's fictional single motherhood promoted bad values. He originally said it in the context of what has happened in Los Angeles. President Bush first seemed to agree, then suddenly disagreed, and then began distancing himself.

CBS's Bill Lagattuta: Who'd have thought one of TV's favorite comedy stars would give birth to the day's hottest political debate?

(Vice President Quayle: "Hollywood doesn't get it.")

Campaigning in California, Quayle charged that because Murphy Brown is an unwed mother she is undermining traditional American values.

(Vice President Quayle: "A character who supposedly epitomizes today's intelligent, highly paid professional woman, mocking the importance of fathers by bearing a child alone.")

That stirred up a storm. Today the Vice President spoke to kids at an inner city school in Los Angeles and wouldn't back down.

(Vice President Quayle: "I don't believe that we should glorify illegitimacy. There are too many children born out of wedlock.") The creator of Murphy Brown fired back, saying if Quayle believes woman can't adequately raise children without fathers, "he'd better make sure abortion remains safe and legal." Pro-choice advocates seized the moment.

(Kate Michaelman: "Murphy Brown went on to choose pregnancy over abortion. And now Vice President Quayle criticizes her for having that child.")

At the White House today the President seemed to squirm a bit as he tried to balance his anti-abortion stand against a growing tide of sympathy for women left alone with the kids, though he would not directly comment on the popular television show.

(President Bush: "One of the things that concerns me deeply is the fact that there are an awful lot of broken families.")

But his critics were asking, what has the Administration done to help?

(California State Sen. Diane Watson: "If they really were sincere about families and family values, then the infrastructure would be in place to support families.")

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Lagattuta continues: But for all the criticism, the Bush-Quayle Administration is striking a chord with the constituency it needs the most: the conservative middle class, which has been defecting lately.

(Unidentified woman: "God wanted us to be together as man and wife so that we could raise children.")

(Kevin Phillips, political consultant: "I think family values is clearly being moved out as a new Republican campaign theme.")

(Boy: "I feel that the Vice President should stay in south-central for one night just to see how it is.")

And that was how many of the kids, who are fans of Murphy Brown and children of single mothers themselves reacted.

(Girl: "My mother raised me fine, as good as any married couple could.")

The Administration may have better luck generating a new dialogue of family values than changing America's TV habits. This week, 38 million viewers watched as Murphy Brown became the country's most famous unwed mother. (CBS-Lead)

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTOR/DEADBEAT DAD

Rather: Trying to turn the Los Angeles riots into a family values theme for campaign purposes could come back on President Bush and the Republican Party in other ways.

CBS's Susan Spencer: While Mr. Bush was fretting over unwed mothers, Republican fund raisers were stewing over a deadbeat dad. Michael Kojima, the California businessman who plopped down half a million bucks at this glitzy fund raiser last month, owes an ex-wife \$100,000 in child support, according to the L.A. district attorney. And she wants it back.

(Chong Kojima: "I need the money for survival, with my two girls. They are 12 and 13, and I'm really struggling.")

Kojima's big bucks got him a prime dinner seat, but also attention from another ex-wife with a claim. She wrote the President demanding her share and adding, "I know you would not want to see me lose my house, and that you believe in education and would like to see my sons go to college." The White House refers all questions to the Dinner Committee, which says it has a legitimate claim, but has turned the whole mess over to federal court.

(Jan Baran, President's Dinner lawyer: "It is not making a claim on his money unless there is no other rightful owner to this money.")

Campaign reformers just sigh, saying we told you so.

(Michael Waldman, Public Citizen: "When you have campaign fund raisers debating the rules so people can give hundreds of thousands of dollars, you're going to attract the kind of people you want to keep as far away from the President as possible.")

The Republicans say that whatever the court rules it is fine with them. They won't fight for a penny. After all, with all this talk of family values, the last thing Mr. Bush needs is for his party to appear to be accepting money from a deadbeat dad. (CBS-2)

CALIFORNIA POLL

Rather: The presidential race may have taken a surprising turn in California. A new Los Angeles Times poll of California voters reportedly indicates that it could now be Perot, Clinton and Bush in that order in the battle for California's 54 electoral votes. The L.A. Times tonight would not confirm that, but said the results of its new poll will be in tomorrow's paper. (CBS-9)

ROSS PEROT

Brokaw: Ross Perot, an American phenomenon -- rich, outspoken, and would-be president. But what do we really know? Our latest poll shows more than 80 percent [82 percent] don't know much about Perot. Only 17 percent of the voters we surveyed say they know a lot about him.

NBC's Lisa Myers: Those who've worked with Perot paint widely divergent portraits of him. Some see him as bold, decisive, inspirational. To others, he is manipulative, bullying and deceitful. Born to a cotton broker in Texarkana, Texas, Perot had never seen the ocean before attending the U.S. Naval Academy. He had never worked with a computer before becoming an IBM salesman. And in 1962, when he founded Electronic Data Systems, he changed the computer industry forever.

(**Ross Perot** with Myers, holding a picture frame: "This is the check that started EDS. It's a \$1,000 check. Everybody thought it was such a strange idea nobody else would invest in it. And I was stuck with the whole thing initially. That's it.")

Myers: "I want to know what the return on your investment has been."

Perot: "Better on this than anything else.")

Today Perot is worth an estimated \$3.3 billion. The secret? Timing, intelligence, drive and a laser-like focus.

(**Milledge Hart III**, former EDS president: "If you quit trying to look behind him, you look right straight at him and see everything Ross is about. He is the least subtle person I know.")

Detractors say it's no accident that Perot has a book in his office titled "Leadership secrets of Attila the Hun." Everything he does is a crusade, and usually there is only one way to do things: his way. Organizers of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial say they wish Perot had kept his \$160,000 -- that his demands that a statue be added to the wall cost more grief and money than his donation was worth. But most of Perot's good deeds are deeply appreciated. He will forever be the hero of the families of Vietnam-era POWs and MIAs, whose cause he continues to champion. He has quietly given almost \$2 million to food programs like this one in Fort Worth. And there are his often unpublicized acts in honor of the military, like John Connor, the Navy Seal killed during the invasion of Panama. At the request of Connor's parents, Perot flew to Boston to speak at a banquet in honor of their son.

(**Joan Connor:** "Ross Perot is an extraordinary person, and I think his extraordinary-ness is his ordinary-ness.")

Perot's ordinary nobility has often been rewarded.

[TV coverage of Perot receiving a medal from Prince Charles]

This time it was for his work on behalf of prisoners and hostages.

Myers continues: But there is another side of Ross Perot. He can play very rough, some say dirty -- like the time he showed a reporter what he said was a compromising picture of a Vietnamese woman with the Pentagon official in charge of finding MIAs.

(David Remnick, Washington Post: "The Pentagon official was to be discredited simply by sitting next to her, and therefore the Reagan Administration's POW-MIA program was completely discredited in his words. And that was it.")

Perot also can be impatient and thin-skinned, and he's been known to see conspiracies even when asked routine questions about his business.

(Perot: "This is a beautiful Republican Committee dirty-tricks question that I have answered 30 times.")

Contrary to his image, not all Perot's business deals work out as planned. Perot's decision to marry his company with General Motors was rocky from the start. He underestimated the GM bureaucracy. From GM's perspective, working with Perot was the equivalent of trying to mate with a porcupine. He was described as a self-promoter and an irritant. GM also learned that Perot sometimes takes liberty with the truth. For example, there was this statement about the \$700 million GM paid to buy out Perot.

(Perot: "This money will be held in escrow until December 15th.")

In fact, Perot later said in a court case there was no escrow accounts. On another occasion, Perot's supreme confidence got him in over his head. In 1970, his effort to save an ailing New York brokerage house turned into a debacle.

(Perot: "In retrospect we were pretty naive to do it. Within 60 days we realized it was a \$60-million problem.")

Perot used his influence with the Nixon White House on that deal as well as others. A Nixon aide said Perot was no outsider.

(Peter Flanigan: "He knew how to use his position, and did, not only in the White House but elsewhere in Washington.")

What kind of president would Perot make? Supporters say he'd be a strong leader. Critics claim he's naive about the complexities both of government and of problems facing the nation.

(Todd Mason, Perot biographer: "What we have here is a man with the appeal of Teddy Roosevelt and the naivete of Jimmy Carter and the temperament of Richard Nixon.")

Perot also has a history of throwing up his hands and walking away if he doesn't get what he wants. Doing that as a businessman is one thing, but doing it as president is another. (NBC-4)

CHANCELLOR

NBC's John Chancellor comments: In our poll we asked this question: Do you believe the government is really run for the benefit of all the people? And we got a startling answer: 75 percent of the Republicans and 88 percent of the Democrats said no, the government is not being run for the benefit of all the people. Frank Newport, editor in chief of the Gallup poll, says the public doesn't believe that either George Bush or Bill Clinton can bring about the change the country needs. The public does believe that Ross Perot can change things. And Perot's image as an agent of change may be more important to the electorate than any positions he might take on the issues. This is of enormous political significance. It gives Perot more time to figure out where he does actually stand -- he'll have to tell us some day -- and it drives his opponents up the wall. (NBC-9)

CLINTON

Rather reports that Gov. Clinton and his staff are increasingly concerned that Ross Perot is getting the headlines in the battle to unseat President Bush. So the Clinton camp has decided it's time for an image change.

CBS's Richard Threlkeld reports it was a new and different Bill Clinton at this fund raiser by the gay community in Los Angeles -- not Clinton the dispassionate policy expert, but somebody with a cry from the heart.

(Clinton: "Let us never forget there are things we can and cannot do. But the beginning of wisdom is pulling together and learning from one another and being determined to do better. And this country is being killed by people who try to break us down and tear us up and make us be little when we have to be big. This is a big time. Let us rise to the challenge. Thank you, and God bless you all.")

The Clinton camp has spent the past few weeks searching for a theme and a way to re-introduce the candidate to the voters. The question is, has Clinton finally found his voice, or is this just new packaging?

(Clinton: "It's the real me. I am an emotional person about which I feel strongly, and I've been-- The last couple of days we've dealt with some things that I feel very strongly about.")

Clinton's problem is right now nobody's paying him much attention. Before the Democratic convention, Clinton must figure out how to compete with Ross Perot, not to mention George Bush. And the convention's just seven weeks away. (CBS-10)

PRIMARIES

Jennings: The results are complete now from yesterday's presidential primary elections in Oregon and Washington. Talk about a mixed message: President Bush and Gov. Clinton were the easy winners, but in our exit poll four in 10 voters from both parties said that if this was November they would have voted for H. Ross Perot. (ABC-2)

THAILAND

ABC's Bill Redeker reports that the king urged the prime minister and protest leader to talk to each other, compromise and end the violence in Thailand. An hour later, the two appeared together and made the following concessions: the prime minister promised constitutional reform, amnesty for jailed protesters and freedom for the protest leader, who made an appeal to demonstrators to call off their protests. (ABC-7)

CBS's Bill Whitaker reports that the U.S. suspended joint military exercises with Thailand, but last night the U.S. Senate called for an end to all military involvement with this country. That's something President Bush opposes.

(President Bush at news conference: "We're very concerned about the instability in Thailand, very concerned about the violence that we've seen there, and we've made this position known to the Thais.") (CBS-7)

YUGOSLAVIA/SANCTIONS

Jennings: The U.S. has finally decided to punish the Serbs for being the aggressors in the civil war in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Bush Administration has told Yugoslavia that its national airline will have to cancel its three weekly flights to the U.S. It is actually the first economic sanction imposed by any country against what is left in Yugoslavia. (ABC-8, CBS-8)

ECONOMY

Jennings: The trade deficit. Through much of the recession, Americans cut down on their purchases of foreign goods while U.S. exports went up. It was not the case in March. The government said today that the overall trade deficit increased to nearly \$6 billion -- \$2.5 billion more than the month before.

ABC's Stephen Aug reports one reason for the worsening trade balance was that American consumers bought more imported electronic goods. The latest ABC News/Money magazine consumer survey shows consumer confidence, which had been on the rise, has stalled. (ABC-5)

FARMING/DROUGHT

ABC's Tom Foreman reports that Idaho and other western states are heading for a summer drought for the sixth year in a row. A severe shortfall of winter snow has left huge reservoirs little more than creeks. Towns that rely on tourism fear that without lakes the visitors will not come. Ranchers worry there will not be enough pasture for cattle. Still, the biggest concern is crops. The years of drought have left water supplies so low meteorologists say even if it started raining normally tomorrow it would take two or three years for the land to recover. (ABC-6)

U.S. JUSTICE/BARR

Rather: Attorney General Barr today defended the U.S. system of justice, calling it "the fairest known to man." Testifying before a House committee, Barr disputed the idea that minorities are treated more harshly by police, prosecutors and judges. The Attorney General said objective studies do not show that people are treated differently because of race. (CBS-4)

SALOMON FRAUD CASE

Rather: The U.S. government has settled a fraud case against a big Wall Street investment house. Salomon Inc., what used to be Salomon Brothers, will pay \$290 million for cheating on bids at U.S. Treasury auctions. But in return, the government will not bring any criminal charges against anyone at Salomon. (CBS-6)

VOTING/DRIVERS LICENSES

Jennings: The Senate has passed legislation that would make it much easier to vote. It would require states to register voters when they apply for drivers licenses, welfare or unemployment benefits. The bill now goes to the House. The Administration has said in the past that it opposes the idea. (ABC-3)

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ELECTRICITY/NUCLEAR POWER

Jennings: The environmental study group Worldwatch says today that the world is turning away from the use of nuclear power to generate electricity. Public opposition and high costs are the two main reasons. Worldwatch says that the total output of all the nuclear plants went down last year for the first time since the nuclear industry began to develop in the 1950s. (ABC-9)

SOCIAL WORKERS

ABC's Beth Nissen reports that budget cuts at every level have reduced available social services, just as the recession is adding thousands of new cases. Caseloads are growing and growing uglier. (ABC-10)

COLEMAN EXECUTION

Jennings reports convicted murderer Roger Coleman's execution looks more certain than ever tonight. Mr. Coleman is the Virginia coal miner who's scheduled to die in just a few hours for the murder of his sister-in-law. Mr. Coleman took a lie detector test this morning. He failed it. (ABC-4, NBC-2)

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM



DATE: 5/20/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: -----

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION

SUBJECT: ST. JOSAPHAT'S UKRAINIAN CATHEDRAL
PARMA, OHIO
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1992 1:30 P.M.

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VICE PRESIDENT	☐	☒	HORNER	☐	☒
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BROMLEY	☐	☐	ROGICH	☐	☐
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DEMAREST	☐	☒	SMITH	☐	☒
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GRAY	☐	☒	<u>FINDLAY</u>	☐	☒
HOLIDAY	☐	☒	<u>KAUFMAN</u>	☐	☒
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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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May 20, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID F. DEMAREST *DD*
FROM: JOSEPH P. DUGGAN *JD*
SUBJECT: PROPOSED REMARKS FOR OHIO FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m. you will deliver remarks to an audience of 1,800 people, representing 32 ethnic groups -- mostly Central and East European -- at the Ohio Freedom Day Celebration at St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Parma, Ohio.

Gov. Voinovich will present you with the American Nationalities Movement's Freedom Medal.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks, (approximately 9 minutes / cards) praise the heroes of half a century's perseverance in the Cold War and urge prompt enactment and funding of the Freedom Support Act.

(Duggan/Bunton)
May 20, 1992
Draft Four
Parma

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION
ST. JOSAPHAT'S UKRAINIAN CATHEDRAL
PARMA, OHIO
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1992
1:30 p.m.

Governor Voinovich, reverend clergy, ladies and gentlemen:
I'm grateful for the hospitality of the clergy and parishioners of St. Josaphat's. I am honored to accept the Freedom Medal from the American Nationalities Movement. You represent millions of people on both sides of the Atlantic who now have the thrilling task of renewing the very face of eastern and central Europe.

How fitting it is that the Governor has proclaimed this Freedom Day. Americans like yourselves gave us the strength that helped topple the Berlin Wall. We've brought about the fall of the Iron Curtain, the death of imperial Communism. We prevented the cataclysm of a Third World War because freedom-loving people in America and in Europe persevered and won the Cold War.

Freedom Day honors women and men of faith -- Protestants, Orthodox, Catholics, Jews, Muslims -- who suffered persecution rather than assent to the lies of Communism. The great leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the late Cardinal Slipyj, endured years of pain and prison. And we'll never forget Hungary's noble symbol of courage -- the late Cardinal Mindszenty. Both these men died in lonely exile -- but they inspired others to persevere. They inspired others literally to change the world. Now both are hailed openly as heroes in their native lands -- as they are honored here in America.

This day we also honor heroes of the 1990s -- statesmen such as Vaclav Havel and Lech Walesa, and Vytautas Landsbergis. And we marvel at how our world has changed. During the 1980s, Havel and Walesa spent time in prison for the "crime" of speaking up for freedom. And it was scarcely more than one year ago that Landsbergis took his stand -- armed only with the truth and the spirit of patriotism -- against Red Army forces who were gunning down innocent citizens of Lithuania.

This day honors the work of half a century: Of our GIs and our allies who kept NATO strong. Of radio broadcasters who pierced the Iron Curtain with words of hope and truth. Of Free World leaders whose deeds were as powerful as their words: Margaret Thatcher, Helmut Kohl, Ronald Reagan. Of families in the East and the West who prayed together, and parents who taught their children right from wrong. The physical and moral strength of these people transcended and destroyed the Iron Curtain.

Moral strength will prevail even where violence and oppression hold forth -- as in the states of the former Yugoslavia. The United States now recognizes the full sovereignty of Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia. We stand in solidarity with their people. And let me make this clear: We will not recognize the annexation of territory by force. We will not reward aggression. We will stand by our principles, and our principles will prevail. \\

We stand today on the threshold of a new world of peace and opportunity for ourselves and our children -- truly a watershed.

It's a time for hope -- and for hard work. Moments like these don't happen in every lifetime -- this is the opportunity of a century. We have the chance to consolidate a democratic peace and build the enduring prosperity that must follow the Cold War.

We've rolled up our sleeves and begun the job. Two weeks ago, I welcomed President Kravchuk to the White House and Camp David on the first visit by a freely elected president of independent Ukraine. Together, we made progress against the threat of nuclear war. I announced America's pledge to establish a Science and Technology Center in Ukraine. We signed agreements that will foster trade and investment with Ukraine. And I have taken action to grant Most Favored Nation status for Ukraine as soon as possible. \\ In just a few days, our own Roman Popadiuk will be sworn in as the first American Ambassador to Ukraine. And we're proud to have him with us in Parma today. \\

Two days ago I had an equally good meeting with Kazakh President Nazarbayev. Like President Kravchuk, he pledged to join the Non-Proliferation Treaty as a non-nuclear weapons state, and pledged to remove all nuclear weapons within the seven-year period of the START agreement. And in a few more weeks, President Yeltsin and I will meet together in Washington to chart a new partnership for the future.

The United States is eager to develop and strengthen close ties with Belarus, Moldova, Armenia and all the nations that have won independence from Soviet rule. Working with them and our allies, we want to establish a democratic peace -- a lasting

peace based on trust and shared values, not simply the absence of war. To finish this job, I need your help. I've sent historic legislation to Congress -- a bill that embodies the best in America -- the Freedom Support Act.

The Freedom Support Act will provide exciting new opportunities for American business. It will clear away the mass of Cold War legislation that now inhibits trade and investment with the states of the old Soviet empire. It calls for a U.S. quota increase to help the International Monetary Fund promote the landmark reforms underway in these countries.

The Freedom Support Act also will promote vital people-to-people contacts. It's just amazing to learn about some of the efforts already begun: Think tanks and fax machine networks to foster democracy and free enterprise in the Baltic republics, in Ukraine, in Russia, throughout eastern Europe. Governor Voinovich tells me the growth of telephone traffic between Ohio and Ukraine is phenomenal. New phone links are helping families restore old bonds and helping new business ventures get going. And people from Minsk and Vilnius now travel here without having to fear that they've left home for the last time.

I want you to help me get Congress to act urgently on the Freedom Support Act. This bill is essential to our aims for fostering free enterprise, democracy and peace in the countries newly free from the Soviet yoke. This is in their interest. It's also in our interest. Congress should pass this bill. Congress should fully fund the programs. Congress should act

without delay -- and get this bill on my desk before President Yeltsin's visit next month. \\\

Let's not disappoint our children. If we meet our historic responsibilities today, a generation from now people may speak of a "Ukrainian Miracle" or a "Baltic Miracle" much as we marvel at the recovery of western Europe from the ravages of the Second World War. You and I can help make this happen. And achieving this would be the finest, the most lasting monument we could possibly build to honor the faith and the sacrifices of our Cold War heroes. So let us finish the job. Let's extend this day of freedom into a lasting era of freedom, peace and prosperity for the people who have prevailed over Communism.

I know it is still the Easter season in your Church, and to close, I want to tell a story about Easter this year, not in Ukraine, but in Russia. Many of you will recall the big military parades the Soviets used to have in Red Square -- always with a huge portrait of Lenin as the backdrop, on the wall of the State Historical Museum. Well, this year at Easter, there was no portrait of Lenin. Instead a massive icon towered over Red Square -- an icon of the Resurrection. And atop it the words: "Christos Voskrese" [KREE-stos vos-KRES] -- Christ is Risen.

This is indeed a season of resurrection throughout the once-captive nations of Europe. It's a wonderful time to be alive, to see these days, and to enjoy the freedom God has given us in the freest, most wonderful nation on Earth -- the United States of America. Thank you, and may God bless all of you.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 05/19/92

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ----

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BUSH/QUAYLE '92 FUNDRAISING PICNIC, 05/21
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVE DEMAREST *DD*

FROM: CURT SMITH

SUBJECT: BUSH-QUAYLE '92 FUNDRAISING PICNIC
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

On Thursday, May 21, at 6 p.m., you will deliver remarks (11 minutes/cards) at a fundraising picnic Westchester County Regional Airport's Hangar #26 to 3,000 supporters.

Your remarks follow the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia stump speech model. Note: you will have an opportunity to pitch horseshoes after the remarks.

(Smith/Aarhus)
May 19, 1992
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CHESTER

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BUSH-QUAYLE FUNDRAISER
WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1992
6:00 P.M.

Louis Bantle, thank you for that introduction. / Bobby Holt -- who has done such a great job. / Senator Baker -- it's always good to see you. / Bush-Quayle Connecticut State Co-chairs Brian Gaffney and Betsy Hemingway. Spike Hemingway. Fellow Republicans, and friends. //

((First, let me say I always enjoy hearing the Oak Ridge Boys. Country music has done something this year that the Democratic Party won't. It's made a big comeback.)) //

((I also look forward to pitching horseshoes after these remarks. / I've had the chance to play horseshoes with Arnold Schwarzenegger. I don't mind that he's more accurate than I am -- but it gets me that he can throw shoes with the horses still in them.)) //

I am delighted to be here, with people who have helped us change the world -- so we now change America. / There's been a lot of talk about change this year. Well, let me start with a promise: The time for talk is over. The time for change is now.

I saw that first hand three thousand miles away, in Los Angeles -- and I want to begin tonight by sharing what I saw, what I heard, and what I felt. / What I saw there -- even in the hardest-hit parts of South Central L.A. -- should give us cause for hope. //

The founder of our party knew how change plus courage equal greatness -- knew when the questions of the "stormy present" had outlived the "dogmas of the quiet past." / Some still prefer the comfortable dogmas of quieter times. But we agree with Abraham Lincoln: The time has come for change built on the rock of Republican principles. / Principles that say we must keep power close to the American people. / That we must strengthen families -- instill character and values in our youth. That we must aid entrepreneurship, increase investment, and create new jobs. /

These principles tell us that the challenges we face go deeper than the crisis in Los Angeles -- that beyond our urgent emergency aid, we've got to bring hope and opportunity -- not only to Los Angeles -- but to all American cities. / That was the message I gave congressional leaders -- both Republican and Democrat -- when I called them to the White House last week. It was then I detailed my six-point plan for a new America. //

First, we've got to preserve order, keep the peace: because people can't tackle tough problems if they're busy dodging bullets. That kind of violence should not be explained / can not be excused / and must be condemned. / In Mt. Zion Church in South Central L.A. I mentioned support for the police and the whole church erupted in applause. //

That's the spirit behind an initiative I call "Weed and Seed." First, you "weed out" the gang leaders, drug dealers and career criminals -- and then "seed" the community with expanded employment, educational and social services. Next, we've got to

rebuild the community -- with investment / opportunity / and hope. That means private sector activity -- including Enterprise Zones for our inner cities. /

Third, we've got to reform the welfare system -- replace the perverse disincentives that penalize families for working, for saving, for staying together. / Stories like the one about Sandra Rosado, the young woman from Connecticut whose family was penalized over \$9,000 because she had set aside \$4,900 to go to college -- that's wrong. So we've proposed legislation to replace the handout with a hand up. / Next, we need a strong jobs program for city youth to teach kids how to run a drugstore -- not how to run a drug ring. That means things like our Youth Apprentice Initiative and Job Training 2000. //

This brings me to our plan's fifth point: Revolutionizing American education. / Our America 2000 strategy offers choice, competition and community action. Let the special interests step aside: whether it's public, private or religious, parents -- not government -- have a right to choose their children's schools. //

Finally, we must promote new hope through home ownership. I don't understand how anyone could tolerate the present system -- could take pride in warehousing the poor. Our HOPE initiative gives poor families a stake in their communities -- something to pass on to their children. Bottom line: We need HOPE to turn housing into homes. //

At every turn during my time in L.A., I heard people talking about the principles that guide these initiatives: Personal

responsibility. Opportunity. Ownership. Independence.
Dignity. Those words are synonyms for the American Dream.

We all know what the critics say: "you've proposed all this before." That's true -- but these ideas have not been tried.
Now is the time for a bi-partisan approach. Now is the time to act. / ((I only wish I could act unilaterally. That's the reason I enjoy dressing like this. It's not only relaxing -- it's one of the few things I can do without congressional approval.)) //

The first order of business -- building bipartisan support for immediate action on this agenda -- has begun. We had a good meeting with Congressional leaders last week -- and here's what I told them: We must not settle for business-as-usual. / I also told them we need to look beyond the cities: The need for reform and new ideas doesn't end where the suburbs begin. //

Our revolution in education isn't only about helping inner city students -- it's about helping all students: kindergarten to college -- even old computer students like me. Reform means action to break down barriers to free trade -- opening new markets to American goods. In other cases, too, by taking aim at the status quo -- we've set our sights on status grow. //

For instance, America needs legal reform -- to put an end to these outrageous court awards that strain our civility and sap our economy. / Today, doctors won't deliver babies -- fathers are afraid to coach future Bobby Bonillas and Don Mattinglys in Little League -- all because of the fear of some frivolous

lawsuit. / We must reform our legal system -- and no lobby of trial lawyers is going to stand in our way. //

America also needs health care reform -- to open up access to affordable health care. My comprehensive health care reform plan will keep America first in the world in high-quality health care. At the same time, it will make insurance available and more affordable to all. / The big government folks say: To do this we have to nationalize or socialize our health care system. / Here's what I say: National health care would be a national disaster -- and this President won't let that happen. //

So far, I've spoken about change. ((I know the other party does as well. In their case change means that's about all you'd have left in your pockets -- and they'd try to take that, too.)) // I've also spoken about what government can do -- but government alone can not solve our problems. /

That is why we in Washington need to get our own house in order. To restore fiscal discipline to the federal government, I challenge Congress to get moving on a balanced budget amendment. / Government may be able to make good laws, but it's never been able to make men good. That doesn't come from Big Brother -- it comes from mother, and father and family. / In simple terms -- I'm talking about knowing what's wrong -- and doing what's right.

Go back to Los Angeles for a minute. Time and again the people I met put their finger on the riots' root cause: the declining influence of the family. / They're right. Ask yourself: What keeps a kid in school, away from drugs, and off

the streets? It's not government spending -- or the number of SBA loans or HUD grants. It's whether a child lives in a home where they are loved, and cared for, and kept on the right path.

Barbara Bush is right: what happens in the White House doesn't matter half as much as what happens in your house. //

I believe this. So I've made it my mission as President to put the American family first. / Government alone can't transform the lives of people in need. Let the cynics scoff: We know the family is the lifeblood of all America. //

I believe in the Republican party -- because I believe in Republican principles. We are right about family -- about freedom and free enterprise. We are right about faith. And most of all, we are right about America's future. We have the strength and spirit in our government, in our communities, and in ourselves to truly make America "the last best hope of earth." //

Thank you for your kindness. Barbara and I appreciate your support. And may God bless the United States of America. [[Now let's get to those horseshoes.]]

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POOL REPORT # 3

May 21, 1992
(Westchester, New York)

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Clara Bingham - Newsweek

POOL REPORT #4
May 21, 1992

Flight from Westchester County to Sanford Airport and motorcade
to Walkers Point

The president's C-20 landed at approximately 7:40 p.m. He bounded off with briefcase in hand -- waving to the couple dozen onlookers who greeted him.

Along the motorcade route: One guy with a videocam and a large Perot sign.

The president arrived at Walkers Point at approximately 8:15 p.m.

--Kathy Lewis
Dallas Morning News

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After the speech in the Stouffer Hotel Ball room, President Bush met privately for twenty minutes with Mr. Charles Ballard, president of the National Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Development. Your pool was not allowed to see or hear the meeting, but Sec. Jack Kemp, who sat in on the meeting, said that Murphy Brown's name never came up. He said that Ballard told the president what has to happen in the inner cities to help families. Ballard's suggestions were "exactly" what Bush has already been talking about, according to Kemp. Ballard said that there have to be more black-owned enterprises and that we "need to empower the people instead of the Welfare bureaucracy" according to Kemp.

The motorcade to St. Josaphat's Cathedral was uneventful. Large crowds of people lined State street near the end of the trip, and young children from the John Muir Elementary school held up signs welcoming Bush.

After his speech at the Ukrainian center, Bush made a spontaneous stop at a house adjacent to the center. Joan and Bill Wright were sitting on lawn chairs in their front yard with their two grand children, ~~who~~^{They} were not expecting a visit from the President. Bush, in shirt sleeves, walked up to one of the Wright grand children and said, "I saw your granddaddy waving the flag." Michael Busch said that Bush decided ~~that~~ he wanted to visit the Wrights when he saw Mr. Wright waving his flag as the motorcade pulled into the Ukrainian center driveway. Mr. Wright, it turns out, is a retired fireman who voted for Bush in '88 and plans to do so again this year. Wright's sister, Alice Cole stood with the family for photos with Bush and told your pool that the President visited their family because "he's a common man." Mrs. Cole and her brother seemed genuinely surprised to find themselves chatting with Bush. After visiting the Wrights, Bush grabbed the hand of one of their grandchildren (a young girl) and crossed over to the next door neighbor's house. A crowd of people standing behind a police rope shook his hand. One young man said to Bush, "I'm a college graduate and I'm a laborer. Can you help me get a job?" Another man, Dr. Gene A. Nelson, showed Bush his "pen-based", or pen-automated computer which is made by the Biophysics Company. Reporters in the pack asked Bush what he thinks of his standing in the polls. There was some confusion about Bush's response. Once he said, "you live and die by the polls," and another time he said he "was not troubled" by the polls.

Before boarding the C-20 to Westchester, Jack Kemp spoke to reporters about Bill Clinton's speech in downtown Cleveland. "I'm appreciative that he mentioned my name again as a supporter of Hope, welfare reform and enterprize zones, but that's the president's agenda. So I would suggest to Bill -- who's a friend of mine -- that he might want to send his speech to the party that controls the Congress and get them to pass it on a bi-partisan basis. ~~because~~ Bill Clinton said today that the traditional parties don't have the response, i.e. traditional Democratic liberal response and the traditional conservative Republican response. I agree. There has to be a third way, and that's exactly what the president is suggesting, by supporting Hope, welfare reform and enterprize zones. He (Clinton) might want to give the speech on Capitol Hill." Kemp had some criticism for California Governor Pete Wilson's welfare reform plan: "Ultimately, it cannot work unless you radically reform the economic climate. You need a net, ^{and the job} ~~provid~~ ^{as a ladder of opportunity."}

Clara Bingham, Newsweek

John Mashek, Boston Globe

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POOL REPORT # 1

May 21, 1992
(Cleveland, Ohio)

No news on the plane. Bush flew to Cleveland on the C-20 Gulf Stream with Judy Smith, Brent Scowcroft and Sam Skinner. Your pool flew on the C-9 with Jack Kemp, Ron Kaufman and Nick Calio. No one came to the back of the plane to talk to your pool. Bush was greeted at the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport by Governor George Voinovich and his wife Janet and a handful of other State officials. Bush also met with local Points of Light greeters. There was no airport greeting crowd. Your pool was informed that there will be 400 people paying \$1000 a head at the luncheon fundraiser and there will be 250 people also paying \$1000 each at the Westchester event.

On the tarmac a senior Administration official offered some background on yesterday's negotiating session on the urban aid package up on the Hill. The official said "It went Ok, but slow. We were there and we were prepared... We were very specific with them because we're prepared to go forward." The official said that the Administration believes an agreement can be reached with lawmakers on the Summer Jobs Program, but, "We don't like Kennedy-Hatch; it's ill conceived." He said the White House wants to see a program targeted more narrowly to localities and individuals who really require the assistance rather than a distribution based on a formula. He said the meeting lasted about an hour. Present were Mitchell, Dole, Michel, Gingrich, Foley, Gephardt and later on briefly attending were Bonior, Dixon, and Seymour. The official said there may be another meeting today chaired by Gephardt, but it may not come off.

Note from the Chief of Staff: The President will use his private time this afternoon to visit his mother in Greenwich, CT. No changes expected in the Press schedule.

No news on motorcade to fundraiser.

Clara Bingham - Newsweek
Michel McQueen - Wall Street Journal

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Anne Griffith	Room 98 OEOB
Diana Kellogg	Room 157 OEOB
Gregg Petersmeyer	Room 100 OEOB
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

'Murphy' frown

TV's 'glamorous' single mom still in veep trouble

By Paul Bedard
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Vice President Dan Quayle yesterday rejected a White House attempt to put a politically positive spin on his charge that TV sitcom character Murphy Brown had glamorized illegitimacy by giving birth out of wedlock.

When presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the TV anchor played by Candice Bergen was "demonstrating pro-life values which we think are good" by rejecting abortion, Mr. Quayle begged to differ.

"That is not correct. The 'Murphy Brown' show does not represent pro-life policies," he said outside a school he visited near the heart of the Los Angeles riot zone.

He later broadened his denunci-

ation to include the entire movie and TV industry, which he had accused of contributing to the deterioration of American family values.

"My complaint is that Hollywood thinks it's cute to glamorize illegitimacy," he said. "Hollywood doesn't get it."

President Bush was dragged into the flap — reluctantly — during a news conference with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney on the South Lawn of the White House.

"What about Murphy Brown?" shouted a reporter holding a copy of the New York Daily News with the headline "Quayle to Murphy Brown: YOU TRAMP!"

"Is she a bad role model?" yelled another scribe.

Standing beside Mr. Mulroney, Mr. Bush fidgeted and looked into the sea of reporters hoping to spot

someone who would ask about the trade wars the two leaders met to settle.

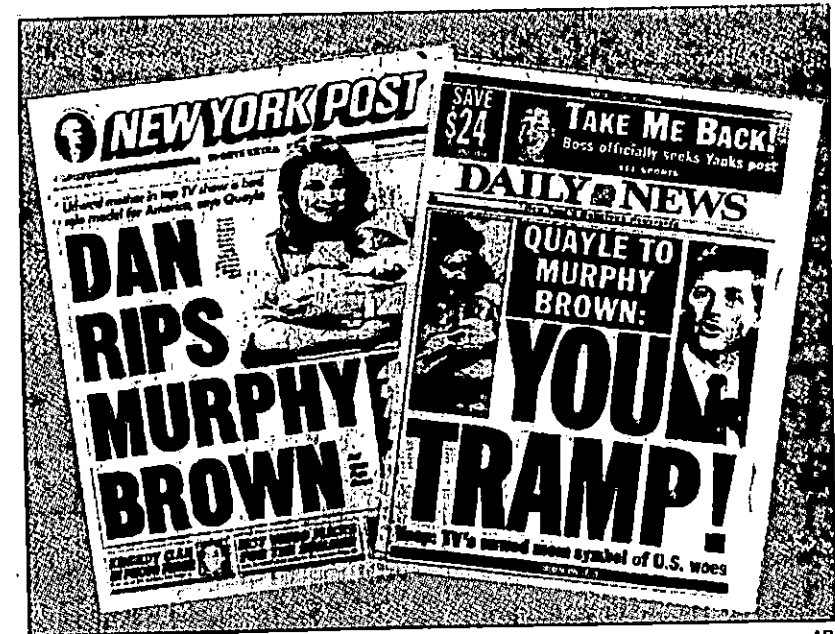
But the press corps wanted only to hear his view of Mr. Quayle's attack on a television show that is watched every Monday night by some 38 million potential voters.

Finally, the president of the United States gave up.

"OK, everybody give me a Murphy Brown question," he said. "I've got one answer right here for you. What's your Murphy Brown question? . . . All right, are you ready for the answer?"

"Yes," chorused the press, ignoring Mr. Mulroney, who had tried to recognize a Canadian reporter wanting to ask about U.S. tariffs on Canadian lumber.

"I believe that children should have the benefit of being born into



Keeping tabs: New York City's rival tabloids react to the big controversy. AP

families with a mother and a father who will give them love and care and attention all their lives," Mr. Bush

said, adding:

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"And I spoke on this family point in Notre Dame the other day. I've talked to Barbara about it a lot, and we both feel strongly that that is the best environment in which to raise kids—not always possible, but that's the best environment, and I think it results in giving a kid the best shot at the American Dream, incidentally.

"It's a certain discipline, a certain affection. And one of the things that concerns me deeply is the fact that there are an awful lot of broken families, and so that's really the kind of guidance I would place on that. I'm not going to get into the details of a very popular television show."

"Wimped out," grumbled one reporter. "He doesn't have the edge Quayle has," said an administration official.

Bill and Hillary Clinton each blasted the Quayle comments, saying they showed how out of touch the administration is with Americans, according to the Associated Press.

"I wish people would start talking about real problems, about real people," said Mrs. Clinton, a lawyer who was in California yesterday to give a speech on motherhood and careers.

"I think he continues to demonstrate how out of touch he and the Bush administration is," she added. "We shouldn't have some single ideological vision of what a traditional family is. I don't think anybody

needs to lecture about what is and isn't a family."

She agreed, however, with her husband's view that Murphy Brown is not the best example for children. The Clintons have a 12-year-old daughter, Chelsea.

Mr. Clinton, the likely Democratic opponent for Mr. Bush in November, said in Atlanta that he was "not running for national preacher."

"I think the effect of Murphy Brown on the Los Angeles riots was marginal," he added.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Quayle was roundly attacked by the Hollywood jet set.

For example, Diane English, creator and executive producer of "Murphy Brown," said: "If he believes that a woman cannot adequately raise a child without a father, then he'd better make sure abortion remains safe and legal."

But the vice president found comfort in his own supporters. Family Research Council President Gary Bauer fired a blistering letter to Miss English.

"Vice President Dan Quayle was right on the money. If we care about this society, we will do all we can to cease depicting violence as pleasurable, out-of-wedlock sex as rewarding and cosmopolitan, and the traditional family as irrelevant and out-of-fashion," he wrote.

Trying to brush over the event, Mr. Fitzwater joked: "This is big, maybe even as big as broccoli," a reference to the furor over Mr. Bush's revelation that he has always hated the green vegetable.

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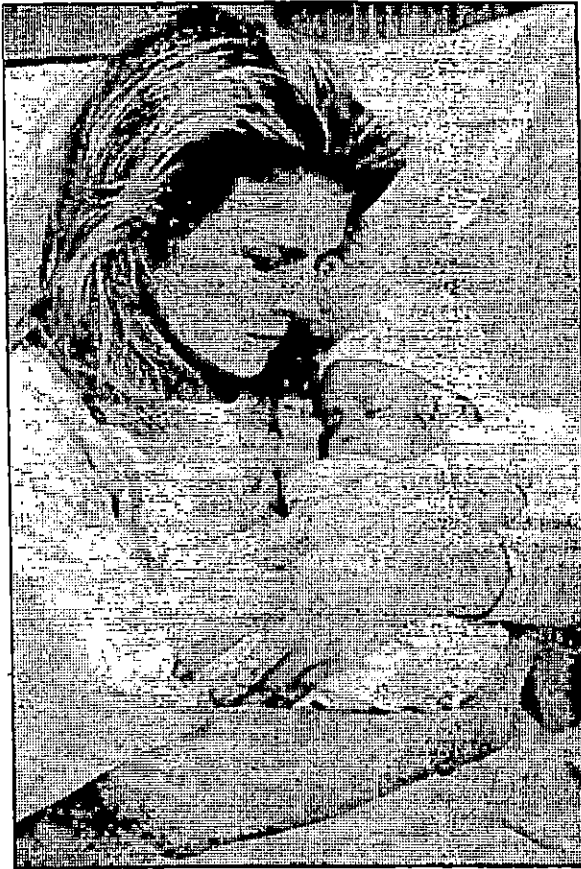
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Quayle: 'Hollywood Doesn't Get It'

Administration Struggles to Explain Attack on TV's Murphy Brown



Unwed mother Murphy Brown, played by Candice Bergen, cuddles baby in Monday's television episode.

By John E. Yang and Ann Devroy
Washington Post Staff Writers

Vice President Quayle started a national debate with an attack Tuesday on television sitcom character Murphy Brown, and yesterday, instead of retreating, charged ahead with a fresh condemnation of Hollywood.

"Hollywood thinks it's cute to glamorize illegitimacy," Quayle told reporters outside a predominantly black middle school in south-central Los Angeles. "Hollywood doesn't get it." He stuck to his contention that the show glamorizes unwed motherhood but insisted he was not attacking single mothers.

Quayle's Tuesday comments became the talk of the nation yesterday, and left official Washington, particularly Republican Washington, struggling to make policy out of a sitcom plot. President Bush first tried to avoid the issue, then found himself pummeled with questions as he held a news conference with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. Mulroney asked, somewhat plaintively, "Who's Murphy Brown?"

Eventually, Bush came up with an official administration formulation: "I'm not going to get into the details of a very popular television show."

Although more than 38 million Americans watched Monday night's episode in which Murphy Brown became a mother, some in Washington had to be told the story line of this season: The popular broadcaster played by Candice Bergen becomes pregnant, rejects abortion and decides marriage to the father, her ex-husband, is out of the question. She decides to raise

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the baby herself. Neither Bush nor Quayle, their aides said, watches the program and both got briefings on it before talking about it.

White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater first defended Quayle, then defended Murphy Brown, then cheerfully offered to marry the already married Candice Bergen. The president eventually offered a version of what he said Quayle meant to say: Republicans believe two-parent families are better than one-parent families.

Some administration women were steamed, reading Quayle's remarks at worst as an attack on single mothers, or at best as an impolitic use of a popular television star to make a point. Even the vice president's friends wondered aloud if he had not used the wrong symbol to make what they called a good speech on family values.

"Does the vice president know that the president's daughter is a single mother?" asked one GOP woman. Bush's daughter, Dorothy, is divorced and raising two young children. She is to remarry this summer. Said another, "How dare he suggest that all these women struggling to raise children can't do it without a man?"

Quayle said he has been careful not to criticize single mothers. "I have the greatest respect for single parents, especially single-parent mothers," he told a group of students. "They are true heroes and inspirations—going against the tides. It's a tough situation."

Quayle and his aides professed themselves pleased. White House and campaign officials were on all sides of the issue, some accusing Quayle of a clumsiness that revived

the charge that it is the administration, not Hollywood, that is out of touch; others praised him for giving a substantive speech; and others were uncertain what to think. One senior White House official said: "Someone here just asked me if this was a grand strategy to firm up our conservative base. If it was a grand strategy, I didn't know about it, but if it works, yes, it was a grand strategy."

"Murphy Brown isn't the issue," said Mike Murphy, a Bush-Quayle media adviser who accompanied Quayle on his three-day political swing through California. "It was a pop-culture cite to make [the speech] interesting. The essence of the speech was right-and-wrong."

Knowing Republicans almost never lose running against Hollywood

liberals, Quayle moved on that front yesterday. "This is typical Hollywood: glamorizing something that is wrong with society," Quayle told a luncheon gathering of reporters. "It's a speech that had to be given, an important speech. I know it's risky territory when someone like myself begins to talk about values. It can come across, perhaps, as preachy, as moralistic. . . . The discussion will get beyond Murphy Brown and it will give me an opportunity to talk about values. . . . Values are going to be very important to this campaign."

Quayle also challenged Fitzwater's characterization of Brown as exemplifying an antiabortion stance, one of several reactions Fitzwater provided yesterday. "That is not correct," Quayle said,

"'Murphy Brown,' the show, does not represent the pro-life policies."

The show's creator and executive producer, Diane English, had already responded to Quayle this way: "If the vice president thinks it's disgraceful for an unmarried woman to bear a child, and if he believes that a woman cannot adequately raise a child without a father, then he'd better make sure abortion remains safe and legal." Bergen decided not to make a statement.

Sources said it was Marilyn Quayle who suggested the inclusion of the example of Brown in the values speech, her interest sparked by media debates over the story line of a professional woman "glamorizing" unwed motherhood.

Murphy Brown was one sentence in Quayle's Tuesday speech: "It doesn't help matters when prime-time TV has Murphy Brown, a character who supposedly epitomizes today's intelligent, highly paid, professional woman, mocking the importance of fathers by bearing a child alone, and calling it just another lifestyle choice."

Talking about the show yesterday, he said: "Probably the only reason they chose to have a child rather than an abortion was because they knew the ratings would go up higher having the child."

If the vice president chose controversy, the president did not. "I believe that children should have the benefit of being born into families with a mother and a father who will give them love and attention all their lives," Bush said. "That is the best environment in which to raise kids. Not always possible, but that's the best environment."

*Yang reported from Los Angeles,
Devroy from Washington.*

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Quayle's Speech

This Murphy Brown flap over Vice President Quayle's San Francisco speech is a diversion from something more politically important. In fact, the Democrats had better come up with a "values" strategy real fast. Ross Perot is already there on values; it's part of his appeal. But could three people agree on where the Democrats are on this issue?

We suspect that the Vice President has just tapped into something huge in America's cultural life. At the moment, it's not at all clear that the Democrats quite get it.

The day-after press coverage of the Vice President's speech was remarkably tendentious, even by current standards. The address and Mr. Quayle himself were variously reported as: representative of the Republican right, a direct appeal to the Republican conservative base two weeks before the California primary, a broad ideological defense of a Republican solution, intensely ideological and, of course, conservative. Meanwhile, America's media culture, unerringly settling at its natural level of seriousness, is going to debate the speech's Murphy Brown paragraph. (Dorothy Rabinowitz discusses the Murphy Brown matter in the columns nearby.)

We think professional Democrats are making a mistake if they buy into this silliness. With any effort at all, one can discover that huge numbers of voters — at every income level, in both parties, of all races, in all regions of the country — are angry over the current state of this country's moral culture.

Those voters will respond positively when a person in authority, such as the Vice President of the United States, steps forward and says: "I know it is not fashionable to talk about moral values, but we need to do it. I think that most of us in this room know that some things are good and other things are wrong."

The source of the taunting and mockery of Mr. Quayle for saying these things is a subject in its own right. It comes mainly from what some years back was called the New Class. The New Class in the U.S. is made up primarily of intellectuals and people who work in related businesses: book publishing (based primarily in New York), newspapers, magazines (again, generally produced in New York), film, music, the "arts community," and university faculties. They

think of themselves as Us and the Reagan and Bush administrations as Them. For the New Class, the holy cultural war against "the right" is unending.

It's good sport, notwithstanding the fact that They somehow keep winning presidential championships. We wonder, though, whether many Democrats don't feel uncomfortable at the way they are routinely neutralized on this question of values and the current morality. As soon as a Dan Quayle gives a speech like Tuesday's in San Francisco, an assault force of pundits, TV personalities and sympathetic news sources rises up to ensure that he's turned into a media pariah. Look at what's being done to Mr. Quayle right now. Problem is, any Democrat who might have similar thoughts with mainstream appeal is intimidated into silence. And in the Bush White House, aides quake.

So by default, Dan Quayle becomes the only major national political figure standing up in public to say: "Children need love and discipline. They need mothers and fathers. It is from parents that children learn how to behave in society." Where's the political gain in heaping obloquy on thoughts like this?

We don't know if the Democrats (whatever that means anymore) will ever discover a viable position on these issues. We don't doubt, however, that there's more to be said about it.

At this point in its history, America has become an extraordinarily tolerant country. People live, work and play in a lot of different ways now, and most people have accepted that. If you're Murphy Brown, you will probably make a better mother than a 15-year-old. Perhaps it is indeed possible for a way to be found in which society can let an adult, never-married woman raise a child, while also accepting the idea that something recognizable as traditional morality is a good thing.

But in the Murphy Brown vs. Dan Quayle battle we are now apparently going to have to experience, any such subtlety will be lost. We'll get: She's out of wedlock, but she's pro-life, and other sophomoric inanities.

Amid this blather, Democrats who have to face voters might take the time to read the entire Quayle speech. If they actually believe that what Mr. Quayle is talking about deserves only derision, we suspect they will be running uphill.

Murphy Meets the V.P.

By DOROTHY RABINOWITZ

It's a toss-up as to which of the week's two large world events will leave the greatest imprint — the departure of Johnny Carson or the arrival of Murphy Brown's baby. Until a few days ago, the flow of media celebrations surrounding both these high occasions ran about even. Then Vice President Dan Quayle weighed in with a critique of Ms. Brown's single motherhood, which, of course, raised the potter over Murphy's baby to new heights of delirium.

Now — not to be profane — there are probably still some people out there in our world who don't care if Johnny Carson went or where he is going, and who don't moreover give a fig about Murphy Brown or her baby — especially considering the fact that Ms. Brown is a television creation and not a real life adventuress. These are the same sorts of citizens who marveled — as a lot of us did — when Congress a while back brought actor Jack Klugman to testify at hearings concerning orphan drugs. To the congressional investigators — or, more to the point, the aides who are responsible for most of what goes on in Congress — Mr. Klugman had proven medical expertise. They knew that because they had seen him on television, where he portrayed a medical examiner in a popular series.

That said, it's worth noting that the vice president seems to have touched a

real-life nerve, perhaps several of them, and not all of them the ones that might have been predicted. The chronic snigger that has by now settled itself into the tone of so many broadcast and print journalists when reporting on the vice president was of course amply evident in the reporting of this story too. You couldn't listen to our broadcast news Tuesday and Wednesday and miss that familiar, cosy lilt in reporters' voices as they introduced the hot news that the VP had taken a shot at the "Murphy" show for encouraging single women to have babies and for obliterating the importance of fathers.

At least some of those reporters must have been surprised at the serious interest the vice president's comments produced. CBS commentator Charles Osgood for one seems not to have grasped the fact that there is a certain *tone* one is supposed to take toward the vice president. In his commentary yesterday morning, Mr. Osgood undertook to point out that Mr. Quayle was not blaming the L.A. riots on "Murphy Brown" but on the larger social problem of



Candice Bergen

fatherlessness. Mr. Osgood then went so far as to suggest, in his dry way, that the vice-president had a point. Morning show host Regis Philbin took much the same view and also managed to convince co-host Kathie Lee, who thought Murphy should get points for not aborting the child.

On the other side a spokespersonage for presidential candidate Bill Clinton joined the fray to rebuke Mr. Quayle for his criticism of Murphy and to note that "millions of Americans" are devoted to Murphy Brown "because they think she has something relevant to say." Somewhere in the middle of all this stands the White House, now apparently nervous over the Murphy to-do. After first endorsing Mr. Quayle's view about the show's representation of single motherhood, Marlin Fitzwater commenced to pay tribute to Murphy for "demonstrating pro-life values" and otherwise to worry aloud about criticizing the "Murphy Brown" show.

This event precisely illustrates the current White House problem. Neither its chief resident nor his spokesmen can seem to find a position they can stay with for more than two hours running.

Mr. Quayle at least, seems capable of knowing what position he wants to hold. The producers and publicists of "Murphy Brown" are doubtless grateful to the vice president for throwing them the biggest media baby shower of all time.

Some of them, too, may even have a handle on what Mr. Quayle was talking about. What he was talking about had nothing to do with abortion but about the fact that a lot of young women out there watching the glamorous "Murphy" welcome her child fathered by never-mind-who may well be encouraged to think this is a wonderful thing to do. What he was talking about was the fact that those women are going to have to live real nanny-less lives, unlike Murphy Brown.

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Can a Sitcom Change Society?

Debate Rises Over Popular Culture's Effect on American Values

By Barbara Vobejda
Washington Post Staff Writer

It is never clear what will touch a nerve in politics. Yesterday, the fury was inspired by a single line in a speech, a passing sentence aimed at nothing more than a fictional television character.

Vice President Quayle's jab at the television show "Murphy Brown" unleashed a zany and almost surreal reaction: from radio talk shows to the White House, people read a variety of meanings into the remarks. Women's groups saw it as an attack on single mothers and working women, while others saw it as a far-fetched attempt to place blame for the ills of society on Hollywood.

But beneath all that were serious questions that seemed far from the visceral response: Do the images Americans absorb on television, in movies and in music leave a mark? Will anybody think or behave differently because they saw Murphy Brown, an appealing television character, give birth out of wedlock?

The speech, which conservatives in the administration were trumpeting as one of its most articulate statements on social decline, raised another critical issue: the domination of social values in this country by a liberal, white and upper-class population. Conservatives have long argued that those who work on Madison Avenue and in Hollywood share a liberal ideology and impart a message of sexual liberation that filters down to the population at large.

Even some Quayle detractors agree that television is enormously powerful in shaping social norms.

But others say Quayle's implication that the fate of a fictional character could somehow affect behavior or be at the root of the nation's most serious problems was nothing short of absurd.

"Murphy Brown is not going to cause an outbreak of illegitimate births," said Michael J. Robinson, a Georgetown University political scientist who has studied the media. "What determines whether people in society accept illegitimacy is not a question of pop-

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ular culture, it is much more a question of peer group pressure" and other forces.

Many disagree, contending that Americans, particularly young people, are influenced by media messages like those contained in "Murphy Brown."

"The whole concept of advertising is based on the notion that powerful television images can affect what a person buys and the beer they drink," said Gary Bauer, president of the Washington-based Family Research Council. "It stands to reason that if kids are getting a message that out-of-wedlock childbirth is fine, or the way to solve problems is through violence, it is going to have an impact in a society that is media-dominated."

The debate is not new. It was at the heart of the efforts to require record labels warning of obscene or violent lyrics. There was public protest two decades ago when the television program "All in the Family" depicted a beer-drinking racist and sexist. And the same was true several years ago when rock star Madonna sang "Papa Don't Preach," a song about a young girl's decision to have an illegitimate baby. More recently, conservatives have protested federal funding of what they see as obscene art sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Quayle's remarks Tuesday, that the "Murphy Brown" plot was "mocking the importance of fathers by bearing a child alone," prompted other academics to say that while television, movies, books and other art forms do influence opinions and values over the long term, the case of Murphy Brown was a bad example.

George Gerbner, a communications professor at the Annenberg School for Communications at the University of Pennsylvania, said most viewers would see the "Murphy Brown" episode as an exception in a medium that must appeal to the mainstream.

"The fact that advertisers didn't object" to the depiction of a single woman choosing to have a child on her own, he said, "shows the al-

ready growing acceptance of people living together, and women making these decisions.

"If out-of-wedlock childbearing became a norm in television programs, then it's already an accepted social convention."

Indeed, out-of-wedlock births and single motherhood have become so common in this country that many have said the producers of "Murphy Brown" were only reflecting the reality of current society. Their story line depicted Brown as a single woman who became pregnant accidentally and decided to have the child without marrying the father.

But a relatively small number of the nation's 10.1 million single mothers fit the Murphy Brown profile. There are 15,000 women between the ages of 35 and 44 who are never-married mothers living on a family income of \$50,000 or more, according to the Census Bureau.

The bureau said that 61 percent of single mothers are white and 36 percent are black, although a much higher proportion of black families—63 percent to 23 percent for white—are

maintained by single mothers. But since 1970, childbearing among never-married women has increased faster among whites than blacks.

Tipper Gore, the wife of Sen. Albert Gore Jr. (D-Tenn.) and leader of the effort several years ago to require record labeling, said she agreed both with Quayle and with his critics who argued that women and others in society need more support for the choices they make.

Nevertheless, she believes that media messages can be a powerful influence, especially on young people. While teenagers from strong families may listen and reject certain messages, those from poor and unstable backgrounds "are tuning into those attitudes and behaviors."

Yesterday, as he toured Los Angeles, Quayle did not retreat from the critique that prompted such an outpouring. Asked in an interview with KABC-TV in Los Angeles if he was surprised by the attention his remarks had received, he grinned and said, "I've been rather successful in getting the discussion going."

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'Murphy Brown,' take 2

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So what is Murphy Brown anyway, tramp or champ? Hussy or heroine? One day after holding the fictional television reporter up to national scorn for having a baby out of wedlock, the vice president of the United States continued his criticism yesterday of a show he admitted he doesn't watch.

His boss, President Bush, gave the birth a wide berth. White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said a few contradictory things but conceded that he liked Murphy Brown and found virtue where Vice President Quayle saw vice.

Quayle spoke out again. Bush steered clear.

Nationwide, everyone else seemed to be talking about it too, in water-cooler chat and on call-in radio shows. Politicians took sides, experts pontificated and newspaper headline writers were in post-partum ecstasy.

"Quayle to Murphy Brown: YOU TRAMP!" blared the New York Daily News.

To recap: On Monday, 38 million viewers watched as which Candice Bergen, who plays the title character on *Murphy Brown*, was stricken with contractions in mid-interview, endured a long and sweaty labor and finally had a bouncing baby boy. Bergen's character is single.

A day later, in a speech in San Francisco, Quayle castigated Murphy Brown for — in his view — belittling the role of fathers and contributing to a decline in morality and family values he said was responsible for the Los Angeles riots.

That did it, baby. Now everybody's getting into the act.

"My complaint is that Hollywood thinks it's cute to glamorize illegitimacy," Quayle said yesterday, sticking to his criticism. "Hollywood doesn't get it."

Bush, with his own ratings to

worry about, steered clear. "I'm not going to get into the details of a very popular television show," he said.

At a news conference that was supposed to be on trade, Bush and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney couldn't get reporters off *l'affaire* Brown.

"Who is Murphy Brown?" Mulroney finally said. He was kidding.

"I don't know what it's about — where's Marlin on this?" said Bush with a chuckle.

Fitzwater, it seemed, was several places. He said Murphy Brown "does not do a good service to most unwed mothers who are not highly paid, glamorous anchorwomen."

But he also noted that the TV character's decision to give birth instead of ending the pregnancy squared with Bush's opposition to abortion.

And besides, he said, the show is "excellent" and "Bergen is my per-

sonal favorite." He joked: "I've offered to marry her several times."

On the *Regis & Kathie Lee* television show, the hosts got into yet another spat, with Regis Philbin saying the vice president had a point and Kathie Lee Gifford demanding to know what else Murphy could have done under the circumstances.

On WABC radio in New York, another host couple — Guardian Angels founders Curtis and Lisa Sliwa — found that callers to their show wanted to talk about nothing else.

"The phone was blown off the hook," said Lisa.

"Why is this rich guy telling us about parenting?" asked a male caller. "First they have nursemaids, then governesses, then they send the kids off to boarding school."

On a loftier note, Michael J. Robinson, a Georgetown University political scientist, said that peer-group pressure, not popular culture, deter-

mines how people feel about issues such as single parenthood.

"Murphy Brown," he said, "is not going to cause an outbreak of illegitimate births."

Others disagreed, contending that Americans, particularly young people, are influenced by the media.

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About the only person with nothing to say was the actress who plays Murphy Brown. Bergen's publicist, Allen Eichhorn, said that when he told her on Tuesday night about Quayle's remarks, she said, "Oh really? ... OK, fine. Thank you."

"I don't think she cared to jump into the fray," he said.

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Illegitimate debate *Kicking around Murphy Brown's baby*

The tabloid-ization of Vice President Quayle's remarks on Murphy Brown's decision to become a single mother — as in the New York Daily News headline, "Quayle to Murphy Brown: 'YOU TRAMP!'" — may warp a much-needed national discussion on family values.

The whole situation took on an almost comic tone yesterday as President Bush's press secretary, Marlin Fitzwater, tap-danced his way through an effort to have it both ways: to applaud the pro-life aspect of Ms. Brown's decision not to have an abortion, while at the same time standing behind Mr. Quayle's militant defense of fatherhood. Mr. Fitzwater was in apparent anguish as he told reporters he found it difficult to criticize the show because Candice Bergen, the actress who portrays Ms. Brown, "is one of my personal favorites."

So there you have it: Political discourse reduced to sitcom analysis. But sooner or later, it needs to be recognized that Mr. Quayle's reference to Ms. Brown was a passing one, in a speech that talked about the importance of family in more substantive ways. And our problem with Mr. Quayle is not with what he said, but what the Bush administration has failed to do.

The major thrust of what Mr. Quayle told the Commonwealth Club of California Tuesday night was that "right now, the failings of our fam-

ilies is hurting America deeply [and] when families fail, society fails." We agree with that. Indeed, we think the major question the nation should be grappling with is this: Has any society ever let family structure disintegrate to the degree it has in present-day America — and then made a comeback? (And, if so, how?)

We do have a problem with the Vice President regarding the hypocrisy of his situation. After all, Mr. Quayle represents an administration that has boggled virtually every time it has confronted the opportunity to make a public policy decision that would strengthen families and support children, such as Mr. Bush's opposition to parental-leave legislation.

Indeed, when it comes to family issues, we much prefer the position of Gov. Bill Clinton, the Democratic candidate, who backs up his statements on the importance of the family with a program that calls for support of parental leave, as well as assistance with child care.

Between now and Election Day, both Republicans and Democrats will be telling voters constantly they're for "family values." The key questions for voters will be these: Which party is using the phrase as empty rhetoric, or as code words for ulterior agendas such as an attack on women's rights or an appeal to racial prejudice? And which political party really wants to help?

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Ms. Brown, Meet the Ozzie & Harriet Veep

Quayle knocks TV sitcom to rail about family values

Vice President Dan Quayle, in the throes of election-year politics, was on traditionally safe rhetorical ground in a San Francisco speech Tuesday as he sounded a call for a return to "moral values." Who would call for immoral values? Problem is, he then got specific—and a standard "family values" stump speech that could have been delivered by vice presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon in 1952 crashed headfirst into the uncomfortable realities of 1992.

Said Quayle: "It doesn't help matters when prime-time TV has Murphy Brown—a character who supposedly epitomizes today's intelligent, highly paid, professional woman—mocking the importance of fathers by bearing a child alone and calling it just another 'life-style choice.'"

"Oh dear," said one senior Bush campaign official when told of Quayle's attack on a popular television character who had just given birth in front of 38 million fans, a lot of them women, a lot of whom vote.

Oh dear indeed. "Murphy Brown" creator Diane English astutely shot back: "If the vice president thinks it's disgraceful for an unmarried woman to bear a child and if he believes that a woman cannot adequately raise a child without a father, then he'd better make sure abortion remains safe and legal."

That was right on target, and soon President Bush's press spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, was put in the awkward position of praising the fictional television reporter for at least not choosing to have an abortion. The politically seasoned Bush merely decried the increase in "broken homes" and shied away from attacks on Murphy Brown and real-life single mothers.

Quayle, visiting a Los Angeles school Wednesday, dug himself in deeper with simplistic put-downs of the evils of single motherhood. Countered a 14-year-old who seems more in tune with the harder choices often faced in life: "What would you prefer? A single mom, or a dad who gets drunk and beats your mom?" A telling retort.

But there are no shades of gray allowed in Quayle's vision of a world that itself seems based on television sitcoms—of the 1950s. It was essentially a "poverty of values" that was directly related to the rioting in Los Angeles, Quayle said.

Actually, Quayle is right in attacking a poverty of values in the nation. His key error is in fixating on the erosion of moral values in the inner city, as if morality has remained constant elsewhere.

There is a poverty of values in the nation. Children everywhere do need loving parents. But divorce happens in half of U.S. marriages. Today nearly 60% of married women with children under age 6 work, and most do so out of economic necessity—their husbands don't earn enough money to support a family.

And where is the moral compass in Washington? Working parents need affordable child care. Children need health care—but more and more are not covered by health insurance.

A job, child care and health insurance won't be a problem for Murphy Brown and her son, of course. The character makes a good salary—and no doubt has a good company health policy. But what about the other America? Perhaps the vice president now could focus his speeches and his efforts on attacking the poverty of values in Washington that hurts real-life working families.



Vice presidential lecture for Murphy.

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■ **L.A. visit: Remarks on one-parent families anger some minority students.**

By HECTOR TOBAR
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Vice President Dan Quayle's attempt to place morality and family values at the center of the debate over urban policy in post-riot Los Angeles ran into a snag Wednesday during a visit to a South-Central junior high school.

Before an audience that included many youngsters being raised by single mothers, Quayle told 100 Latino and black students at Bret Harte Middle School that there are "too many children born out of wedlock."

"We should promote the idea of marriage," the vice president said during an "Ask Dan Quayle" session. "If you are considering hav-

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Dan Quayle makes a point to reporters during Los Angeles visit.

QUAYLE: Comments Upset Minority Students

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ing children, think of marriage. That is the preferred way. And I think the child is going to be better off."

Although Quayle also took pains to praise the "heroic" efforts of single-parent families, his remarks drew some angry and cynical responses from the students.

"I don't understand why he would say something like that when most people here have single mothers," said Jermario Jordan, 14, himself a member of a single-parent family.

"What would you prefer?" 14-year-old Vanessa Martinez asked rhetorically after the vice president had departed. "A single mom, or a dad who gets drunk and beats your mom?"

Quayle's statements came after sixth-grader Janae Burris, the student-body treasurer, asked him to expand upon his remarks about the "Murphy Brown" television series, in which the title character chose to bear a child out of wedlock.

Quayle first commented on the television program Tuesday in San Francisco, arguing that the "lawless social anarchy" of the Los Angeles riots was the result of a "poverty of values" epitomized by "Murphy Brown."

On Wednesday, the vice president continued to criticize the television program.

"My complaint is that Hollywood thinks it's cute to glamorize illegitimacy," Quayle told reporters outside the South-Central school, which is located in a community ravaged in the recent rioting. "Hollywood just doesn't get it. . . . They're out there in the world of comfort. They ought to be with me where the real America is."

His "Murphy Brown" comments did not find a particularly receptive audience at Bret Harte.

"I don't think a lot of thought was given to his statement," said school counselor Irma Primus. "A lot of the kids were upset. We think our mothers are doing good jobs. . . . It's not easy.

I'm a single parent. I'm speaking from personal experience."

Asked later whether he knew that many of Bret Harte's students are from single-parent families, Quayle responded that he had great admiration for women who raise children on their own.

"I know there are one-parent families," Quayle said. "I have the greatest respect for single-parent families raising children. They are heroes and an inspiration. They are going against the odds."

Quayle sat on a stool as he spoke to the students, who formed a large circle around him in the school library. They peppered him with questions about the riots, school budget cuts and other issues.

Perhaps the toughest question came from 14-year-old Shirley Kennedy. She asked the vice president how he would feel—and what he would do—if he were a young black male living on welfare in South-Central.

"I would hope he would have the attitude that, 'I can do it if I stick to it, if I stay in school,'" Quayle said. "Stay off of drugs, stay away from crime, stay away from the gang activities."

Although the students were polite and respectful to Quayle while he visited the school, they felt free to criticize him after he left.

"He seems like an average type of man," said Vanessa Martinez when asked about her impressions of the vice president. "He's not, like, smart. I'm not trying to bag on him or anything, but he has the same mentality I have—and I'm in the eighth grade."

His session with the students completed, Quayle moved on to a meeting with Principal Catherine Sumpter and a small group of teachers and parents. The discussion quickly moved to the underlying social problems behind the riots.

"None of us in this room condone the

violence," Sumpter told Quayle. "However, there is a very basic problem that has not been addressed and that is institutional racism."

Sumpter said residents of South Los Angeles need jobs and suggested that the Bush Administration spend \$7 billion on aid to the cities instead of sending new aid to the former Soviet republics.

"I take what you're saying is we need a massive commitment to education," Quayle said.

Two dozen parents and teachers joined the principal in answering: "Yes!"

Quayle responded: "It's got to be more than that."

"That's a start," Sumpter said.

The visit to Bret Harte was one stop in an 18-hour visit to Los Angeles that included a meeting with the South-Central Korean Merchants Assn. and an afternoon meeting for the Bush reelection campaign.

Quayle also attended a breakfast meeting to discuss relief efforts for Los Angeles with Mayor Tom Bradley, Supervisor Deane Dana and Peter Ueberroth, who is heading Rebuild L.A., the task force channeling aid to riot-torn neighborhoods.

Most of the meeting focused on a White House initiative to encourage local officials to sell Los Angeles International Airport to raise money for urban renewal.

Bradley told the vice president he was concerned that the proposal might result in a reduction of federal support for LAX and also lead to increased airline ticket prices.

Quayle told the mayor that the city would not be forced to sell LAX.

"It was reassuring to find out that the federal government is not trying to mandate the city of Los Angeles to sell its airport," Bradley said. "Nor is there any retreat from the promises already made to offer federal assistance."

Times staff writer James Ralney contributed to this story.

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Quayle's Morality Debate Hits Snag

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■ **Politics:** Critique of TV show puts White House into center of controversy.

By DAVID LAUTER
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TIMES STAFF WRITERS

WASHINGTON—Apple pie may still be a safe topic for political discourse, but motherhood is getting risky.

When Vice President Dan Quayle criticized television's Murphy Brown character on Tuesday for setting a bad example by having a baby out of wedlock and declared that such moral laxity lay at the heart of the Los Angeles riots, he provoked a storm that sent the White House dodging.

In the process, Quayle and the Bush Administration discovered that using an issue like single parenthood to polarize voters and solidify its conservative base may be trickier than they thought.

"QUAYLE TO MURPHY BROWN: YOU TRAMP!" screamed the New York Daily News. In Philadelphia, it was "MURPHY HAS A BABY . . . QUAYLE HAS A COW." He was on page one, too, in Los Angeles and in Washington, where President Bush and his aides spent the day backing and filling.

"The next thing you know, he'll condemn the Joker," said New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, referring to the Batman villain. Quayle, he said, "has a comic book mentality."

Some were tempted to treat the remark as another in a line of gaffes, pointing out that the vice president risked looking foolish by taking on a fictional character.

In fact, however, Quayle's remark was carefully thought out and deliberate, officials said.

In the aftermath of the riots, the Administration has accentuated its use of Quayle to appeal to conservatives, and many Republican strategists believe an emphasis on "traditional family values" will be good politics.

Quayle's approach "helps rally the Bush constituency," said a Republican lobbyist.

"The attention the example drew to the speech is helpful in stimulating what the vice president called for—an honest and open debate about values and social ills," declared William Kristol, Quayle's chief of staff. "We wouldn't change a word."

But the Bush Administration's political calculation may be wrong.

Even within the Administration, the remark caused anger. One senior official—Assistant Secretary of State Janet Mullins, a single mother whose daughter just graduated from college—told colleagues that Quayle's comments were insensitive.

And across the country, listeners called radio talk shows to express indignation. The issue took off this morning "as much as any one-day

topic" in a long time, said KABC talk radio host Michael Jackson. "I had lots of calls from . . . mothers bringing up a child alone. All without exception were offended."

The effect of the remark could outlive the immediate brouhaha and "further alienate moderate Republican women from the party," said pollster Mark Baldassare of UC Irvine, an expert on suburban voters. "It's a further indication of the difficult tack that the Bush-Quayle ticket has ahead of them in trying to please the conservative wing of the party and maintain a rapport with moderates, particularly women, at the same time," he said.

In addition, said Democratic pollster Paul Maslin, Quayle's remarks could reinforce the sense many voters have that "the Administration is out of touch with the reality of America." Trying to make political points about the riots "by attacking a television character is Fantasyland, it's unreal," said Maslin.

"Next thing they'll be blaming Doogie Howser for the lack of a health care program in this country," grumbled Linda Bloodworth-Thomason, creator of CBS' "Designing Women" and "Evening Shade" and a longtime friend of Democratic candidate Bill Clinton.

Clinton tread cautiously on the issue, perhaps remembering how his own campaign stumbled two months ago on the shifting politics of sex roles when his wife, Hillary, snapped at critics of her law practice. "I could have stayed home and baked cookies and had teas," she said at the time, leading to fears that the Democrats might alienate traditional homemakers.

Asked in Atlanta if he thought Murphy Brown had contributed to the riots, Clinton said deadpan, "I think the effect of Murphy Brown on the Los Angeles riots was marginal." Earlier in the day, however, Clinton also took pains to note that he, too, does not approve of out-of-wedlock births.

"I agree that's not the example

that we want to set for our children," Clinton said. But, he said, "there's a lot of violence on television that may have a bigger impact on what happened in Los Angeles than Murphy Brown's sitcom."

Bush's spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, tried three times during the day to put a better spin on the flap, first defending Quayle, then defending Murphy Brown, then trying to laugh the question off: "It's just a television show," he said.

Eventually, however, Bush himself emerged with a prepared written statement.

"OK, everybody give me a Murphy Brown question. I've got one answer right here for you," he said with a pronounced peevishness.

"I believe that children should have the benefit of being born into families with a mother and a father who will give them love and care and attention all their lives," he said. "That is the best environment in which to raise kids—not always possible," Bush added.

"I'm not going to get into the details of a very popular television show," Bush concluded.

As he walked away, Bush muttered to his guest, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney: "I told you what the issue was. You thought I was kidding."

Times staff writer Judith Michaelson in Los Angeles contributed to this story.

Nation/world

Quayle blames riots on 'poverty of values'

From Chicago Tribune wires

SAN FRANCISCO—Vice President Dan Quayle said Tuesday the Los Angeles riots were the result of a "poverty of values" in some cities and that the nation should show no sympathy to those who joined in the civil unrest.

Quayle even took a slap at the nation's newest unwed mother, television character Murphy Brown, as a symbol of slipshod morals.

Quayle, in campaign appearances and a speech to the Commonwealth Club of California, signaled that law and order will be a key theme in the Republican strategy for retaining the White House.

"When you hear the liberal commentators saying, 'Well, this [law and order] is just a Republican code word,' say, 'Amen,'" he told a fundraiser in Salinas, Calif. "It is a code word for safety and to be free of fear in our cities, and we ought to be proud of it."

Quayle blamed "the lawless social anarchy" in Los Angeles on the breakdown of the family and growth of an underclass, which he said has "been particularly acute for black Americans."

He suggested that poverty is an inevitable part of society, but should be a transition to the middle class, and that many of the urban poor remained that way because they lost their moral fiber in the social and political upheaval of the 1960s and 1970s.

Quayle criticized what he called apologists for the Los Angeles riots, which left 51 dead.

"Instead of denouncing wrongdoing, some have shown tolerance for rioters; some have enjoyed saying, 'I told you so,' and some have simply made excuses for what happened," he said.

"Who is to blame for the riots? The rioters are to blame. Who is to

blame for the killings? The killers are to blame. Yes, I can understand how people were shocked and outraged by the verdict [in the trial of four police officers charged with beating motorist Rodney King]. But there is simply no excuse for the mayhem that followed," he said.

He recited statistics about rising illegitimacy, unemployment and homicides among blacks.

"It would be overly simplistic to blame this social breakdown on the programs of the Great Society alone. It would be absolutely wrong to blame it on the growth and success most Americans enjoyed during the 1980s," Quayle said.

"We are ... reaping the consequences of decades of changes in social mores," he said.

"The intergenerational poverty that troubles us so much today is predominantly a poverty of values," Quayle told the Commonwealth Club.

Quayle called for "social sanctions" against women who bear children out of marriage "irresponsibly" and lashed out against the "Murphy Brown" show.

"It doesn't help matters when prime-time TV has Murphy Brown—a character who supposedly epitomizes today's intelligent, highly paid, professional woman—mocking the importance of fathers, by bearing a child alone, and calling it just another 'lifestyle choice.'"

The comment drew a sharp response from Diane English, creator of "Murphy Brown."

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WILLIAM NORWICH

IT WAS love-all, heal-all time at the Four Seasons midday yesterday, where publisher Harold Evans and editor Helen Morris celebrated their recent deal with Marianne Williamson for Random House.

Williamson, the great distiller of lessons from the inspirational tome "The Course in Miracles," and who officiated at the wedding of Elizabeth Taylor to Larry Fortensky, is the author of the current best seller "A Return to Love," published by HarperCollins.

Getting Williamson to sign with Random House — it cost millions — is considered a big deal, especially since the company just lost Barbara Taylor Bradford to the aforementioned HarperCollins. Williamson will pen two books for Random House, the first, titled "On Women," and the second, "The Healing of America," concerning the higher, transcendental principles upon which this country was founded and how they were eventually lost.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, a senior editor at Doubleday, was Random House's main competition. It looked a little dicey for Random House, especially when the publisher took Williamson to the coffee shop at the Waldorf-Astoria, and Mrs. Onassis invited the New Age authoress to her Fifth Ave. aerie for dinner.

Come the weekend, Williamson is off to a book convention in California, which Magic Johnson, another Random House author, also is planning to attend. He's tall, she's short, but Williamson expects the two to tango perfectly on that unseen level where the spirit is immeasurable, and the need for caffeine not.

IT SEEMS rather interesting how Marianne Williamson, who has been doing her thing for some time in the New Age movement, found her popular niche in



NO HEM AND HAW: Joan Rivers won't talk nicely about midis.

the dawning of the 1990s.

More evidence, I suppose, that modern life imitates the 1970s. We have riots, platform shoes, paisley prints, midi-skirts, and a blossoming interest in everything New Age.

So are you ready for LSD again? Don't write the messenger, please, but tripping, and this does not mean the sort Chevy Chase took in "European Vacation," is back in vogue.

In fact, there's an essay in the May/June issue of the "New Age Journal" in which Michael Blumenthal, a 42-year-old poet, wonders whether he should take his first LSD trip since he was 27.

"So why do this again?" writes Blumenthal. "Why threaten the relatively secure, stable, hard-won, more or less contented order of my life with yet another foray into the 'otherworldly'? Why invite

in visions that might call into question all the structures I had so carefully built up around me? Why jeopardize what a friend of mine calls 'the good-enough life' conducted under the auspices of my good-enough consciousness, for one that might be more troubling, more unsettling, more — how else can I say it? — more *dangerous*?"

Suffice it to say, Blumenthal successfully conveys his "Just Say No" message. Turn off Led Zeppelin.

IF THE 1990s mean midi-skirts, don't ask Joan Rivers to talk nicely about them.

Or, there we were the other night at the Waldorf-Astoria, yes, at a fund-raiser, but this one an especially good cause which I'll get to later, and Joan was trying not to talk about Johnny Carson to a crew from "Entertainment Tonight."

The subject turned to skirt lengths, and would Joan wear something below the knee?

"After all the work I put into this body? These legs? The dieting, the dieting, my God, the dieting! You'll have to throw me down on the ground and pull my skirt down, stretch my skirt down, and even then I won't do it!"

I think what Joan meant was that, no, she won't wear long, and yes, skirt length remains the big debate until, say, Ross Perot tells us where he stands on the greater, national issues.

The aforementioned fund-raiser, so you know, was the American Suicide Foundation's annual Lifesavers Dinner, an event which raises money to help advance society's knowledge of suicide and prevent it. Among the ways this is done is by providing institutional grants to colleges and hospitals, training professionals in the treatment of suicidal individuals, and, of course, supporting the survivors of suicide. Among those who were honored for their contributions to the cause were Paloma Picasso, Matilda Cuomo, Claire and Sherwin Kaufman, Dr. Marie Asberg, Dr. Alexander Gralnick and the always-inspiring Fred Lebow, president of the New York Road Runners Club.

SLICK Willie and wife Hillary have some differences. Some of them could become divisive issues in November.

When Hillary was chairman of the Children's Defense Fund — she resigned in February — the organization lobbied for passage of the Act for Better Child Care (ABC) which would impose strict federal standards to govern child-care facilities.

This could close 90 percent of the informal day-care providers that most parents use because they don't conform to federal regulations.

Bill Clinton, as a leader in the National Governor's Association, opposed such standards, recognizing that they would hurt most of the families they sought to protect, particularly in small states like his own. He also opposed the huge multi-billion dollar subsidies for child care supported by the Children's Defense Fund, preferring tax credits for families.

But will Hillary stand behind her man on these

Can national politics estrange bedfellows?



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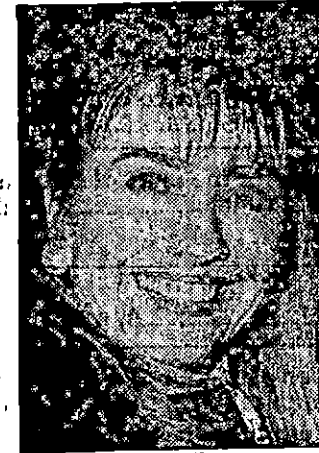
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consent for a child who seeks an abortion. The governor's position is not entirely clear. He says now he opposes any laws requiring parental consent, but in 1989 he signed the Arkansas law requiring a minor to notify at least one parent. Hillary is against notification.

Mrs. Clinton may or may not have used pillow talk to change the governor's mind, but she's a wide-awake advocate of expanding the rights of children, writing that parents shouldn't have authority "unilaterally" to make "decisions about motherhood and abortion, schooling, cosmetic surgery, treatment of venereal disease or employment." She thinks children should have the right to sue those adults, even parents, who damage their development.

Her ambiguous legalistic arguments give critics of the "litigation explosion" a bad case of dyspepsia. Does she mean children could sue parents for having given them defective toilet training, thus making a mess of their lives; or the manufacturers of toy guns and Twinkies for inflicting emotional harm?

If her husband is elected President, Hillary says she'll be "a full-time advocate for children's issues," but she's vague about what she means by being an "advocate." Maybe she intends only to practice her pillow talk in the Lincoln Bedroom, or maybe it's something more ambitious than that. Like Ross Perot, she doesn't say much about particulars. Fair or not, it's activism like this that has invited



Hillary Clinton

comparisons between the Arkansas first lady and Raisa Gorbachev (for abrasiveness) and Evita Peron (for aggressiveness). By contrast, Barbara Bush is the disarming grandmother, warm and trustworthy, with a light touch of whimsy as

Millie's ghostwriter. Fair or not, everyone imagines that Mrs. Bush knows her way around the cookie pans.

"If you voted only for first lady, nobody could defeat Barbara Bush," says Glenn Totten, a Democratic political consultant. "If the Republicans can make the issue 'the first couple' and that's what the vote is, they kill two birds with one stone."

The image makers are furiously trying to make Hillary over. She's been done over before. When her husband was defeated in his first try for reelection, Hillary Rodham finally assumed his name (which, under Arkansas law, it was, anyway). She put away her granny dresses, her rimless granny glasses, even her brown hair. She even gave up the most lucrative bits of her law practice.

"The most important thing in my life right now is my daughter, Chelsea," she says. "The work inside the home is very important."

Such is the way the cookie crumbles. So far.

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Rose, (FYI)

Donna from Ambassador Curley's office in Paris called with a message for the President:

Lionel Hampton was performing at the Bobino Theatre last night in Paris and had a malaise. He was immediately transferred to the Cochin hospital. Mr. Hampton is in good spirits but will be staying in the Cardiac Department of Intensive Care for a week.

His address at the hospital is:

Hospital Cochin
Service du Professeur Guerin
Department Cardiology/ Re-animation
27 - Rue Faubourg St. Jacques
75014 Paris, France

Telephone # 011-331-4234-1212 (gave this # to Signal) ^{source}
- also to KB operatn

Ambassador Curley has assured us that he will make sure that Mr. Hampton is taken good care of and will help him in any way that he can.

Ambassador Curley's office number is 331-4296-1202.

★ Gave message to the President 23:00pm. ^{& to Robin}
He will call tomorrow (5/22) from KB.

Michael,

This goes in 21 May daily.

GB with BPB brother Pierce.

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