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POOL REPORT # 3
August 18, 1992

(Houston, Texas)

White House Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater spoke about Thursday night's speech, Big Mo and Iraq.

On the big speech: Fitzwater said five or six people have been working on it full time, but Steve Provost is writing the final draft. Fitzwater would not answer questions on whether or not it would include a tax proposal. "I don't want to talk about specifics." "Most of it will focus on where he's taking the country - what his ideas are for the next four years - very positive in tone... He'll have a lot of interesting ideas in it and "It'll be meaty, substantive. It'll be rousing...they'll be news in it but I don't want to talk about specifics."

It's in a final form. As these things happen they go through a lot of changes in the final days. People come in with ideas and there's always a lot of rhetorical flourishes that get added in the last day or two... The substance is pretty well complete.

Ray Price is one of those working on the speech. Peggy Noonan is not. "No, she's become a journalist," Fitzwater said.

"These last 24 hours have been perfect. They've been wonderful. We're off and rolling."

Speaking to the pool outside the Chuck Norris event Fitzwater said, "He (Bush) thought yesterday's evening was outstanding in terms of giving the party momentum and defining the Campaign issues we want to talk about. President Reagan of course gave an outstanding speech on the beliefs of our party and accomplishments during his term of office - an emotional and we think a rousing evening from the standpoint of getting momentum of the party and getting the convention off to a great start."

"The President will continue to have a good strong set of remarks about the opposing candidate. He said he was coming to Houston to start this Campaign and yesterday we got it off to a rousing start."

Provost also wrote yesterday's rally speech Fitzwater said.

He said Bush watched all of the Convention speeches last night on his television from his Houstonian suite and tonight, "I'm sure he'll watch most of them." Although Bush is not scheduled to go to the Hall before Thursday night, it could happen, Fitzwater said, "We don't have anything scheduled, but it's like Iraq. I wouldn't rule anything out."

Asked if the Bush speech would alienate moderates, Fitzwater said, "I think all the speeches were good but Pat Buchanan laid out some very hard issues and tried to point out differences between our two parties and there are differences." Asked if the Buchanan speech did not mention Bush enough, Fitzwater said, "We thought his support was just right."

On Iraq: Asked if the US halted a planned visit to an Iraqi Ministry Fitzwater said, "No. We don't have anything to do with the selection of the inspection sites or the timing of their access."

On the issue of allies protecting Shiites in Southern Iraq, Fitzwater said, "We have a very deep concern about them because the UN resolutions forbid the repression of the Iraqi people and certainly to the degree that Saddam Hussein is attacking Shias in the South, it looks to be a violation of the UN resolution. We are watching it and we are consulting with our allies but I wouldn't comment on any courses of action. "

Bush is going out to lunch. More later.

Ellen Warren - Knight Ridder Newspapers

POOL REPORT # 4

August 18, 1992

(Houston, Texas)

Bush has an aerobic barbecue lunch. A few words that don't amount to anything on Iraq. He's not nervous about his big speech. And talk about fighting over the check. P.S. He lost the fight.

If the election were held today Bush would carry Otto's Bar-B-Que where he received a standing ovation.

Bush spent a half hour over a mixed plate (beef and sausage links), side of slaw and an iced tea with diners at this popular Houston lunch spot. Your pool couldn't identify his lunch companions who may have been regular citizens.

He tried to pay at the checkout window with a crisp \$50 bill which he took out of a well-worn brown leather wallet.

Cashier Lydia Moreno refused the money and tried to stuff it in his shirt pocket. He took the money and tried to force it into her hand. Back and forth, back and forth about three times.

"No, no NOPE!" an adamant Moreno insisted. She wore a button that says, "Otto's Bar-B-Que The President's Favorite".

Finally, Bush stuffed the \$50 into his pants pocket and turned to the pool to say, "Let the record show, I tried."

Your intrepid pool established that the luncheon would have cost \$6.82 if he had been permitted to pay for it.

Carrying his tray away to his table, Bush turned to a nearby diner who was just finishing up his lunch and said, "You thought you were going to have a nice quiet lunch. Sorry about that.:"

As Bush stood at the cash register, waiting for his chow, a pooler asked if he was going to "drop kick" Clinton (a reference to the karate show Bush saw earlier in the day).

With studied attention to the location of the TV cameras, Bush winked and gave the "A OK" sign by making a circle with his thumb and index finger.

At Otto's equivalent of the Fixin's Bar, he was collared by your pool. Helen pressed him on Iraq, asking if he had anything to do with the non-inspection of a ministry in Baghdad.

The president, perhaps referring to the old NYT story that vexed him so, declared, "That was the worst (voice trails off) As career journalists, I know you must be terribly embarrassed."

Why was the inspection avoided, Helen pressed. "Let's let history show that one," Bush dodged.

As he continued to make his way to the table with his tray full of cholesterol, Bush was asked if expectations were too high on the Thursday night speech.

"Lower them will ya? Lower the high bar a little bit. It'll be a good speech."

Asked if he was nervous he replied, "Let's see, Ellen I asked my grandson if he was nervous and he said NO! I would say, 'I want it to be good. Not nervous. I've spoken to large crowds before. You were with me in Poland."

Although other reporters found diners who were not sure they would vote for Bush, everyone I talked to liked him a lot.

A random sample:

John Cavallaro, 60, dining with daughter Lauren, 7 mos., wife Karen, 34, they sell a food supplement, live in Houston

John: "I'm excited about what the Republican party is going to do for the country in the next four years.

Karen: "I think he's strong. I think he can make decisions. I'm a fiscal conservative. I like his emphasis on getting people off welfare, getting them to work. I like his pro-life stand. I like the choice of Quayle. I like Bush's loyalty to Quayle. I think that showed a lot of character. And I love Barbara.

John: "She makes better cookies than Hillary with one spoon tied behind her back."

Steve Moore, 33, a telecommunications manager, of Houston: Likes Bush "He tries to be honest. Outwardly he might seem like a wimp but his reaction with Saddam shows he's not going to take anything. Are you better off than you were four years ago? I know I am. One hundred per cent."

Buddy Nix, 50, a Department of Justice employee in law enforcement, of Houston: "I just have a lot of confidence in him. He's honest. He's sincere. A man of integrity who can make the right decisions for the country."

No lunch for the pool, which would have happily paid double \$6.82.

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Two events on the President's evening excursion: A reception (closed to press) given by Bill and Sharon Archer honoring Republican members of the Senate and the House, at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. According to an invitation, it was called ``Taste of Houston.'' Approximately 1,000 guests. The second event was a reception (closed to the press) at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts--270 people, mostly friends of the Bushes and Bush family members, hosted by friends of the family in Houston.

Motorcade departed the Houstonian at approximately 6:10 p.m. and returned at 8:10 p.m. The President and Mrs. Bush were glimpsed once by your pool, as the limo headed out of the Houstonian. No subsequent sightings.

Jim Gerstenzang
Los Angeles Times

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REAGAN: "Emotional farewell" mentions Bush just 3 times, "but to the point." Gentle jabs at Clinton. (#3)

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Poll shows force still OKed by majority, mixed opinion on Bush motives for action. (#21)

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QUESTION FOR TUESDAY

SPEAKERS: Which rhetoric best sets up Thursday's audience? The negativism of the Buchanan sledgehammer? Or the optimism of the Reagan scalpel?

===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====

"I knew Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson was a friend of mine, and governor, you're no Thomas Jefferson."

-- Ronald Reagan to Clinton, in his convention address, 8/18.

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FROM TODAY'S GREENWIRE: Editorial pages endorse NAFTA, slam "partisan politics"; caution environment not be ignored.
FROM TODAY'S DAILY REPORT CARD: Platform champions parental rights and responsibility as cornerstone in educ. policy.
FROM TODAY'S ABORTION REPORT: MD League of Women Voters joins abortion referendum fray; pro-lifers: "crass politicking."
FROM TODAY'S AMERICAN HEALTH LINE: AIDS activists in Houston want revamped health systems, greater focus on women & AIDS.

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Just what Sen. Arlen Specter (R) needed? Facing women's activist Lynn Yeakel (D) in the fall, after being a point person in the Thomas-Hill hearings, he won a high-profile endorsement from former PA Dem chair, Larry Yatch. But after endorsing, Yatch complained about the strength of Dem women candidates, who "seemed to be saying": "Here, I've got breasts. Vote for me!"

*1 BUSH: HITS TOWN SWINGING

Pres. Bush arrived in TX "with guns blazing, blasting Bill Clinton and promising the most dramatic political comeback since Harry Truman's legendary upset." Appearing with VP Quayle, Bush addressed a "star-spangled rally" inside the AstroArena next to the Dome where he "road tested some of the themes he is likely to invoke in the fall campaign, talking of 'family values' and vowing to focus his second term on domestic issues." Bush: "For nine months, the other side has had a one-way conversation with the American people -- and now it's our turn. ... We changed the world. And now we will change America, because America is the land of the eternal Spring." Bush portrayed himself as the "underdog" (Barabak, COPLEYS.D. UNION-TRIBUNE, 8/18). USA TODAY's Lee writes Bush had "vengeance on his mind, victory in his words and a vow on his lips to cancel the Democrats' plans for the Oval Office" (8/18). Balto. SUN's West calls Bush's speech the "highlight" of the first night (8/18). W.S. JOURNAL's McQueen & Shribman report his Houston, and earlier Indianapolis VFW speech, "signaled an emerging campaign message: [Bush's] triumphs abroad presage accomplishments at home" (8/18). HOUSTON CHRONICLE's Hines calls Bush "unusually animated" (8/18). Bush "loudest applause" came when he said he half-expected to see Clinton in the White House measuring drapes: "I have a message for him. Put those drapes on hold, it is going to be curtain time for the [Dem] ticket, and I mean it" (CHRONICLE, 8/18). More: "We're not running against the Comeback Kids, we're running against the Karaoke Kids. And they'll sing any tune ... they think will get 'em elected" (CNN, 8/17). ABC's Hume: "He gave hands down his peppiest, fieriest, most partisan speech of the year and he had them roaring with approval. ... an altogether different person from the one we've seen all year long" (8/17). DALLAS MORNING NEWS' Reifenberg: "No clouds of sagging popularity or paltry political ratings darkened" the opening day of the convention (8/18). Bush arrived and "instantly whipped off the gloves" (Marcus, W. POST, 8/18). Bush displayed the "feisty, fighting spirit that gloomy Republicans had been hoping for" (Kasindorf, NEWSDAY, 8/18). S.F. CHRONICLE's Yoachum notes prime-time TV missed the Bush appearance, "arguably the highlight of the day" (8/18).

TV INTERVIEWS: Bush was interviewed on CNN and NBC. He was asked about his wife's comments on abortion ("What Barbara said is fine"). Told ex-Perot manager Ed Rollins spoke highly of him in a TV interview, Bush: "I regret I missed that interview. But he's an able person. He cast his lot and we've got a good campaign manager. But I'm very pleased to hear that frankly" (CNN, 8/17). Bush volunteered he was in good health. ... we're going to have a real slug-fest this fall, and it's going to be on the issues, and I'm looking forward to joining the fray after being kicked around for a while" (NBC, 8/17).

INDIANA: Appearing at the VFW convention in Indianapolis, Bush "hinted at his first-term accomplishments in a low-key address." He gave credit to the veterans for the end of the Cold War and the falling of the Berlin Wall and "bragged little more" about the Gulf War (Dieter, Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL, 8/18).

FINDING PULSE BEATS: NEWSDAY's Page writes last night, the GOP "began to show its first signs of life" (8/18). N.Y. DAILY NEWS header: "THE 'RIGHT' THING -- Face of unity greets Bush"

(8/18). PHILA. INQUIRER header: "Bush, Reagan stir convention"
 (8/18). HOUSTON CHRONICLE's Bernstein: "Arthur Janov would have loved to be here. He invented primal scream therapy about 20 years ago. ... On Monday night, a deeply insecure Republican Party screamed, shouted, stomped and clapped out its political pain" (8/18). ORLANDO SENTINEL's Crawford: "Get ready for a week of punchy one-liners crafted by gaga writers and aimed at bypassing droll issues to instill fear that Clinton would destroy the country" (8/18). W. POST's Dionne sees tonight's "mission" for GOP speakers: "convincing a doubtful nation that President Bush has coherent solutions to the country's domestic problems, and that he would fight hard for them if he won a second term" (8/18). N.Y. TIMES' Kolbert: If GOP officials "are supposed to act like a Presidential pep squad, rallying the [TV] audience with their partisan enthusiasm, then George Bush has every right to be disappointed with the early images ... Call it 'the confidence thing.'" GOPers "so far don't seem to have it" (8/18). NBC's Miklaszewski: "So far there has been less said so far on what George would do for America than what Bill Clinton would to America." ("Today," 8/18). CBS' Harry Smith: "Tayna Tucker's voice had scarcely faded when the real theme echoed through the Astrodome -- laying into Bill Clinton with no stone left unthrown" ("CBS This Morning," 8/18). ABC's Jim Wooten: "The basic thrust of this entire convention is to help George Bush to reconstitute his presidency, redefine it to give him a base on which he can move away from this convention and begin his campaign" ("GMA," ABC, 8/18). ABC's Hal Bruno: "This is my seventeenth convention and that was the best first night I've ever seen" ("GMA," ABC, 8/18).

"BUSH IS DOWN. NOW WATCH OUT": That's the header over a N.Y. TIMES op-ed by author Richard Ben Cramer, who quotes Roger Ailes: "The only way to stop Bush is to kill him" (8/18). More pre-speech head-shrinking: W. POST's Marcus examines Bush's record on civil rights as a case study of his politics (8/18). USA TODAY header: "In September, Bush to come out swinging." GOP strategist Wm Bennett: "The motto is not 'four more years.' The motto is 'four different years'" (8/18). W.S. JOURNAL's Al Hunt debunks a new Bush metaphor under header "Truman and Bush -- No Comparison" (8/18). L.A. TIMES' Shogan & Jehl examine what GOPers see as "a compelling theme" for Bush: "How his first-term accomplishments in foreign policy set the stage for a future revival of the nation's flagging economy" (8/18). Header over N.Y. TIMES' Apple: "A Vulnerable Incumbent; A Limping Bush Arrives at the Convention Without Reagan's 1984 Aura of Inevitability" (8/18).

*2 BUCHANAN: SPEECH TAPS "HEART AND SOUL" CONSERVATISM

"The firebrand conservative who bedeviled" Bush "exhorted his supporters to put aside their ideological differences" and join him in "a struggle 'for the soul of America.'" Buchanan "saved his trademark acid tongue" for Clinton and the Dems. He described the Dem convention as a place "where 20,000 radicals and liberals came dressed up as moderates and centrists in the greatest single exhibition of cross-dressing in American political history." Buchanan "ridiculed" Clinton's foreign policy experience: "Clinton's foreign policy experience is pretty much confined to having had breakfast once at the International House of Pancakes." Buchanan on Hillary Clinton: "Hillary believes that 12-year-olds have the right to sue their parents, and Hillary has compared marriage and the family as an

institution to slavery, and life on an Indian reservation. Well, speak for yourself, Hillary. Friends, this is radical feminism" (Freemantle, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 8/18).

PRINT REAX: L.A. TIMES Decker: "a wincing, rambunctious, rollicking address that lionized his Republican allies and lanced his Democratic enemies" (8/18). N.Y. NEWSDAY's Firestone: "to the relief of Republicans around the hall and across the country, he had finally decided to train the assault rifle of his ridicule on someone other than the president" (8/18). SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER's Hanson writes Buchanan "transformed himself last night into a loyal backer" (8/18). S.F. EXAMINER's Irving: "the bitter-end conservative who presented the campaign in stark ideological terms" (8/18). W. TIMES' Garrett: "the familiar role of rhetorical street fighter" (8/18).

TV REAX: ABC's Peter Jennings: "He gave us a very clear, very hot, very tough, very mean in some cases, indication of what the fall campaign is going to look like." ABC's Brinkley: "It was an outstandingly good political speech. ... He touched all the emotional points." ABC's Cokie Roberts: "Hit all of the themes that go to Reagan Democrats, the question of abortion, of gay rights, of the environment seeming a little cock-eyed" (8/17). Michael Kinsley: "He certainly knows how to deliver a speech, but he doesn't let accuracy or fairness get in the way of his rhetoric" (CNN, 8/17). ABC's Koppel: "This was a speech about us and them" (ABC, 8/17). CBS' Charles Kuralt on the "take back our culture" comment: "I thought that the Buchanan speech had ugly elements in it. ... that was an appeal to racism" (CBS, 8/17). Mark Shields: "It was a tough scalding, scorching attack on Bill Clinton, it still escapes me why the Republicans ... insist on going after Hillary Clinton. ... They're going to turn her into a martyr, make her a Joan of Arc." David Gergen: "It probably will excite the conservatives, and turn off ... a fair number of other voters." Rep. Susan Molinari (R-NY): "I thought that it was a divisive speech, and I frankly didn't appreciate the majority of the tone of it, but I suppose it served its purpose." Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN): "I thought it was a very helpful speech." Bill Bennett: "It was an excellent speech. ... He put away a lot of the stuff that many of us objected to" (PBS, 8/17). NBC's John Chancellor: "I thought it was an excellent speech. ... it shows the party coming together" (NBC, 8/17). Ed Rollins: "Pat Buchanan got three million votes, if this is a close election those three million votes could be the margin of victory." Dem strategist Bob Beckel called the speech "so narrow Nadia Comaneici couldn't have balanced on that baby. That was the most reactionary speech ever given in a televised convention, and I believe the devil wrote it. Pat Buchanan, I think, did a disservice to the Republicans last night, it was so reactionary, so negative, taking on Hillary Clinton is not that good an idea, and frankly he knocked Ronald Reagan off prime time on the east coast" ("CBS This Morning," 8/18). ABC's Hal Bruno: "Buchanan not only set the tone and the theme for this convention but he also gave us a preview of what the fall campaign is going to be like" ("GMA," ABC, 8/18).

MORNING MAN: Buchanan appeared on all three nets this morning. On CBS: "George Bush, even if you have disagreements with him, he's what's best for America ... if I can bring my people home to George Bush and Dan Quayle we can win this election -- we can pull it off" ("CBS This Morning," 8/18). On Quayle: "I spoke about cultural wars last night there's no individual that's done more to lead that battle than the vice

president of the United States." On Hillary: "Hillary Clinton's personal life is off bounds, off limits but her ideas -- given the fact that she wants to be, intends to be a powerful force in the government -- are legitimate for criticism and airing." On whether he will run in 1996: "I don't know ... a lot depends on 1992" ("Today," 8/18). On ABC, asked whether he endorsed Bush because he was a "great president" or because he was "lesser of two evils": "First, I promised the people of New Hampshire that I'd endorse the president if he beat me -- which he did soundly -- and second, I think George Bush is better America than the ticket of Clinton and Gore" ("Good Morning America," 8/18).

*3 REAGAN: ONE MORE FOR THE GIPPER

"In a 43-minute speech that touched on a variety of domestic and foreign policy issues" Reagan "tried to breathe new life" into Bush's campaign as he "sounded themes of optimism, continuity and change." He "mentioned Bush's name only three times" which "is characteristic of the former president's disdain for heavy-handed endorsements. ... Deviating from his text," Reagan also endorsed Quayle saying, "we need our vice president." Reagan: "We mustn't forget, even if they would like to, the very different America that existed just twelve years ago" (Roth, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 8/18). "One of his funniest lines" was on Clinton comparing himself to Thomas Jefferson: "I knew Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson was a friend of mine, and governor, you're no Thomas Jefferson" (Jacobs, S.F. EXAMINER, 8/18).

PRINT REAX: L.A. TIMES' Gerstenzang: "An emotional speech that became a farewell to the party he had led to the political heights" (8/18). PHILA. DAILY NEWS's Baer: "Reagan rumbled the hall merely by his presence" (8/18). N.Y. NEWSDAY's Waldman: "His words about George Bush were few, but to the point" (8/18). N.Y. POST's McAlary: "An old man's words about a country that is forever young were warm and fuzzy" (8/18). S.F. CHRONICLE's Gunnison: "The kind of attack on Democrats that made him the idol of the GOP for the past quarter century" (8/18). W. TIMES' Garrett: "Appealed to dreams and hopes of voters troubled by a recession that has marred much of the Bush presidency" (8/18). COPLEY's Condon: "exuded an almost youthful optimism" (8/18).

TV REAX: CBS' Rather: "It's Ronald Reagan's election to lose, even now" (8/17). CBS' Eric Engberg: "The Republicans send Ronald Reagan to the podium ... to try to wrap the Cold War victory in GOP bunting, but he won't be able to bring the 'Evil Empire' back with him and the absence of that old menace in one of the mighty ironies of politics, makes George Bush's re-election effort even tougher" (CBS, 8/17). There were "Reagan '96" placards floating around the crowd and one "Ron in 2000" placard. ABC's Jennings: "A speech he might have well given in 1980." ABC's Jeff Greenfield: "... a political giant. This is as if Franklin Roosevelt had lived out his term and come back to talk to the [Dems] four years later." ABC's Cokie Roberts on what the Clinton camp will say: "They'll come back at the little jabs at Bill Clinton about slick and inhaling. ... They'll have a hard time taking on Ronald Reagan. It will probably be a mistake at this juncture." George Will: "When the varsity comes in and gives such a stunner of a speech, it's a tough act for George Bush to follow" (ABC, 8/17). CNN's Ken Bode: "It is surprising that they've let this happen, let this convention schedule slide the way they have, so that the grand old man of the Republican party ... would be speaking at local station cut aways" (CNN, 8/17). David Gergen: "It's such a remarkably different face of

conservatism than what we saw ... in Patrick Buchanan." Mark Shields: "He put a smiley face on American conservatism" (PBS, 8/17). NBC's Tom Brokaw: "He is of course the political godfather." NBC's John Chancellor: "Very well done" (8/17).

MORNING IN AMERICA: CBS' "Eye on America" went to Petaluma, CA, the town where Reagan's "Morning in America" ad was filmed. CBS' John Blackstone interviewed participants in the ad to see who they would vote for this year and to see if they are better off now than they were four years ago. About half of the interviewees said they would be more inclined to vote for the Dem rather than Bush (CBS, 8/17).

*4 PLATFORM: APPEASING THE RIGHT AND REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

Jack Germond: "You wouldn't be focusing so much on this [the platform] if ... [Bush] had a specific program on the real issues" ("Inside Politics," CNN, 8/17). W.S JOURNAL editorial states the platform is "loaded with proposals for entirely real and even sweeping change" (8/18). N.Y. TIMES' editorial states the platform "rings with partisan passion, but as a document to promote [Bush] for re-election it lands with a disappointing thud" (8/18). Rep. Jim Leach (R-IA): "As a platform it may well be a liability. ... A lot of Republicans would like the platform hidden" (PBS, 8/17). Clinton communications dir. George Stephanopoulos: "Universal appeal -- as long as you're an extremist" (USA TODAY, 8/18). Sen. Don Nickles (R-OK): "By and large its very positive, progressive. ... [Bush] is very comfortable with the platform." Gov. Roy Romer (D-CO): "It's a platform that's really gone way to the right" ("LKL," CNN, 8/17). Mary McGrory writes, "You can tell the moderate Republicans by the 'Barry's Right' buttons they wear. Yes, that's Barry Goldwater" (W. POST, 8/18). "We used to wonder how the [Dems] could reconcile their diverse factions ... these days it is more relevant to ask how [Bush] can" (Germond/Witcover, Balto. EVENING SUN, 8/17). "The struggle for the future of the [GOP] is exploding in full force" (Shribman, W.S. JOURNAL, 8/18).

RELIGION: Southern Bush coordinator Warren Tompkins: "We're still doing as well among evangelical voters as we should" (RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER, 8/18). "Not the first time religion and Republicans have gone hand in hand ... but this year the [GOP] may be walking a thin line between keeping fundamentalists happy and not alienating everyone else" (Hasson, USA TODAY, 8/18). Televangelist Pat Robertson on Clinton: "Just because someone quotes Scriptures on a platform in [NYC] doesn't make him stand for the values we stand for" (USA TODAY, 8/18).

GAYS: Fifty of the 6,000 gay GOPers organized nationwide "held their own convention in the Houston suburbs" and "decided not to endorse" Bush. Log Cabin Club pres. Rich Tafel: "They have to realize there is a down side to bashing gay people in the [GOP]. ... We feel the only way to fight this is with cash and votes" (St. George, PHILA. INQUIRER, 8/18). Tafel said gays are "tired of being the whipping boy of the GOP's far right" and called the platform anti-gay rhetoric "ridiculous and dangerous": "There are consequences to hate language, even if it's put in this nice language" (Frolik, NEWHOUSE NEWS, 8/18).

ABORTION: Convention floor debate over the abortion issue "failed to occur" as pro-choice forces could "muster support from only four states" rather than the 6 needed (Mathis, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 8/18). Abortion debates was "suddenly reduced to a whisper" (Gunnison/Roberts, S.F. CHRONICLE, 8/18). COPLEY NEWS header: "Republican Abortion Battle More a Whimper Than A War"

(8/18). "The disappointment of party dissidents drew to bitter fury as they realized how close they had come" (Firestone, N.Y. NEWSDAY, 8/18). Nat'l Republican Coalition for Choice refused to endorse Bush (release, 8/17). Republicans for Choice chair Ann Stone said she would vote for Bush but her group will not endorse him (W. TIMES, 8/18).

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION: The convention "rubber stamped" the immigration policy statement increasing the size of the Border Patrol but some delegates "believed they had voted to build a reinforced wall" At the Mexican border. "The now-you-see-it-now-you-don't border wall" between the U.S. and Mexico "became more of a political tightrope" for the GOP "as it tried to reassure restless conservatives while reaching out to traditionally [Dem] Latinos." For Pat Buchanan the immigration policy plank of the platform "was hailed as a victory." Bay Buchanan: "We couldn't have written most of this ourselves in a stronger fashion" (Marelius, S.D. UNION TRIBUNE, 8/18). W.S JOURNAL editorial: It's a "2,000 mile Berlin Wall" and if they are serious about it "they should stop complaining about frivolous spending proposals" from Dems and "if they're not serious, as we assume, then it's a gratuitous piece of nativist nonsense" (8/18).

TAX: Balto. SUN editorial: "The tax cut issue finds [GOPers] again badly split between supply siders ... and traditional economic conservatives. ... With defeat threatening, Mr. Bush seems to be swinging again toward the tax cutters. ... If this is the president's choice, the nation should realize the motivations are strictly political" (8/18).

*5 QUAYLE: WANTS "SECOND CHANCE AT FIRST IMPRESSION"

"In his first six hours" in Houston, VP Quayle "crisscrossed the city, winning applause from a variety of groups and generally forgetting his bruising reception in 1988." Quayle introduced Bush at a special welcoming ceremony, where Bush said Quayle "has been a super vice president." Earlier Quayle "proved his popularity with the Republican right" when he addressed supporters of televangelist Pat Robertson, "many of whom shouted 'amen' to his attacks" on Clinton. Quayle also addressed AIPAC, where a protestor "shouted" that Bush has been "bullying Israel." AIPAC chair Mayer Mitchell "stood and yelled" back, "you are a guest in this house. We have one of the strongest supporters of Israel." Quayle asked police officers to let the man stay "if he would be quiet" but when the man continued to yell, Quayle "laughed, 'OK, bye'" (Bedard, W. TIMES, 8/18). "Appearing before two groups chosen for their friendliness toward him" Quayle sought to "portray himself as an energized, media-bashed martyr for the Republican right." The "message is that by enduring their [the media's] criticism and surviving, he is more ready than ever to be a heartbeat away from the presidency" (Robinson, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 8/18). Quayle was greeted at the Pat Robertson rally by signs reading, "Dan Quayle was Right" complete with "a picture of Murphy Brown with a huge X across the image." (Devroy, W. POST, 8/18). PHILA. INQUIRER's Cannon: "After putting in four hard years as America's easiest political joke, Dan Quayle counted on getting a break at the Republican convention. It's not going to be easy" (8/18). Quayle's appearances were "intended to shore up his standing with conservatives and other GOP power centers and dispel the perception that he is an albatross around George Bush's neck" (Shaw, N.Y. NEWSDAY, 8/18). L.A. TIMES' Richter: Quayle "wants a second chance to make a first impression" and "has come to

Houston to prove he is neither the buffoon darling of the late-night comedians nor the tongue-tied pretty boy" of '88, "but a mature politician who can help boost his party's ticket" (8/18).

*6 GOP '96: SHOW HORSES IN CONVENTION SPOTLIGHT

ALEXANDER: HOTLINE sources say Educ/Sec Lamar Alexander's convention presentation tonight (8PM EDT) will be one of only three convention videos (the other two to introduce Quayle and Bush). The 3:45 video (produced by Sipple Strategic Communications) focuses on the Bush AMERICA 2000 education strategy and the president's recruiting of over 1500 different AMERICA 2000 Communities to start the planning process. It will be followed by Houston school children reciting the 6 education goals and a brief but stinging criticism of Clinton by Alexander.

BENNETT: Former Drug Czar and Educ/Sec Wm Bennett has been a commentator on the joint PBS/NBC convention night broadcasts, and will nominate Quayle Wednesday night.

BUCHANAN: Spokesperson Greg Mueller "says Buchanan hopes to in his speech what Ronald Reagan did in 1976. When he came into the GOP convention in Kansas City a defeated candidate. Reagan delivered an inspirational talk that helped Gerald Ford, but also left Reagan the virtual nominee in-waiting for four years."

Conservative analyst Burton Pines: "The race for the 1996 nomination begins one day after the convention. And Pat Buchanan has a leg up." Last month Buchanan raised \$700K from an active donor list of 90,000 names and phone numbers. Buchanan's phone number in Houston ends with the digits 1996 (Cannon, MIAMI HERALD, 8/17). Bob Novak on Buchanan: "He is a player in 1996 whether he admits it or not. And [his speech] was the beginning of his campaign" (CNN's "Capital Gang," 8/18).

GRAMM: Upon seeing the "aged and rickety airplane" that was to take him into Cambodia several years ago, Sen. Phil Gramm (R-TX) remarked, "My staff wants me to be president. My family wants me to be president. I want to be president. And I'm not getting on that plane (Kildy, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/18). "Potential 1996 presidential candidate" and keynoter Gramm met with members of the New Hampshire and Iowa delegations 8/17 (DeLuca, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/18). IA GOP chair Richard Schwarm: "He's sending them sort of courtship signals ... This is a nice friendly message that he intends to start the process" (Ratcliffe, HOUSTON CHRONICLE 8/18). AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN's McNeely writes Gramm is "shamelessly using his position" as head of the NRSC "to promote his presidential chances for 1996. But he would be just another Republican senator if Bush is re-elected" (8/16). Gramm "may be in jeopardy if he runs for another two-year term" as NRSC chair "because of complaints he is using the job to run for president. Such complaints 'are the basis" for Sen. Mitch McConnell's (R-KY) race to succeed Gramm as head of the NRSC, according to Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA). McConnell has "said there is no race yet. But there could be" (Cross, Louisville COURIER JOURNAL, 8/18). A full page ad in this a.m.'s HOUSTON POST greets the keynoter with questions about his taking campaign contributions "from companies with business pending before" the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, chaired by his wife. The ad (paid for by TX Dem party -- "not authorized by any candidate or candiadate's committee") also accuses Gramm of referring to the unemployed as "leeches" and of voting against the Bush education plan after co-sponsoring it (8/18). On NBC's "Today": "Anybody giving a keynote wants to give a good speech - make his momma proud -- but I have written a speech to meet the

needs of the 1992 electorate. ... I'm going to try to define where we are we're at the crossroads and we have to make a decision on which way want to go" ("Today," NBC, 8/18).

KEMP: HUD Sec. Jack Kemp "blends an intriguing mix of supply-side economics and free-enterprise initiative. He is also one of the few Republicans with appeal among minorities" (Baden, NEWHOUSE NEWS, 8/18). When Kemp "spoke to a luncheon crowd at the convention, shouts of '96!' '96!' came from the crowd. NH Bush-backer Tom Rath said NH delegates will meet with Quayle and that a similar meeting with Kemp was being worked out: "They are clearly tending the garden for '96" (May, ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 8/18). Mark Shields: "Kemp is the brightest hope out of this crowd" ("Gang," CNN, 8/18). CNN's Wm Schneider on Kemp: "One of the things he really lacks is a geographical base" (CNN, 8/17).

QUAYLE: Aside from meeting with NH Bush-backer Tom Rath and NH delegates tonight (May, ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 8/18); Quayle's aides "have scheduled a series of high-profile events for the vice president before traditionally conservative organizations such as the Christian Coalition 'God and Country' rally" (Battenfeld, BOSTON HERALD, 8/17).

WELD: As MA Gov. Wm Weld arrived in TX, "Weld '96" signs caused the governor's "complexion to darken into crimson." Even Bush's sister Nancy Bush Ellis, a MA native, "unfurled her 'Weld '96' sign" making the governor seem "genuinely discombobulated." A front-page story in the NATIONAL JOURNAL's convention daily placed Weld on the "short lists" for a '96 bid (Connolly, BOSTON HERALD, 8/17). Conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly on Weld's '96 prospects: "I just don't think this country is going to take it's leadership from Massachusetts ... To tell the truth, coming from Massachusetts is a definite political handicap to the rest of the country. They gave us Kennedy and they gave us Dukakis, and they gave us Barney Frank, and it may go in [MA], but it doesn't play in Peoria" (Bragg/Haines, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 8/18). WASH. POST's Romano: "Indeed, with his fiscal conservatism, his loud stand in favor of abortion rights and gay rights, and The Great Presidential Mention for '96, Weld has become one of the sought-after stories of this so-far newsless convention" (8/18). Weld: "The [GOP] is not going to go the Buchanan route on social issues" (CNN, "Gang," 8/18).

OTHER '96 MENTIONS: CNN mentioned: Jack Kemp, Quayle, Lamar Alexander, Phil Gramm, Bill Bennett, Pat Buchanan, William Weld, James Baker (8/17). OTHERS: SC Gov. Carroll Campbell, Sec/Def. Dick Cheney, ex-DE Gov. Pete du Pont, House Min. Whip Newt Gingrich, JCS Chair Colin Powell, televangelist Pat Robertson and CA Gov. Pete Wilson.

*7 DEMONSTRATIONS: AIDS ACTIVISTS AND PRO-LIFERS ARRESTED

"When a burly man in a tutu and a pro-gay T-shirt shows up in Houston to demand that the [GOP] take a more charitable view of sodomy, he surely must know his cause is doomed" (Lileks, NEWHOUSE NEWS, 8/18). Hundreds of demonstrators organized by ACT-UP "burned police barricades" and "two effigies of President Bush and an American flag" during a 2-mile protest march that ended at the Astrodome. Many screamed "Burn, baby burn," "We're queer, and we're here," and "Go home, go home, give us back our Dome." Six people were arrested and at least 3 people were injured (Dyer/Keeton, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 8/18). They "bitterly denounced" Bush as "the most blatantly anti-gay president in American history." Rep. Bill Green (R-NY) joined gay rights leaders at a news conference and called the anti-gay plank "a

tragic mistake" (Waldman, N.Y. NEWSDAY, 8/18). Gay GOP fundraiser Marvin Liebman: To GOPers "we have replaced the communists as the No. 1 menace to all that they pronounce as good and traditional in American life" (N.Y. POST, 8/18)

PRO-LIFERS BEHIND BARS: 41 pro-lifers "were hauled away" and "heavy bonds were set" after a confrontation with pro-choice advocates at a Houston clinic. At least 2 pro-choicers were injured. "Unusually high bonds" were set because the demonstrators "have showed no cooperation whatsoever" -- they came to the demonstration without identification and "refused to talk to authorities." The 8/17 demonstration "was the fiercest" of the abortion demonstrations so far (W. TIMES, 8/18).

*8 FACES IN THE CROWD: TRIBUTE TO ATWATER AND OTHER HAPPENINGS
WASH. POST's Allen: "Lee Atwater, dammit, where are you?"

... If only Lee were here, people kept saying, as they looked at poll numbers, party morale, fragmentation and a rise of special interests that was eerily similar to the one that made such a mess of the Democrats for so long. Lee knew what was important. He kept it together." On 8/17, black Republicans staged a lunch buffet tribute to Atwater, who died last year. HHS Sec. Louis Sullivan: "With the black community, Lee Atwater was always seen as bringing more blacks into the Republican Party." Lee's widow, Sally Atwater, who introduced RNC chair Rich Bond on the convention floor Monday a.m., at the luncheon: "You are Lee's legacy. We are a big tent party. Please help me" (8/18). Seattle POST-INTELLIGENCER's Connolly: "A year after Atwater died ... the Bush re-election team has yet to find it's rhythm and many Republican strategists are singing the blues. A drifting president who gropes for direction is a far more telling testament to Atwater's abilities than the brief tribute paid to the late GOP chairman at yesterday's opening ceremonies (8/18). "Once a rival of Lee Atwater -- George Bush's late friend, campaign strategist and the President's first party chairman -- Mr. Bond would like to duplicate Mr. Atwater's success as the arch-strategist and master of the razor-sharp political attack" (Rosenthal, N.Y. TIMES, 8/18).

HUTCHISON: TX Treasurer and Temporary Convention Chair Kay Bailey Hutchison "issued a call for women, small-business people and conservatives to support President Bush" at the same time taking the "opportunity to jab Texas' other statewide elected woman official, Gov. Ann Richards, and her famous white 'big hair'": "I bring you greetings as treasurer, not governor of Texas. But our governor has had her say about the president ... Poor Ann, she can't help it; she was born with silver roots in her hair" (Williamson, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 8/18).

MCCAIN: AZ Sen. John McCain "who was to speak in a relatively minor role Monday ... instead will give his address Thursday before President Bush accepts his party's nomination." McCain spokesperson Kristin Walker "said Bush's campaign staff liked McCain's speech ... so much that he was asked to expand on it. The address Thursday is expected to take 5 minutes" (Van Der Werf, ARIZONA REPUBLIC, 8/18).

MORE: Though expected celebs Arnold Schwarzenegger and Kevin Costner are no-shows at the convention, "the party somehow goes on, thanks in no small part to Charlton Heston, the Republican's Old Reliable" (Balto. SUN, 8/18).

*9 CONVENTION TIDBITS: ASTRO-NOMICAL NEWS BITES, DAY 2
FOR SALE: Jesse Clark, who "shipped 2,000 elephant-shaped

items from his home" in MD: "Call me the elephant man. ... The elephant is a very popular guy, and not just with Republicans. ... You'd be amazed at how many people collect elephants. The elephant is a majestic figure. The elephant is king." Clark occupies one of the 240 merchandising booths in the AstroArena. Also for sale in the Arena: blue pens with the words "Baker's Bandwagon" (McKay, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 8/18).

ALSO FOR SALE: "The ultimate Bill Clinton-bashing T-shirt" shows "a joint-smoking Clinton with a woman on each arm and lipstick on his cheek. Labeled 'Bill and Hillary's Most Excellent Adventure,' the design depicts Mrs. Clinton holding a tray of cookies and wearing an apron that says, 'Irreconcilable Differences.'" GOPers "don't want it sold in the Astrodome" (HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 8/18).

WOMAN THING: The "Getting It Gazette," published by a group of feminist writers distributed at the Dem convention in NYC is publishing 3 editions in Houston. Columnist Jane O'Reilly: "We believe we can connect with [GOP] women just as effectively as with [Dem] women" (Tutt, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 8/18).

MUSICAL REVIEW: ORLANDO SENTINEL's Morris writes someone "must have slipped a 'pro-Tone Deafness' plank into the party platform" because "really bad music of such vast proportion" is "the single thing I'll remember most" about the convention. GOP rapper TRQ performed at a youth rally 8/17. Also seen elsewhere: a barbershop quartet, Dixieland jazz band from Alaska and a polka band from WI (8/18).

HOMELESS: Under header "GOP rolls out red carpet for vets Dems dumped on," N.Y. POST's Orin writes the GOP is "treating its homeless guests to a hotel -- while [Dems] sent them to a homeless shelter." The vets "complained about their treatment" in NY and "ultimately the [Dems] reimbursed them \$2,500 for expenses" (8/18).

SERIOUS STUFF: The bond market fell "as investors waited to see what kind of economic program" GOPers "would outline" (Fuerbringer, N.Y. TIMES, 8/18). "Political worries dominated the bond market ... pushing down most Treasury debt prices in light trading. ... Bond investors are concerned about how far [Bush] is willing to go to win" (W.S. JOURNAL, 8/18).

*10 HOW FAR IS TOO FAR: MOSBACHER, VILLALPANDO REMARKS BLASTED WHAT THEY SAID: U.S. Treasurer Cathy Villalpando, speaking to the NJ GOP delegation: "The Democratic party just announced that they have this mayor [ex-San Antonio mayor Henry Cisneros], that can't decide whether he wants to stay married or not married. He's going to be helping with Hispanic votes for Clinton. Can you imagine two skirt-chasers campaigning together?" (CNN, 8/17). Bush chair Robert Mosbacher: Fidelity "should be one of the yardsticks" by which candidates are measured (see HOTLINE 8/17). Both later apologized for their remarks -- Villalpando "deeply," and Mosbacher allowing that "discussion of ... Clinton's personal life has no place in this campaign" (S.D. UNION-TRIBUNE, 8/18).

WHAT BUSH SAID: Asked if he would fire subordinates who engaged in the "sleazy stuff" he has criticized, Bush: "Yes, I think I would" (TIME, 8/24 issue). AFTER THE COMMENTS, in a live interview: "Nobody is going to be able to control everything that everybody says. ... I've made my position clear, and to his credit, Gov. Clinton has made his position clear" (CNN, 8/17). Asked why he hasn't reprimanded the two aides, Bush: "Let me take a look at it -- maybe I will" (NBC, 8/17).

WHAT CLINTON SAID: "He says this has no place in the campaign. Then his people come right back with it. That's typical" (L.A. TIMES, 8/19). Comm. dir. George Stephanopoulos: Bush "ought to fire the treasurer and ... his campaign chairman. The president was very clear ... that anybody in the sleaze [business] would be fired. No ifs ands or buts" (mult., 8/18). Clinton and aides "hop[ed] to use an otherwise minor flap to portray Bush as an insincere politician who tries to 'have it both ways'" (Lauter/Rosenstiel, L.A. TIMES). Stephanopoulos: "Can you trust [Bush] to keep his word, or is he just a hollow man running a very hypocritical, very cynical campaign?" (8/18). Many reports characterized Clinton as less insistent that the two be fired.

REAX: George W. Bush: "Bill Clinton and George Bush can't control their zealots, they can only control their own tongues" (CBS, 8/17). Ex-NJ Gov. Tom Kean (R): "Totally unnecessary" (W. POST, 8/18). N.Y. DAILY NEWS editorial: "If Bush cannot get his own people to follow [orders], he ought to keep his word and can them. Anything less only gives credence to charges that Bush secretly approves of the down-and-dirty tactics" (8/18). USA TODAY's Keen & Nichols: "The murky line between character issues and sleaze resurfaced" (8/18). N.Y. POST header: "GOP no longer skirting the 'lust' issue" (8/18). COPLEY's Barabak: "For the second time this month, the Bush campaign issued an apology ... after a supporter joked about alleged womanizing by Bill Clinton" (S.D. UNION-TRIBUNE, 8/18). HOUSTON CHRONICLE header: "'Sleazy' remarks seen as a test of president's pledge; Democrats urge Bush to fire aides" (8/18). W. TIMES' Suzanne Fields: "The media has a responsibility to the American public to answer questions of character." Columnist Martin Schram: "You conservatives would love to keep bringing this up" (CNN, 8/17). Michael Kinsley's lead-in: "When the bimbos erupt, can 'Crossfire' be far behind?" GOP strategist Wm Bennett on Clinton's call for the firing of Mosbacher and Villalpando: "Clinton wasn't emphatic about the need for these people to be fired." Clinton dep. manager Betsey

Wright: "It's all a diversion to keep the American people from paying attention to the record of this administration." John Sununu: "Betsey, you invented the 'bimbo eruptions' phrase."

Wright: "I'm awfully glad you brought that up, governor, because I was talking about 'bimbo eruptions,' as the kind of payment for lies going on in this kind of campaign and that's as bad for George Bush as it is for Bill Clinton. ... Paying people to lie is off the mark" ("Crossfire," CNN, 8/17). CNN's Gene Randall: "Apologies aside, cynics would argue that once you say something shocking enough to a jury, even if a judge rules the words inadmissible, the jury will not forget those words" (CNN, 8/17).

ANTI-HILLARY MACHINE: GOP chair Rich Bond denied Barbara Bush called him to the carpet for his attacks on Hillary Clinton: "She's with me 100%" (CBS, 8/17).

OTHER NEGATIVE MUSINGS: Ex-Perot manager/GOP strategist Ed Rollins: "Running a negative campaign against Clinton would be a disaster for this president. If the campaign tries to destroy Clinton by innuendo, it's not going to work. ... If the election becomes a choice between the lesser of two evils, the President may easily lose it" (Nelson, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 8/18).

***11 CLINTON: RESPONSE TEAM IN FULL FORCE, PLANS TO AIR ADS**

The Clinton camp today launches two new TV ads "tweaking President Bush in his own city." The 15-second spots to be aired in Houston and DC on CNN and some local stations 8/18-19 "hit Bush for breaking his own 'read my lips' no new taxes pledge and for the loss of American jobs since he's been in office." Both end with the tag line: "Those are the facts. Back to the show" (Demick, PHILA. INQUIRER, 8/18).

FULL TEXTS: White screen; black lettering, with red underline of highlights. Rapid narration.

"TWO": Video: "The Facts." Audio: "And now, a short break for the facts. On November 5, 1990, George Bush signed into law the second biggest tax increase in American history. Under Bill Clinton, Arkansas has the second lowest tax burden per person in the country. Those are the facts. Back to the show."

"LEADS": Audio: "More facts. Under George Bush, America has had no growth in private sector jobs, and wages have fallen. This year, under Bill Clinton, Arkansas leads the nation in job growth, and incomes have grown at twice the national rate. Those are the facts. Back to the show" (Clinton release, 8/18).

MORE: The ads mark the first time one party has aired ads during the other party's convention (L.A. TIMES, 8/18). The Clinton camp in Houston also distributed an "annotated" version of the GOP platform. "By emphasizing some of the more conservative positions taken ... on tax limitation and the exclusion of homosexuals from the military, the Democrats criticized the platform as 'extremist'" (Ifill, N.Y. TIMES, 8/18). PHILA. INQUIRER's Demick notes, the Dems presence in Houston "is a sign of the party's newly combative stance. Goaded by the smell of victory, the Democrats are issuing a flurry of press releases and holding daily news conferences" near the Astrodome (8/18). DNC chair Ron Brown: "We are not a turn-the-other-cheek party anymore. ... We would expect that George Bush will get some modest bounce. We are here to make sure that he has to earn every point of it" (mult., 8/18). Yesterday's press conference, "held in front of a battered [DNC] flag, focused on disputing [GOP] claims that Clinton had raised taxes 128 times" while AR Gov. (Kessler, N.Y. NEWSDAY, 8/18). The campaign placed the number at 55 in 12 years, and said "Clinton has cut taxes

more than 40 times" (ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 8/18). Clinton's "24-hour rapid-response team" is made up of "staffers with expertise in economics, foreign policy, Clinton's record and press relations." They are often able to respond to accusations in less than an hour (Smith, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 8/18).

INTERVIEW: In an interview with CBS' Dan Rather, Clinton responded to RNC chair Rich Bond's comments that he was "the heartburn of the heartland" and "the failed governor of a small state." Clinton: "In my state we have created manufacturing jobs ten times the national average and maintained the second lowest tax burden in the country. ... I have spoken out forcefully and clearly on many foreign policy issues. On several, the administration has agreed with my position. ... So I just don't think that there's any real basis to this claim. They're making this claim because it's the best claim they have, since they can't run on their record." Clinton reiterated an earlier point that Reagan had "less foreign policy experience, even in international economics, than I do at this point in my career when he became president, and both George Bush and Jim Baker owe their jobs to him" (8/17). A Clinton-Gore release contends Clinton and Gore "are ready to move beyond the Cold War thinking" with a "detailed plan" to make America strong at home and abroad (8/17). Clinton spent yesterday in AR working on state business, "including a plan to erase" a \$20M shortage in AR's Dept. of Human Services (N.Y. TIMES, 8/18).

SIERRA ENDORSEMENT: The Sierra Club will endorse the Clinton/Gore ticket, only the second presidential endorsement in the group's 100-year history. The other was Mondale in '84.

*12 PEROT: TELLS CONNALLY OCTOBER ADVERTISING IS POSSIBLE

John Connally has been told by Ross Perot, who reported that he was now on 46 of the 50 State ballots, that "he was thinking of some kind of advertising campaign" in October to influence the campaign. Connally (former TX Gov as a Dem, SecTreas as a GOPer, GOP presidential contender in 1980, and Perot booster last Spring) told Charlie Rose last night that he had told Perot that dropping out was a big mistake. He said he expected Clinton to win, adding on Bush: "He's held the reins that people have handed him, but he's never driven the wagon ... I have no reason to believe he'll do in two and a half months what he's never done in his whole life" (Charlie Rose Show, PBS, 8/18).

*13 STATE UPDATES

CALIFORNIA (54): L.A. TIMES' Boyarsky writes when Clinton spoke in the San Gabriel Valley, "he encountered many of the tricky currents that will determine whether he carries California. Racially, the state has no greater ethnic mixing bowl, with Latinos, Anglos, blacks and Asians living in suburbs that extend from East Los Angeles to Riverside and San Bernadino counties." Economically "the end of the Cold War, combined with the long recession, has resulted in huge cutbacks in the aerospace and defense industries employing valley residents." Here Clinton "will find two kinds of Californians highly dangerous to his presidential campaign. One are Republicans whose loyalty to their candidates -- no matter how weak -- is legendary. The others are Democrats well known for their disloyalty to party candidates" (8/17). S.F. EXAMINER's Chris Matthews cites the "word among outside Republican experts is

that" the GOP "has given up on its biggest and most reliable bloc of electoral voters" (8/18).

GEORGIA (13): ATLANTA CONSTITUTION's Smith & May write, "The nation may be watching the ... convention this week, but the presidential candidates will have Georgia on their minds." On 8/20, the day Bush is renominated, Clinton "will take a hammer in hand to help former President Jimmy Carter build a house for the poor on Atlanta." On 8/23, Bush will attend a kick-off rally in Cherokee Co., one of the fastest-growing GOP counties in GA, where he will be joined by House Min. Whip Newt Gingrich (8/18).

MICHIGAN (18): Gov. John Engler (R): "CAFE alone, one issue, auto industry in [MI] is going to be a killer for Clinton/Gore, they can't exploit it away." On Reagan Dems going to Clinton: "It makes me nervous, but it's early" (ABC, 8/17).

NEW YORK (33): "A new abortion battle erupted" in the NY delegation "just as National Republicans lost their fight" to change the platform. The "latest wrangling ... was over a decision by [the Bush camp] to accept the Right to Life Party's line" on the 11/92 ballot. Sen. Maj. Leader Ralph Marino (R) "sharply criticized" the move: "You lose more votes by taking the Right to Life line than you do by not taking it." NY Bush chair ex-state Sen. Douglas Barclay "claimed it could provide the difference in a tight race" (Dicker, N.Y. POST, 8/18).

OKLAHOMA (8): KWTU, KJRH-TV, KSWO-TV poll conducted 8/14-16 by Political/Media Research, surveyed 805 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (PMR release, 8/17).

	ALL	MEN	WOM	FAV / UNFAV	3/92 ALL	3/92 FAV / UNFAV
Clinton	44%	42%	46%	37% / 33%	34%	35% / 18%
Bush	41	42	40	35 / 43	54	51 / 33
Undecided	15	16	14		12	

WISCONSIN (10): MILWAUKEE JOURNAL, WFRV-TV, WIFC-TV poll conducted 8/12-13 by Political/Media Research, surveyed 833 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (PMR release, 8/17).

	ALL	MEN	WOM	FAV / UNFAV	4/92 ALL	4/92 FAV / UNFAV
Clinton	57%	55%	59%	44% 27%	38%	27% 44%
Bush	31	34	28	29 51	48	40 35
Undecided	12	11	13		14	

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*14 ROTHENBERG RATINGS:

The following are the latest ratings from analyst Stuart Rothenberg (ROTHENBERG POLITICAL REPORT, 8/14 issue).

HIGHLY VULNERABLE (7 GOP, 6 DEM): Coats (R-IN), D'Amato (R-NY), Kasten (R-WI), Murkowski (R-AL), Packwood (R-OR), Seymour (R-CA), IDAHO (R), Hollings (D-SC), Sanford (D-NC), CA (D), CO (D, moved from Vulnerable List), IL (D), WA (D).

VULNERABLE (1 GOP, 1 DEM): Specter (R-PA, moved from Highly Vulnerable List), Glenn (D-OH, moved from Watch List).

WATCH LIST (3 GOP, 4 Dem): Bond (R-MO, moved from Currently Safe List), NH (R), UT (R, moved from Vulnerable List), Dodd (D-CT), Ford (D-KY), Fowler (D-GA, moved from Vulnerable List), ND (D).

CURRENTLY SAFE (4 GOP, 9 Dem): Dole (R-KS), Grassley (R-IA), McCain (R-AZ, moved from Watch List), Nickles (R-OK), Breaux (D-LA), Bumpers (D-AR), Daschle (D-SD), Graham (D-FL), Inouye (D-HI), Leahy (D-VT), Mikulski (D-MD), Reid (D-NV), Shelby (D-AL, moved from Watch List).

*15 GEORGIA: BARR CONCEDES, SUPPORTS COVERDELL

"Moving to show solidarity after a sometimes bitter runoff," ex-US Atty Bob Barr (R) "pledged his support" to ex-Peace Corps. dir. Paul Coverdell (R) in his campaign against Sen. Wyche Fowler (D). Barr: "Wyche Fowler needs to know that he is facing a Republican Party that is unified from top to bottom and that he is facing a unified opponent in Paul Coverdell." Barr's comments came at a press conference where he "formally conceded" his loss to Coverdell in the 8/11 primary. Coverdell "continued his attacks" on Fowler, saying his record includes "the persistent raising of taxes, the desertion of our troops when we needed him in the Gulf and the embodiment of the Congress as it is now." Fowler "unveiled a campaign-reform" proposal 8/11 that calls for "no paid advertising, spending limits and a series of debates" in the general election. Fowler sent the proposal and a follow-up letter to Coverdell after he was determined the primary winner. The letter called for an answer by 8/19. Coverdell on the proposal: "He [Fowler] has the audacity to suggest we agree not to accept PAC money for the next 80 days when he has \$1 million falling out of his pockets in PAC money he has already received" (Salter, ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 8/15). Coverdell will speak at the GOP Convention 8/18. (Coverdell release, 8/14).

*16 ILLINOIS: BRAUN FIRST CAMPAIGN AD HITS THE AIRWAVES

Cook Co. Recorder of Deeds Carol Moseley Braun (D) began running her first TV ad 8/17. The 60 second bio spot will run in various media markets through 8/23, especially during the GOP convention. Excerpts from script: "Braun makes history by being the first woman elected Cook County Recorder of Deeds. She changes the agency and is recognized as a national leader. ... Now Carol Moseley Braun is running for the U.S. Senate. After her stunning victory in March, she has travelled Illinois campaigning for jobs, education, health care, protecting the environment and a woman's right to choose. Carol Moseley Braun for U.S. Senate. ... For working and middle class families. For a change" (Braun release, 8/16).

ILLINOIS TENT: The IL GOP "can't seem to avoid the divisive issue of abortion any better" than the nat'l party. Atty Rich

Williamson (R) "who was anti-abortion 2 years ago but switched" shortly after entering the Senate race, held a news conference in Houston announcing his Republicans for Choice endorsement.

Williamson: "He (Bush) is comfortable with this platform and that's fine with me. ... My obligation is to let the people of [IL] know where I stand" (Pearson/Povich, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 8/17).

OTHER GOP NOTES: Williamson blasted Braun for "refusing to support education reform" citing her opposition for school choice: "Braun sends her child to a private school but she wants to deny this privilege to the millions of Americans who can't afford to do the same" (Williamson release, 8/14). On campaign literature "chock-full of facts" being distributed Williamson, "one obvious fact is omitted". -- "nowhere in the small type or the large type is the word 'Republican'" (W. POST, 8/16).

***17 OHIO: CONTRIBUTION GIFT "BACKFIRES"**

Sen. John Glenn (D) got a "little help with his finances" from LG Mike DeWine 8/12. DeWine contributed \$600 toward Glenn's '84 \$3.1M presidential debt (Adams, Akron BEACON JOURNAL, 8/13). DeWine fundraiser Mary Sabin wanted to show "just how easy it is to raise money" as Glenn raised only \$5.25 for the debt in 1992 (Thels, DAYTON DAILY NEWS, 8/13). DeWine: "The statement he's made about trying to pay it off and his actions are two entirely different things" (Luttner, Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, 8/13). But the "political stunt ... backfired" when the DeWine campaign learned "it might have violated" FEC law. The "apparent violation" occurred when Sabin kept the checks in her desk drawer for four months. FEC law requires checks be forwarded to the recipient within 10 days of receipt (DAYTON DAILY NEWS, 8/13). Glenn spokesperson Dale Butland said "the fact that the checks were held shows this was a political game" (AP, 8/16). Butland said Glenn would only accept checks from DeWine "if it is legal" and that they "must be from Friends of Mike DeWine and not from Mike DeWine himself. ... Given his experience at the House bank we're afraid they might bounce" (JOURNAL, 8/13).

***18 WASHINGTON: LOGJAM ON TIMBER SOLUTION**

Ex-Rep. Don Bonker (D), who was elected to Congress on a "platform of banning exports of logs from public lands, says further reductions in log exports is the only real answer to the timber crises." Bonker's key points to solving the issue are "ending a \$100 million tax break given to timber companies" and "allow[ing] blown down timber on federal and state lands to be sold to mills." Bonker said state Sen. Patty Murray (D) would "throw in the towel on the timber communities" and Rep. Rod Chandler (R-08) would "vacate the Endangered Species Act and sacrifice environmental concerns." Murray: "The issue is far more complex than just log exports ... modernization has reduced the number of lumber mill jobs, we need to look at other jobs we can provide in those towns" (Schaefer, SEATTLE TIMES, 8/14). Sierra Club "decided to get involved early in the race because of its opposition to front runner Rod Chandler" and endorsed Murray. Sierra Club leaders said Bonker "lacks the kind of advocacy ... Patty epitomizes" (SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, 8/13). Murray was also endorsed by the WA Rainbow Coalition (Murray release, 8/17).

*19 SENATE "A" & "B": THE NOT-SO-READY FOR PRIME-TIME PLAYERS
Sen. John Seymour (R) and ex-TV commentator Bruce Herschensohn (R) were "hoping for the type of political boost" given to ex-S.F. mayor Dianne Feinstein (D) and Rep. Barbara Boxer (D-06) at the Dem convention, but the two Dems were "showcased" in NYC, Seymour and Herschensohn were "simply part of a parade" of other Senate candidates who gave 3-minute speeches at the convention kick-off. Their one, and only, chance to address the convention and a national TV audience "came and went just two hours after the proceedings started" (Shuit, L.A. TIMES, 8/18). Seymour's big moment came at 10:00a in CA, with the sole TV coverage coming from C-SPAN. Herschensohn's three minutes on the podium" at about 10:20 a.m. PDT (Trounstone, S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 8/18). During the two speeches, both candidates "stuck to familiar themes" (TIMES, 8/18). Seymour began by saying, "I'm pro-choice, pro-family, pro-jobs. To say I'm entirely happy with our party platform would be untrue." S.F. EXAMINER's Raine: While that line "played well" to select pro-choice audiences in recent weeks, "as an opener for a convention speech it was doomed" (8/18). Seymour then "quickly fell in line with the spirit of the convention, praising ... Bush, attacking Democrats and calling for a GOP victory" (TIMES, 8/18). Seymour's prepared text referred to Barbara Bush's opposition to the pro-life plank in the platform, but he did not deliver it. While some convention speakers "have complained privately of heavyhanded editing by GOP speechwriters who must sign off on all prepared remarks," Seymour "said the screeners 'didn't change a word'" (Marelius, S.D. UNION-TRIBUNE, 8/18). Herschensohn "gave a characteristically serious speech using literary metaphors, talking reverentially about the U.S. Constitution, and outlining what he said were 'two conflicting philosophies of governance.'" He compared the Dems to an octopus with "tentacles in taxpayers pockets," and the GOP as a "protective eagle." He also took "jabs" at Congress, "a warm-up for what is expected to be a more direct attack on Boxer later in the campaign." Seymour said he would have liked more time, but said he was satisfied with the result. Herschensohn "who takes pride in his positive attitude," commented, "Ronald Reagan wanted this time, but I got it. They wanted me to speak an hour, but I said, 'Three minutes, no more. I'm outta here'" (TIMES, 8/18).

===== POLL UPDATE =====

*20 ABC: CLINTON UP 20 PTS; BUSH SUPPORTERS GAIN INTENSITY
615 likely voters surveyed 8/12-16; margin of error +/- 4.5%
(8/17).

	NOW	WITH LEANERS			HAD PEROT STAYED IN?		
		NOW	8/11	7/19		NOW	8/11
Clinton	53%	57%	61%	58%	Clinton	44%	45%
Bush	34	37	35	30	Bush	28	26
					Perot	22	22

BUSH SUPPORT	NOW	8/11	CLINTON SUPPORT	NOW	8/11
Strong	62%	51%	Strong	60%	60%
Not strong	38	49	Not strong	40	40

*21 CNN/GALLUP: PLURALITY UNAFFECTED BY PLATFORM
700 registered voters surveyed 8/17; margin of error +/- 5%
(8/18).

CONSTITUTIONAL ABORTION BAN AS WRITTEN IN GOP PLATFORM

More likely to vote Bush	16%
Less likely to vote Bush	37
Not much effect	45

HAS EITHER CANDIDATE BEEN TOO PERSONALLY NEGATIVE TOWARD OTHER?

Yes, Bush campaign	14%
Yes, Clinton campaign	10
Yes, both	24
No, neither	42

IF SADDAM AGAIN FAILS TO COMPLY WITH U.N. CEASEFIRE

Take no military action	14%
Take military action to force Saddam to comply	13
Take military action to force Saddam to comply and remove him from power	62

IF BUSH ORDERS MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAQ THIS WEEK,
HELPING HIS OWN RE-ELECTION CHANCES WILL BE ...

His main reason	14%
One of his reasons	32
Not one of his reasons	44
No opinion	10

DOES BUSH TAKE RE-ELECTION INTO
ACCOUNT IN DECISIONS ABOUT IRAQ?

Yes	48%
No	42

EFFECT ON VOTE IF BUSH ORDERS
MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAQ

More likely vote Bush	12%
Less likely vote Bush	6
Not much effect	79

*22 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted Pat Buchanan, ex-WH CoS John Sununu, ABC's Hal Bruno and GOP rapper TRQ. NBC's "Today" hosted Buchanan, Roger Ailes and Bob Squier, Sen. Phil Gramm (R-TX), Log Cabin Club president Richard Tafeel, Conservative Victory cmte's Brent Bozell and NY Housing Commis. Virginia Apuzzo on homosexuals in politics. "CBS This Morning" hosted Buchanan, Pat Robertson on family values, GOP Govs. Ashcroft (MO), Campbell (SC) and Thompson (WI), Ron Reagan Jr. and Bob Beckel, Ed Rollins and Fred Barnes (8/18).

A.M. QUOTABLES: Gramm: "The Democrats have now been on the playing field for three months and Clinton's been running up down the field spiking the ball -- there's been no opposition" ("Today," NBC, 8/18). Sununu: "The middle of this country isn't the middle philosophically, the middle of this country is quite conservative. The Democrats are trying to look conservative, they ran a convention where they had a bunch a liberals talk conservative -- the public saw that" ("GMA," ABC, 8/18). GOP strategist Roger Ailes on Clinton: "You got a middle aged guy riding around looking like Spanky MacFarlane or W.C. Fields and calling himself Elvis." On Dems: "You guys have bashed Bush for 9 solid months and you've been intimidating Republicans ... from now on it's going to be an in your face campaign and you guys don't how to handle that -- you wait and see." Clinton consultant Bob Squier on GOP: "They've attacked our candidates before they came to the convention, now they're attacking the wives of the candidates, I assume Thursday they will be attacking the children" ("Today," NBC, 8/18).

LAST NIGHT: ABC, NBC, CNN led with Bush. CBS and PBS' "MacNeil/Lehrer" led with the convention. "M/L" focused on the Iraq controversy with Sec/Defense Dick Cheney and W.S. JOURNAL's Gerald Seib. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted ex-Drug Czar Wm Bennett and Clinton dep. chair Betsey Wright. "Larry King" hosted CO. Gov. Romer (D), OK Sen. Don Nickles (R) and Pat Robertson. ABC's "Nightline" examined the IL delegation (8/17).

CONVENTION BLUES: Arsenio Hall: "Today's activities started off with a black Republican -- yeah he was there -- singing the national anthem. That's just like the Republicans, they finally let a black man up on the podium and all they want him to do is sing" ("Arsenio," 8/17).

===== TV SOUNDBITE =====

"When the varsity comes in and gives such a stunner of a speech, it's a tough act for George Bush to follow."
-- George Will on Reagan's address, ABC, 8/17.

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BUSH VOWS 'STUNNING POLITICAL COMEBACK' -- President Bush arrived in his adopted home city on Monday to await his party's nomination for a second term, conceding his big lag in the polls but calling himself "a fighter." (AP, Washington Times, Washington Post)

BUSH PROMISES VFW HE'LL KEEP U.S. MILITARY STRONG -- President Bush promised the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Monday that he would keep the U.S. militarily strong and that he would never tamper with veterans' benefits. (Boston Globe)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BUSH: U.S. WON'T 'GO OFF UNILATERALLY' AGAINST IRAQ -- President Bush has said the U.S. will not act unilaterally to force Iraq to comply with U.N. resolutions but expressed confidence the Gulf War coalition will remain together if "tough action" is needed. (Boston Globe)

34 U.S. TROOPS FLY TO KENYA FOR SOMALIA AIRLIFT -- American troops flew into Kenya Monday to prepare a U.S. airlift for starving Somalia, where relief supplies are being plundered by gun-toting gangs. (Washington Times)

NETWORK NEWS (Monday evening)

CONVENTION/BUSH INTERVIEW -- President Bush arrived in Houston, determined to fight his way back into the hearts of the people.

IRAQ/ARMS INSPECTORS -- The U.N. team decided not to go through with a surprise inspection in an Iraqi ministry.

FOREIGN POLICY/BUSH RECORD -- President Bush knows the political benefits of reaching for the proverbial phone.

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NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH SAYS HE'S A FIGHTER, VOWS 'STUNNING POLITICAL COMEBACK'

HOUSTON -- President Bush arrived in his adopted home city on Monday to await his party's nomination for a second term, conceding his big lag in the polls but calling himself "a fighter." He predicted November's election would be "curtain time" for Bill Clinton.

"It starts right now," Bush declared, joining Vice President Quayle for the celebration in an arena next to the Astrodome.

Speaking shortly after he arrived in Houston, Bush conceded he was badly trailing Bill Clinton in the polls. But, he said, "You know me. In politics, I've always done better when I fight back, when I'm behind. It gives you a certain freedom." Referring to the Astrodome as "the eighth wonder of the world," Bush said, "Well, Houston, get ready for Wonder No. 9 -- the most stunning political comeback since Harry Truman gave them hell in 1948."

Bush gave an emotional endorsement of Quayle, calling him "a super Vice President and he will be for another four years."

(Tom Raum, AP)

Bush Hits Houston With A Bang

HOUSTON -- A buoyant and bellicose President Bush arrived at his party convention Monday with a tax cut up his sleeve to stop the political bloodshed he caused by betraying his "no new taxes" pledge from the last convention.

Bush first alluded to the tax-cut plan in his speech to war veterans en route to Texas. Some advisers also were touting the topic, but everyone parried requests to spell it out. Robert Teeter said the acceptance speech may not spell it out either, since it won't be a "detailed policy speech."

The President's Marine One helicopter dropped into the convention site on the sprawling Astrodome grounds Monday night for an unprecedented opening-day welcoming ceremony also attended by Vice President Quayle. Flanked by heart surgeons Michael DeBakey and Denton Cooley on one side and Warren Moon of the Houston Oilers on the other, Bush seemed excited and finally in his element.

Finally abandoning the last pretext of not campaigning, Bush attacked Democratic congressional leaders in far more vivid terms than he has ever used. "I held out my hand to those crazy guys. I held out my hand only to have it bitten off," Bush said.

(Frank Murray, Washington Times, A1)

Bush Promises Party A 'Comeback'

HOUSTON -- A combative President Bush set the tone for the 35th Republican National Convention here Monday, defiantly attacking Bill Clinton and promising his anxious supporters "the most stirring political comeback since Harry Truman gave them hell in 1948."

Bush's fiery address, punctuated by sarcasm toward his opponents and Texas bravado about the Republican's campaign strategy, stole the scene on the opening day of a convention designed to revive and redefine the President's lagging campaign and tear into Clinton and the Democrats.

Bush's speech at a pep rally that was nothing less than a political coming-out party showed an enthusiastic candidate finally throwing off any pretense of Oval Office decorum. He was more animated and biting than he has been all year and promised his supporters not to let up on the Democrats for the duration of the campaign....

Sen. Simpson, in a convention address, quoted from Clinton's letter to an Army ROTC colonel in 1969 in which he said he did not flee the country during the Vietnam War because he wanted to maintain his "political viability." Simpson described the phrase as a sign of "cynicism" by Clinton and asked, "How many other times did you sell your political soul to maintain your political viability?"

Sen. Lugar attacked Clinton's inexperience in foreign affairs, saying that in view of the upheavals in the last four years, "This is not the time for on-the-job training for an amateur."

(Dan Balz, Washington Post, A1)

**TAKING GLOVES OFF, BUSH THE
CANDIDATE ARRIVES IN HOUSTON**

HOUSTON -- This was the day President Bush -- and perhaps even more, his anxious supporters -- had been waiting for. After weeks of promising to be a candidate and tiptoeing to the edge, as he put it, of being one, George Bush the candidate arrived here Monday and instantly whipped off the gloves.

The President attacked Bill Clinton as a man who "ridicules or attacks me as we talk about family values," who has denigrated America, who wants to gut the national security and who has proposed what Bush said would be the largest tax increase in U.S. history.

Earlier, before the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Indianapolis, Bush repeatedly emphasized his wartime service in a way that was likely to call to mind the fact that Clinton did not serve in the military during the Vietnam War. "That war was controversial," Bush said. "Many refused to serve." Later, he said the memories of "watching our buddies go down in battle... are etched in my mind, as they are in yours.... As long as I am President I make this solemn promise: We will always stand by those who stood up for America."

The President, who was introduced as a lifetime member of the VFW, received a warm but not wildly enthusiastic welcome as he repeatedly noted his commitment to veterans and their families.

(Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A17)

**BUSH PROMISES VFW HE'LL
KEEP U.S. MILITARY STRONG**

INDIANAPOLIS -- President Bush promised the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Monday that he would keep the U.S. militarily strong and that he would never tamper with veterans' benefits.

Speaking at a VFW gathering on his way to the Republican convention, Bush also practiced two major themes he will dwell on in the presidential campaign this fall: family values and better health care without "a government takeover."

Bush made only subtle allusions to Bill Clinton. In paying tribute to those who served in Vietnam, Bush told the veterans, "many refused to serve... and you were fighting with one hand tied behind your back. Still, you fought with courage and with valor. God bless those of you who served in that troubled war."

(John Mashek, Boston Globe)

**QUAYLE REITERATES DEFENSE
OF 'TRADITIONAL VALUES'**

HOUSTON -- The last time Dan Quayle appeared at a Republican National Convention, he looked like a man in shock after a narrow escape from death. Monday, four years later, Quayle was back before his fellow Republicans, mocking Bill Clinton and heaping scorn on the news media and the "elites" who "sneer" at family values.

Quayle arrived at an evangelical rally to be greeted with signs reading "Dan Quayle was Right," featuring a picture of Murphy Brown with a huge X across the image. Signs proclaiming "Dan Quayle: Right for America" were held aloft.

Quayle, with his family arrayed behind him, defended his attack last May on Murphy Brown for having an illegitimate child. "I don't care what my critics say. I will never back down from talking about traditional values," he said.

Avi Weiss of the Jewish Defense League briefly interrupted Quayle's speech to criticize the Bush Administration's policies toward Israel, and then reappeared later at another Quayle speech, to the American-Israel Political Action Committee. As Quayle was declaring himself a "pro-Israel Republican and proud of it," Weiss jumped to his feet and shouted, "You've been wonderful, but tell your boss to stop bullying Israel."

Quayle acknowledged that the Bush Administration's relations with Israel have "not always been smooth... we've had some rough times, but when all is said and done, there's been a lot more done than said."

(Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A16)

**REAGAN ISSUES SPIRITED CALL
FOR BUSH RE-ELECTION**

HOUSTON -- Ronald Reagan, a beloved leader of the Republican Party, said Monday night he will stand by George Bush "warmly, genuinely, wholeheartedly" through probably the toughest fight of his political life.

Poking fun at the Democrats' convention last month in New York, Reagan said, "You might even call it slick. A stone's throw from Broadway it was and how appropriate." Zeroing in on Bill Clinton, Reagan said the Democrats were blowing smoke with their claims. "I'd follow the example of their nominee: don't inhale," Reagan quipped.

Reagan told the convention, "We know George Bush. By his own admission, he is a quiet man, not a showman. He is a trustworthy and level-headed leader who is respected around the world," Reagan said. "His is a steady hand on the tiller through the choppy waters of the '90s, which is exactly what we need. We need George Bush."

Democratic Chairman Ron Brown said Bush had tried to distance himself from Reagan four years ago but "now has called upon Ronald Reagan to salvage his failed presidency." Brown said, "During the Reagan years, nine out of 10 Americans saw their taxes go up; the number of children living in poverty went up; the number of hours families had to work to maintain their earnings went up -- all as the effective tax rates for the top earners in our society went down, substantially down." (Terence Hunt, AP)

**BUCHANAN BACKS BUSH, CALLS
CLINTON DRAFT-DODGER**

HOUSTON -- Pat Buchanan, who humiliated George Bush early in the campaign in a failed challenge, called on backers Monday to rally behind Bush to beat Bill Clinton whom he branded a draft dodger.

"I think the party is coming together," Buchanan told two reporters. "I think it's ready to roll. I think this party is starting uphill, my friend. Anybody who has written off George Bush is making a big, big mistake. The party is together and we can make it."

In his speech, before a crowd that remained on its feet screaming and waving banners and signs throughout his remarks, Buchanan delivered a characteristically punchy speech that extolled Bush's first-term achievements and scathingly attacked Clinton and Al Gore.

While Bush signed up at 17 to become a World War II fighter pilot, Clinton "sat up in a dormitory in Oxford, England, and figured out how to dodge the draft," Buchanan said. And while Bush "presided over the liberation of Eastern Europe and the termination of the Warsaw Pact," Clinton's foreign policy experience "is pretty much confined to having had breakfast once at the International House of Pancakes."

(Michael Conlon, Reuter)

Buchanan Blasts, Reagan Reassures

HOUSTON -- Former President Reagan, who helped make George Bush President, and Pat Buchanan, who tried to end his reign, urged conservatives Monday to support the President to preserve Republican control of the White House.

"My friends, this campaign is about philosophy and it is about character and George Bush wins on both counts -- going away," Buchanan said. "And it is time all of us came home and stood beside him."

Reagan said Democrats wrongly dismissed Republican attempts to win the Cold War. Having won the Cold War, he said, Republicans should be trusted to solve the nation's lingering domestic ills. For that to occur, he said, the nation should change the leadership in Congress, not the White House.

"Now, it's true -- a lot of liberal Democrats are saying it's time for a change," Reagan said. "What should change is a Democratic Congress that wastes precious time on partisan matters of absolutely no relevance to the needs of the average American. It's time to clean house."

Buchanan said Clinton's wife Hillary advocates a "radical feminism" that would place women in combat and undermine the traditional family. (Major Garrett, Washington Times, A1)

**NEW ABC POLL SHOWS CLINTON
LEADING BUSH BY 20 POINTS**

HOUSTON -- President Bush has slightly dented Bill Clinton's huge lead in the polls but Clinton still has a 20 point edge over Bush, according to an ABC News poll released Monday.

The poll said Clinton now leads Bush by 57% to 37%, a drop of four points for Clinton in a week. Bush is up by two points since last week's ABC poll.

ABC said that some of the drop in Clinton's support came from Republicans who flirted with supporting him but have now gone back to President Bush. Last week Clinton was receiving support from 26% of Republican voters, now that number is down to 17%. ABC said Clinton's support from former Ross Perot supporters has also dropped to under 60%.

The poll was conducted Aug. 12-16 of 615 likely voters and 745 registered voters. It has a 4.5% margin of error. (Reuter)

**TAX CUT PARAMOUNT
AMONG BUSH SUPPORTERS**

HOUSTON -- Conservative and moderate Republicans welcomed President Bush to the Republican convention Monday with an urgent call for tax cuts, and White House officials seemed receptive to the idea.

"There are plenty of people who want us to cut taxes. It's an open question now," said a senior Administration official aware of the discussions of the tax proposals Bush is likely to announce in his speech Thursday night.

"Tax cuts are always a good idea.... They would create jobs," former New Jersey Gov. Tom Kean said.

"Tax cuts are very necessary, because we've got some unfair taxes.... I hope he would cut taxes," said Indiana delegate Ernest Neimeyer, a Lake County commissioner. At a minimum, he added, "we have to hold the line on taxes."

"We are likely to have some kind of a tax-cut proposal," said Rep. Walker.

But some Republicans are worried that Bush might propose a tax cut without any plan to pay for it. Former Illinois Gov. James Thompson said, "If there is a tax-cut proposal, there will have to be a balance... such as entitlement (program) cuts."

(Paul Bedard, Washington Times, A6)

**IN SEPTEMBER, BUSH
TO COME OUT SWINGING**

HOUSTON -- President Bush's aggressive post-convention plan - already dubbed "September storm" -- will be a cross-country Bill Clinton attack machine.

Republicans say Bush must define his message as a foundation for his tactics. Mary Matalin says he'll do that in his Thursday speech, defining "how he wants to lead this country through a changing future."

Bush surrogates will blanket states -- Texas first, then other key battlegrounds -- to outline their calculations of how Clinton military cuts and tax increases would affect that state's taxpayers. Family values will be used to paint Clinton as outside the mainstream on gay rights and abortion. "We have decided to tell the truth about Bill Clinton," says Texas campaign chairman Jim Oberwetter. "When it comes to the values-based questions... we're not going to be shy."

Bush, who previewed sharp attacks when he arrived here Monday, has agreed to do whatever aides say is necessary. James Baker bluntly warned the President he'll lose if he doesn't.

(Judy Keen, USA Today, 4A)

**BUSH CALLED ON 'SLEAZE'
VOW AFTER GOP REMARKS**

LITTLE ROCK -- Robert Mosbacher and U.S. Treasurer Catalina Villalpando should be fired for slipping into "the business of sleaze," George Stephanopoulos, communications director for Bill Clinton, said Monday after the two resurrected questions about Clinton's sexual behavior.

"The President was very clear in an interview with Time magazine that anybody who was in the sleaze business would be fired -- no ifs, ands or buts," Stephanopoulos said. "And it sounds like he's going to have a busy day because he's got at least two right now."

Monday, Mosbacher and Villalpando apologized for their remarks, AP reported in Houston. Mosbacher said such remarks had "no place in this campaign" and Villalpando apologized "deeply."

In an interview, Mosbacher said his comments were taken out of context. He said that he was talking generally about the character issue and not about Clinton. "Character in general is a major consideration when you are assessing someone's qualifications to be President," he said.

Clinton, on his way to Little Rock for meetings on state business Monday, responded to the latest womanizing charges. "In this and in so many other things, he (Bush) says one thing and they do something else. All this kind of campaigning does is to remind people that you've got a bunch of folks who... desperately, desperately, desperately want to hold onto their jobs in Washington much more than they want to do anything for the American people."

(David Maraniss, Washington Post, A17)

WHAT DOES BUSH REALLY BELIEVE?

In the fall of 1990, President Bush summoned his friend of 40 years, former transportation secretary William Coleman to the White House to discuss the civil rights bill that Bush was then preparing to veto.

Coleman recalls that Bush was torn between whether to disregard the advice of his aides or become only the third president in history to veto a civil rights bill. "I could almost see tears in his eyes," Coleman said. "He said, 'Bill, I would love to sign it but they tell me it's a quota bill. What can I do?'"

In the end, Bush vetoed the bill. Then, after 12 acrimonious months of further debate, he reversed course and agreed to sign a revised version, angering party conservatives. "Look, it's very technical and all I know is I can simply certify it is not a quota bill," he explained, insisting that changes in language made all the difference.

Caught between the two sides on a significant national issue, Bush managed to please neither, leaving considerable doubt in their minds -- and the public's -- about what he really believed. It was a familiar scenario, one that has been played out in controversies such as the repudiation on the "no new taxes" pledge or his transformation from the moderate alternative to Ronald Reagan in 1980, bashing "voodoo economics" and supporting abortion rights, into a staunch supply-sider and ardent opponent of abortion.

(Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A1)

A VULNERABLE INCUMBENT

HOUSTON -- Seemingly invincible only a year ago, George Bush returned to his adopted home town Monday haunted by the specter of a one-term presidency.

Bush arrived in Houston without the politically priceless air of inevitability that so enveloped Ronald Reagan in 1984. He seemed more like Jimmy Carter in 1980, a proud but gravely wounded warrior, seemingly at the mercy of events rather than bestriding them, hoping to replenish himself by borrowing strength from fellow Republicans in better political health.

Like Carter, Bush has spent the year on the defensive, beginning with a primary fight, an indignity incumbents are supposed to be spared. Carter sought and won the public blessing of his erstwhile tormentor, Edward Kennedy, and Monday night Bush brought forward his challenger, Pat Buchanan, as a symbol of unity and yet another peace offering to the conservative forces that dominate the 1992 Republican National Convention.

(R.W. Apple, New York Times, A1)

**GOP APPROVES PLATFORM OF CONSERVATIVE
CAUSES, ABORTION DEBATE QUASHED**

HOUSTON -- Republicans approved a platform filled with fighting words and conservative causes Monday after Bush campaign forces snuffed out attempts to bring a divisive abortion debate to the convention floor.

"No one is willing to buck the hierarchy of this party when push comes to shove," said Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion Rights Action League, which has spent two-thirds of its money this year helping Republican candidates.

The platform proposes three constitutional amendments: to require a balanced federal budget, limit elected officials' terms and ban abortion. The platform also opposes federal spending on abortions for poor women and supports the appointment of judges who respect "the sanctity of innocent human life."

Mary Dent Crisp, chairman of the National Republican Coalition for Choice, said her group would endorse neither Bush nor Bill Clinton. Asked how she'll vote, the former national party co-chairman refused to say -- but added that "I'm a one-issue person."

Ann Stone, chairman of Republicans for Choice, said she personally supports Bush although her organization will not endorse him. "We will be back in 1996," she said, "and in 1996 the pro-choice majority will prevail."

"I am pro-choice, pro-family and pro-jobs," California Sen. Seymour said in a speech from the podium. "To say I'm entirely happy with our party platform would be untrue. I for one believe it should be changed."

(Jill Lawrence, AP)

**ABORTION PLANK
APPROVED INTACT**

HOUSTON -- Abortion rights advocates Monday gave up the effort to change the Republican Party platform after the Bush campaign spent Sunday evening and Monday morning working hard to ensure that the President would not be embarrassed in the opening hours of the Republican National Convention.

A petition from a majority of the members of six delegations was needed to bring the issue to the floor. Govs. McKernan of Maine and Weld of Massachusetts, leaders of the effort to amend the platform, came to the Astrodome Monday morning to tell their delegations the effort had failed. Both governors had spent much of Sunday afternoon making phone calls and lobbying various delegations. But McKernan said Monday, "It's clear we do not have the six. We are going to give up the attempt to collect more signatures."

Ann Stone, head of Republicans for Choice, said at a news conference after the platform was ratified that "delegates felt the President was under so much pressure and so far behind in the polls that they had to give him the bounce Bill Clinton got out of his convention." (Maralee Schwartz & Dan Balz, Washington Post, A15)

**FRAMING A
NEW AGENDA**

HOUSTON -- With a barrage of oratory on Tuesday night, Republicans will embark on what many of their strategists regard as the most important mission of their convention: convincing a doubtful nation that President Bush has coherent solutions to the country's domestic problems, and that he would fight hard for them if he won a second term.

Tuesday's lineup of speakers is heavily tilted toward advocates of what William Kristol and his allies call "the conservative reform agenda." Speaker after speaker will tout programs such as vouchers to allow poor children to attend private schools, tenant ownership or management of public housing, and health care reforms based on incentives to allow individuals and businesses to buy private insurance.

The idea that unites these proposals is that government is better off "empowering individuals," as the popular conservative slogan goes, than in creating new bureaucracies. As the preamble to the platform adopted Monday put it: "We see with new clarity that centralized government bureaucracies created in this century are not the wave of the future. Never again will people trust planners and paper shufflers more than they trust themselves."

(News Analysis, E.J. Dionne, Washington Post, A1)

**UNSURE STEPS GIVE
RIGHT WING JITTERS**

HOUSTON -- This is a convention waiting for something to happen. President Bush's savviest advisers know he needs to recapture his dispirited and wandering conservative base.

But when asked if Pat Buchanan's and Ronald Reagan's speeches will make any difference when conservatives and the rest of the electorate decide what to do Nov. 3, the Bush advisers throw up their hands.

They know that everything rests on the President and that even Monday he was getting conflicting advice on what to say Thursday in his acceptance speech, which they agree will be the most important of his long political career.

To varying degrees, depending on how close they are to the intense arguments going on among Bush's top advisers, the delegates here know he has to do more than ask "Who do you trust more, me or Bill Clinton?" and more than belittle his opponent's record as governor of Arkansas. They know, in Rep. Weber's words, that the President has to "give people a reason" to vote for him.

Greg Petersmeyer, a senior Bush adviser, says the economy will be the reason because that is what concerns the electorate the most. But he is unsure precisely what will excite the imaginations and hopes of the voters. (Ralph Hallow, Washington Times, A1)

GOP ON HEALTH: LESS GOVERNMENT VS. MORE

The shape of the battle over America's health care was made starkly clear this week by a conservative health plank in a conservative Republican platform.

The health message Republicans offer at their Houston convention embraces a program President Bush proposed last February: It rejects strong government cost controls and relies on competition between organized health plans competing for patients on the basis of price.

The struggle for a way to insure all Americans at affordable cost thus becomes one between two very different ideologies, the Republican program that uses private forces to expand care and limit costs and the Democratic approach that uses far more government muscle. (Victor Cohn, Washington Post, Health, page 7)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BUSH: U.S. WON'T 'GO OFF UNILATERALLY' AGAINST IRAQ

HOUSTON -- President Bush has said the U.S. will not act unilaterally to force Iraq to comply with U.N. resolutions but expressed confidence the Gulf War coalition will remain together if "tough action" is needed.

Bush, speaking on NBC television, said the U.S. had been in "close contact" with its allies on Iraqi defiance of the resolutions imposed on Baghdad after the 1991 war.

Interviewed on PBS, Secretary Cheney said, "I don't see anything at this point, tonight, that leads me to think military action is imminent. But should the situation change or should the President make a decision that military action is appropriate, we're prepared at the Department of Defense to begin operations on short notice, but that's a posture we've been in now for some time."

Bush was coy Monday when asked what condition would trigger an American or allied air strike against Iraq. But he said failure to comply with the inspections resolutions or a separate one that protects Kurds in northern Iraq and Shiite Moslems in the South could bring action.

(Robert Doherty, Reuter)

BUSH WARNS SADDAM HUSSEIN ON BRUTALIZING PEOPLE

President Bush bluntly warned Saddam Hussein to stop "brutalizing" his people in advance of an expected order for U.S. pilots to fly patrols over to prevent attacks on Shiite muslim villages.

Bush, in an interview on CNN, stopped just short of announcing the additional air cover that U.S. combat aircraft already provide to Iraqi Kurds through U.N. authority.

A Pentagon official familiar with military preparations in the Persian Gulf expected an official announcement on the extension of U.S. airpower within days. "We will enforce a no-fly zone on southern Iraq sometime this week," the official said, banning Iraqi warplanes from going south of the 32nd parallel.

Bush responded sharply to a New York Times report that a military strike against Saddam Hussein's forces could be motivated because of his sagging political fortunes. Bush said he was "appalled" that it would be suggested that he "would try to have an 'August surprise' and risk the life of an American just for a political purpose. I really was deeply offended by that."

U.N. inspectors have faced serious challenges in Iraq in gaining access to facilities believed to contain evidence of Iraq's arsenal of weapons of mass destruction. In regard to these obstacles and attacks on the Kurds and Shiites, Bush had a warning for Saddam Hussein.

"Of course we have responses planned, and they are strong responses," he said.

(UPI)

SADDAM 'ON A WAR FOOTING'

Iraq is making widespread preparations to absorb or counter an attack by U.N.-backed military forces by purchasing new arms, testing military radar and moving aircraft to remote areas of the country, according to U.S. intelligence officials. "Iraq is on a war footing," said a U.S. official with access to intelligence reports on Iraq's internal situation.

President Bush, meanwhile, said in a television interview Monday that the U.S. has the right "to use force if necessary" to force Iraq's compliance with U.N. resolutions.

One alarming sign observed by U.S. intelligence agencies is Iraq's recent operation of a Soviet-made radar used in the past with launches of Scud missiles. The radar use is viewed as a sign Iraq could retaliate with Scud missile attacks if punitive raids are launched by U.N. forces against Iraqi targets.

Officials also disclosed other indicators Iraq is preparing for war. Baghdad recently concluded an arms deal to purchase some 50,000 Chinese-made AK-47 assault rifles, in violation of a U.N. arms embargo. Iraqi aircraft have been dispersed to remote airfields to protect them from possible attack. Some units of the Republican Guards were moved out of garrisons recently.

(Bill Gertz, Washington Times, A1)

**U.N. AVOIDS SHOWDOWN
WITH IRAQ**

A U.N. team completed its inspection of Iraq's weapons programs Monday without attempting to visit a Baghdad ministry, thus avoiding a potential confrontation that could have led to U.S. military action.

A senior U.S. official said he understood the U.N. team had decided not to seek a visit to an Iraqi ministry because an article Sunday in the New York Times had depicted such a visit as orchestrated by the U.S. in a deliberate bid to provoke Iraq. Some statements of the Baghdad government had described inspections of its ministry buildings as unacceptable violations of Iraqi sovereignty.

Rolf Ekeus, chief of the U.N. Special Commission that carries out the inspections, "decided he just could not afford" to leave an impression that the team was doing Washington's bidding on the eve of President Bush's renomination by the Republican Party, even though in fact this was not the case, the official said.

Monday, an Administration official said he was aware of "no evidence" the U.N. team had ever proposed to visit a ministry during its stay in Iraq. "Generally when they (inspection teams) leave New York they have their missions planned," the official said.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A1)

**U.S. PLAN TO BAR IRAQI FLIGHTS IN SOUTH
FOLLOWS STEPPED-UP ATTACKS ON SHIITES**

An evolving Bush Administration plan to block Iraqi attacks on Shiite Muslim civilians, with military force if necessary, follows reports that the Iraqi government has sharply escalated its campaign against the Shiites in their swampy homeland in southern Iraq.

U.N. investigators and U.S. intelligence agencies in recent weeks have documented a variety of Iraqi military operations -- including artillery bombardments, air strikes by Iraqi combat jets and helicopter attacks -- against the so-called Marsh Arabs who populate the region. A U.N. report last week said "indiscriminate" attacks have been carried out against villages and other civilian targets as well as Shiite guerrillas.

Administration officials said Monday the reports of Iraqi human rights abuses were a factor in their decision to seek allied support for a formal ban on flights by Iraqi airplanes and helicopters below the 32nd parallel.

Analysts generally agreed Monday that a ban on Iraqi flights -- and helicopter flights in particular -- could provide a major boost to anti-government forces in the region and mark a significant escalation in the U.S.-led campaign to undermine Saddam Hussein.

Members of the U.N. Security Council met informally on Friday to discuss the Administration's proposal and referred it back to their home capitals for consideration. Administration officials said Monday that while the British and French are in general agreement over the need for such a move, details on the timing and exact nature of the aircraft ban remain to be worked out.

(John Lancaster, Washington Post, A10)

**CIA CHIEF NOT CALLED
AS A WITNESS**

The defense in the Clair George perjury trial rested without calling CIA Director Robert Gates to testify.

"I am not going to tell any more, because I can't," defense attorney Richard Hibey told reporters Monday outside of the courtroom.

Gates was subpoenaed last week to testify on behalf of Clair George, who served under Gates as the CIA's director of spy operations in the mid-1980s. The Justice Department tried unsuccessfully to quash the subpoena, saying the defense failed to show how Gates' testimony would be relevant. (Walt Albro, UPI)

**34 U.S. TROOPS FLY TO KENYA
TO PREPARE FOR SOMALIA AIRLIFT**

American troops flew into Kenya Monday to prepare a U.S. airlift for starving Somalia, where relief supplies are being plundered by gun-toting gangs.

"We have already started moving additional personnel and lift capacity to Kenya in order to speed up this airlift of support to Somalia," Richard Boucher said.

A team of 34 U.S. military personnel arrived in Kenya's Indian Ocean port of Mombasa Monday to lay the groundwork for the airlift, which is expected to begin Monday.

The U.S. hopes to use the remote northeastern Kenya military base of Wajir as a springboard into Somalia. Four members of the military mission will go to Wajir Tuesday to see if its airstrip can handle a fully laden cargo plane, Lt. Col. Grant Hayes said at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi.

The U.S. also is pressing for a new U.N. Security Council resolution that will allow the U.N. to deploy more troops in Somalia than the 500 Pakistani soldiers already approved.

U.S. officials say many more U.N. troops will be needed on the ground to ensure effective distribution of relief supplies in the anarchy that has followed the government's collapse.

(Martin Sieff, Washington Times, A9)

NETWORK NEWS

(Monday evening, August 17)

CONVENTION/BUSH INTERVIEW

NBC's Tom Brokaw: President Bush arrived in Houston tonight, the city he claims is his hometown, determined to fight his way back into the hearts of the people who elected him four years ago. And his campaign advisers made sure that he arrived just in time for the evening newscast, with a rally at the Astro Hall right next door to the Astrodome, where the convention will be held. The President was joined on stage by two very prominent doctors in this town, Dr. Denton Cooley and Dr. Michael Dubakey [phonetic], who are well known as the nation's most famous heart surgeons.
(TV coverage: President and Mrs. Bush entering Astro Hall.)

Brokaw discusses the campaign with President Bush:

Brokaw: When I interviewed the President today, I began by asking him if he still defined himself as a Reagan Republican.

President Bush: Sure. And I'm very proud to have worked with President Reagan, very proud of what he accomplished -- some now are trying to diminish his record -- and very proud of what I've accomplished as President.

Brokaw: Let me ask you about your constituency. All the polls indicate that you are losing the white, male, conservative Democrats that were so important to your election four years ago and important, of course, to Ronald Reagan as well. And the Clinton people figure that about 10 percent of their approval rating now is coming from moderate Republicans. Can you win without those two groups?

President Bush: I'm going to get them back, Tom. I'm going to go out and get them back and fight. Maybe part of the reason is that they've been hearing one side of the question for the last nine months, because I have not been in the arena with my sleeves rolled up. In fact, so much so that some people start reporting, well, the President doesn't feel well. I am in good health and I am going to take the fight to the opposition, and so we are going to have a real slugfest this fall and it's going to be on the issues and I'm looking forward to joining the fray after being kicked around for a long, long time.

Brokaw: If you weren't an agent of change in your first four years of presidency -- if you come here as an agent of change now -- won't the American people be skeptical?

President Bush: In the first place, I don't accept the fact that I'm not an agent of change in the first four years. If you would look around the world, I think you'd see there have been the most dramatic changes for peace in modern history. And I think one dramatic change is that the young people in this country go to sleep at night without the fear of nuclear war that their predecessors had.

Brokaw: When you come here, will part of that message of change be a call for an across-the-board tax cut, as so many people in Congress are advocating?

President Bush: I'm not going to preview the coming attractions that way. But as you know, I've been talking about tax cuts. I've proposed six incentives in the tax structure in January of this year in the State of the Union, and then have been fighting for them, only to be blocked by the Congress.

Brokaw: Will you fight for a constitutional amendment to ban all abortions in America, whatever the conditions?

President Bush: My position is well known. I'm not going to change it one way or another. It's not going to change to the right. It's not going to change to left. So if it's not compatible with the platform, never mind. I'll be compatible with the platform on many other things.

Brokaw: Share with us, then. What are the conditions in which you think abortion might be acceptable?

President Bush: I've always favored exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother. That's my position.

Brokaw: I know this is not the kind of issue that you like to discuss -- personal lives. But now there's a quote from the U.S. treasurer to the New Jersey delegation that Bill Clinton is a skirt-chaser. And Bob Mosbacher says marital infidelity is one yardstick by which Bill Clinton should be measured. Do you approve of that?

President Bush: I can't comment on that because I haven't seen either of those comments. I'm trying to keep this business out of the sleaze business. I think Bill Clinton, to his credit, has said the same thing. And I cannot control what everybody says, nor do I approve when people on the other side make these suggestions about me and my family. And so I made my position clear, and all do by getting into discussions like this is contribute, without wanting to, to this kind of sleazy stuff that both he and I have said we don't want.

Brokaw: If you feel so strongly about this, then why don't you reprimand Bob Mosbacher?

President Bush: Because I haven't seen what they've said and because I think -- let me take a look at it and maybe I will.

Brokaw reports that following the interview, Mosbacher and Cathy Villapando did apologize for their remarks. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Susan Spencer: Trailing in the polls in the fight of his political life, President Bush arrived in Houston facing an odd task for an incumbent -- explain who he really is and why he should continue as President.

(TV coverage: President and Mrs. Bush arriving at reception.) In the streets, meanwhile, the fight over the GOP's tough anti-abortion stance raged again today. On the Bush-controlled convention floor, the issue had one last gasp. But the votes weren't there to even force debate. Determined to present a united front and please conservatives, the party OK'd a no-exceptions platform. And there was another flurry of sleaze today: campaign chairman Bob Mosbacher quoted as saying that questions about Gov. Clinton's marital fidelity should be one of the yardsticks by which voters judge Clinton. Another Bush supporter called Clinton a skirt-chaser in a speech yesterday, all of which forced Mr. Bush to deny that he's privately encouraging any of this.

Spencer continues:

(President Bush: "I'm saying that there's an awful lot of people who feel strongly one way or another on a wide variety of issues. And nobody is going to be able to control everything that everybody says. The program is to stay away from what I call the sleaze business.")

Late this afternoon, the Bush camp apologized. Clinton himself sounded resigned.

(Clinton: "When he said in February this wouldn't be part of the campaign -- I can't -- there have been so many times when he's said one thing and had his people do something else that I can't keep up with it. It's nothing to me. Let them do or say whatever they want.")

What they clearly want now is to establish Mr. Bush as the unchallenged leadership candidate. At a veterans' convention this morning, the President may have been hinting at Thursday's all-important speech, recalling Desert Storm, threatening the bully of Baghdad and defending family values.

(President Bush: "Some ridicule me. Some ridicule us when we talk about family values. But it's the family that teaches us right from wrong. It teaches us discipline, respect for the law. Strengthening the family is not something we ought to do. It is something we have to do.")

The hottest topic here today is what will Mr. Bush say here on Thursday, with some betting he may propose new tax cuts or at least acknowledge that breaking his no-new-taxes pledge was a big mistake. His pollster can tell him that. (CBS-2)

CONVENTION/IRAQ/ARMS INSPECTORS

ABC's Peter Jennings: And now the Republican challenge, here in Houston for a week to do what they can to keep a Republican President in office, who is going through the longest sustained fall in popularity since political polling began in the 1930s. Down there on the floor of the convention, they gathered today. They'll gather again this evening. They will openly tell you they are trying to rescue George Bush's political career, which means for a week on your television -- if they can convince you to watch -- they will bash, pummel and pound their opponents: Bill Clinton, Al Gore and the Democratically controlled Congress. They are here to depict, if they can, George Bush as an agent of change. The essential campaign message is: He changed the world, now he can save America. Trouble is, the world keeps intervening.

ABC's Brit Hume: The story of the President's attempt to revive his flagging political fortunes this week had developed a most unwelcome subplot as he headed for Houston this morning.

(TV coverage: President and Mrs. Bush on South Lawn.)

He wants to campaign, as he did later before the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Indianapolis, as the man who defeated Saddam Hussein.

(President Bush: "And he didn't believe we would do what it would take to win. But our men and women showed him. To put it real simple, we kicked a little Baghdad bully.")

Even as he spoke though, the Administration and its Gulf War allies were planning renewed military action to deal with the Iraqi leader and his continuing defiance of them and the United Nations.

Hume continues:

The U.S.-led coalition has decided to bomb him the next time he blocks U.N. weapons inspectors. The Administration and allies are also planning military operations to halt air attacks on the Shiites in southern Iraq. The problem for the President is that it all may look politically motivated, as one news story over the weekend suggested that it was. The President strongly denied that in an interview with CNN today.

(President Bush: "Now, I must say I was appalled at a story that came out yesterday that started suggesting that I would try to have an August surprise and risk the life of an American just for political purposes. I was really deeply offended by that. But of course we have responses planned, and they're strong responses.") They may be strong responses, but the last thing George Bush needs is to have this nation's attention riveted on a foreign military operation to subdue a dictator the President likes to say he's already defeated. Not only is there the prospect of American casualties, but the whole thing would be a massive distraction from the campaign the President has waited so long to wage and which is only beginning now here today. (ABC-Lead)

Brokaw: Instinctively, any action the President takes in the Persian Gulf will have political overtones and an impact on this campaign.

NBC's John Cochran: The President angrily denied he would order air attacks on Iraq just to aid his reelection. But he is willing to use last year's war against Saddam as a campaign issue. At the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention, the President recalled past American victories, including the one he thinks he doesn't get enough credit for.

(President Bush: "Saddam Hussein miscalculated. He thought we'd grown soft over the years. But our men and women showed him. To put it real simple, we kicked a little Baghdad bully.") In Houston, the opening night of the convention will focus heavily on Bush's handling of foreign affairs. But before the convention turned to foreign policy, conservatives easily passed a platform calling for a ban on abortion with no exceptions for rape, incest or the mother's health. Abortion-rights advocates just didn't have the votes to force a floor fight. That was good news for President Bush today. But the anti-abortion plank could hurt him and other Republican candidates this fall.

(Mary Dent Crisp: "This is truly a very solemn day for me personally and for Republican women in general.") Bush campaign officials tried to avoid controversy by changing the subject to anything but abortion. The exception was Vice President Quayle, who was eager to give his anti-abortion views to religious conservatives.

(Vice President Quayle: "Our opponents believe that when a teenager decides to have an abortion, her parents don't even have the right to know. We believe in the sanctity of life.") With the fight over abortion now out of the way, the next big question is about the President's acceptance speech Thursday. White House aides tell NBC News that Bush will not answer the prayers of conservatives like Jack Kemp, who want him to propose across-the-board tax cuts now. But the President will promise to work hard for lower taxes and lower government spending -- if he gets a second term and a second chance. (NBC-3)

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IRAQ/ARMS INSPECTORS

ABC's Barrie Dunsmore reports the U.N. team decided not to go through with a surprise inspection to an Iraqi ministry today and inspected another site instead, without incident. Administration officials tell ABC News they believe the U.N. changed its mind because of the report in yesterday's New York Times. These officials suggest the U.N. decided not to inspect the ministry to demonstrate its independence and make clear it does not work for the U.S. (ABC-2)

NBC's Fred Francis reports the President told Brokaw that the allies are working on a plan to enforce U.N. Resolution 688. (President Bush: "We are in close contact with our Desert Storm allies and a lot of diplomacy is going on and has been going on. And I am satisfied that if tough action has to be taken, we would be able to hold together the primary elements of that coalition.") A new round of inspections is scheduled in two weeks. Officials say that sometime between then and the election, you can count on Saddam to do something stupid. (NBC-2)

CBS's Tom Fenton reports the U.N. team's 10-day investigation found significant new information about Iraq's ballistic missile program. (CBS-3)

CBS's David Martin reports it's only a matter of time before the U.S. and its allies declare a no-fly rule and shoot down any Iraqi aircraft that try to fly over Shiites. The allies are pushing the U.N. to be more aggressive with its arms inspections. (CBS-4)

CONVENTION/CONSERVATIVES

Jennings reports the latest ABC News-Washington Post Poll shows Gov. Clinton has a 57-37 lead over President Bush.

ABC's Cokie Roberts reports the platform, including the anti-abortion plank, passed today. (Gov. Bill Weld: "We'd like to see it come out the other way. But when you don't have the votes, sometimes it's time to get on and go on the next thing.")

ABC News-Washington Post Poll

Percentage of respondents who call themselves conservative?
GOP delegates.....70%
GOP at large.....44%
Nation at large...32%

The problem for the President is how to fire up the conservatives without alienating the moderate Republicans, independents and swing Democrats he needs to get elected. (ABC-4)

ABC's Jim Wooten reports most conservatives have never liked Bush. (Richard Viguerie: "George Bush has had literally a 30-year war, if you will, with conservatives.") No matter how hard Bush has tried to be one of them -- (President Bush: "Conservatives believe in Yankee ingenuity.") -- they still see him as a phony conservative.

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Wooten continues:

(Adam Myerson, Heritage Foundation: "George Bush raised Americans' taxes in 1990 with the promise that this would solve the budget deficit. What do we have? We have a budget deficit \$200 billion more, higher than it was then.")

No wonder Bush has Patrick Buchanan, Phil Gramm, Jack Kemp and Ronald Reagan all speaking for him tonight.

(Myerson: "George Bush won in 1988 because he ran as Ronald Reagan. He will lose in 1992 if he doesn't return to that Reagan tradition.") (ABC-5)

FOREIGN POLICY/BUSH RECORD

CBS's Eric Engberg reports President Bush knows the political benefits of reaching for the proverbial phone.

(President Bush: "Many times, in the White House late at night, the phone rings -- ")

It's a powerful image: The tough-minded chief executive on one end, foreign trouble on the other.

(President Bush: " -- carrying news of a coup in a powerful country or asking how we should stand up to a bully halfway around the world.")

(TV coverage: Photos of President Bush talking on phone.)

The Democrats hope the end of the Cold War will move the focus to domestic issues.

(Sen. Wofford: "When the phone rings in the White House, it's more likely to be Los Angeles burning. The world has changed in such an incredible way and people know that President Bush hasn't seized the day.")

(Mike Murphy, Bush campaign media adviser: "Now that the Soviet Union has collapsed, it's like the sheriff who cleaned up the town is not needed anymore. People start thinking about electing a meter maid because there are no more bad hombres around.")

(TV coverage: President Bush addressing Congress March 6, 1991.)

(Jules Witcover, columnist: "With Saddam still in control, with him using some of his forces that were prohibited to him in the cease-fire agreement against his own people -- all this has made Bush look like somebody who lacks follow-up, which he does.")

(Condoleezza Rice, Stanford University: "What George Bush has demonstrated is that he is capable with the world's leaders of mobilizing them in the interests of the West, our allies and in fact the United States.")

The Republicans send Ronald Reagan tonight to try to wrap the Cold War victory in GOP bunting. But he won't be able to bring the evil empire back with him. And the absence of that old menace in one of the mighty ironies of politics makes Bush's reelection effort even tougher. (CBS-5)

CONVENTION/PAST CONVENTIONS

ABC's Jeff Greenfield reports that as President Bush talked about Iraq today, it stirred memories of his first term's highlight -- Desert Storm. That victory once had many Republicans convinced this election year would be another 1956, when Ike cruised to reelection.

(TV coverage: President speaking in Indianapolis, visiting troops in Kuwait, and campaigning.)

Greenfield continues:

Ronald Reagan's speech tonight is bound to revive memories of 1984. The convention will be painting Gov. Clinton as an ultra-liberal; it worked for Nixon in 1972. Now, the real nightmare among Republicans is that it is really 1980 and that Bush is really Jimmy Carter. But Republican optimists claim it is really 1988, when an embattled Bush came from behind with an eloquent acceptance speech.

(ABC-6)

ECONOMY/BUSH RECORD

ABC's John McWethy reports President Bush has presided over the longest period of economic stagnation since the Great Depression. Though some economists believe the recession is ending, the public has little confidence that better times are ahead.

(Sen. Rudman: "The middle class isn't faring very well. Their standard of living is essentially either frozen in place or going down slightly.")

(Lolita Didrickson, state unemployment official: "The typical unemployed worker receiver benefits out of one of our offices in the state of Illinois is a white male who is over 35, who is coming out of an office environment, a white-collar job.")

(Sen. Dole: "I don't think people dislike President Bush. It is frustrating. It is the economy. If we just get some jobs created out there, President Bush will be reelected easily.")

The President has harsh critics among moderates and conservatives.

(Barry Bosworth, economist: "He has articulated no vision of where this country should go in an economic sense.")

(TV coverage: President Bush delivering State of the Union and campaigning.)

(Rudman: "I believe the President could have done more with some of the programs that he has brought up here. But in fairness to the President, I've sat here and watched the Democrats pronounce dead-on-arrival everything he's sent up here.")

(TV coverage: President Bush meeting with congressional leaders.)

(President Bush, 1988: "Read my lips -- no new taxes.")

Now the President is left holding out hope that the economy is about to improve.

(President Bush, July 30: "Most of the economists -- blue-chip economists -- predict the economy is going to get stronger the rest of the year. And I believe that they're right.")

Unless there are strong signs by November that he is correct, it's going to be hard to make the voters forget what has happened to their standard of living since Bush became President. (ABC-7)

CAMPAIGN/MRS. BUSH

Brokaw reports the latest NBC News-Wall Street Journal Poll shows Mrs. Bush's positive rating at 63 percent, almost double that of her husband's [36 percent].

NBC's Jim Miklaszewski reports Mrs. Bush is everyone's favorite grandmother and the Democrats' worst nightmare. Her immense popularity makes her one of the campaign's biggest assets.

(Mrs. Bush: "I mean, look at me. I don't threaten anyone. I've got nice white hair and little fat face and I like people. It's easy.")

Miklaszewski continues:

But behind those trademark fake pearls is one savvy politician. Her mere presence can make White House staffers tremble.

(Mrs. Bush: "I know that's true and I'm sorry about that. But George said: Look, that's great, means they'll do the right thing.")

(TV coverage: President Bush in Oval Office with Mrs. Bush.)

She's got her own keen political instinct. And she appears to relish a good political street fight. When Democrats said they'd attack her children's business ties, she lashed back and questioned Gov. Clinton's political virility.

(Mrs. Bush: "I mean, that's outrageous. They should be talking about their man. Maybe they don't have a man to talk about, I don't know.")

(TV coverage: President and Mrs. Bush posing for family picture.)

(Sheila Tate: "Tough is a negative word that doesn't really apply, in my mind. She has a wicked sense of humor sometimes. It's mischievous.")

(Mrs. Bush: "I do have to be careful of my sense of humor. But I hope it's never hurtful. And it is a little mischievous, there's no question about that.")

The Clinton campaign claims that as a working mother, it's Hillary Clinton, not Mrs. Bush, who is more in touch with today's modern family.

(Celinda Lake, Democratic pollster: "I think that's the biggest thing -- it's old vs. new. And part of old vs. new is reality. The old isn't real anymore.")

Don't even try to tell that to Mrs. Bush. In her speech to the convention, she'll set out to prove she's real, she's relevant and will do all she can to see her husband gets reelected. (NBC-8)

CAMPAIGN/CLINTON

CBS's Dan Rather discusses the campaign with Gov. Clinton:

Clinton: ...In terms of whether a governor can be commander-in-chief, I would just point out that is largely a question of judgment and values and understanding of our country's position in the world.... After all, Ronald Reagan had less foreign policy experience, even in international economics, than I do at this point in my career, when he became president, and both George Bush and Jim Baker owe their jobs to him. So I don't think there's any basis to this claim. They're making this claim because it's the best claim they have since they can't run on their record.

(CBS-6)

BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA

Jennings reports a hotel packed with refugees in Sarajevo was hit by two mortar shells. At least two people were killed. Not far from Sarajevo, a U.N. convoy filled with food and medicine has made the dangerous trip to Gorajda [phonetic]. (NBC-5, ABC-3)

Rather: The Republican delegates here are pretty quiet right now. But later tonight, they'll be on their feet for Ronald Reagan. The former president will address this convention on the issue of foreign policy. We're also told he plans to bring along his sense of humor.

Rather continues:

And if there's any doubt that foreign policy is an issue now, this was the scene today in a foreign land halfway around the world, where victims of a civil war are begging for Western help. More Serbian mortar attacks on Bosnian refugees in Sarajevo today killed at least 10 people.

CBS's Martha Teichner reports on a visit to a detention camp in northern Bosnia. The men were emaciated and fearful. At a second camp, there was talk of executions. World outrage has brought improvements, but the camps remain marginal at best. (CBS-Lead)

SOMALIA/U.N. AID

Brokaw reports food and medicine continue to reach the starving population of Somalia, but rescue workers say much more is needed. (NBC-6)

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Marlin Fitzwater	West Wing
Constance Horner	West Wing
Carol Powers	West Wing
Patty Presock	Residence
First Lady Detail	Staircase
Karen Connell	Room 58 OEOB
Shirley Green	Room 94 OEOB
Anne Griffith	Room 98 OEOB
Diana Kellogg	Room 157 OEOB
Gregg Petersmeyer	Room 100 OEOB
Marguerite Sullivan	Room 268 OEOB
Carolyn Washington	Room 268 OEOB
Benita Somerfield	hold one copy
Ann Brock	
Julie Cooke	
Joan DeCain	
Laurie Firestone	
Jane Moore	
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Sally Runion	
Peggy Swift	
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Bush hits Houston with bang

The Washington Times

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President Bush and his wife, Barbara, and Vice President Dan Quayle and his wife, Marilyn, make an unusual public appearance before the Houston Oilers.

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Reuters

President Bush, with Vice President Dan Quayle and Barbara Bush, greets convention crowd in Houston.



AL STEPHENSON / For The Times

The President and First Lady Barbara Bush wave to staffers as they leave the White House en route to the GOP convention in Houston.

Tuesday, August 18, 1992

Babs pledges tame TV talk

Barbara Bush yesterday said her convention speech won't answer the most burning question about her: "I'm not going to tell you whether I'm pro-choice or pro-life. I'm through talking about that subject."

The First Lady seemed to part ways with her anti-abortion husband last week when she said abortion, sexual orientation and other social issues had no place in the GOP platform or even at the national convention.

With Barbara Bush's popularity in the polls far outstripping her husband's, President Bush's strategists had hoped her speech would help woo voters. But, speaking in Indianapolis en route to Houston, the First Lady promised her televised remarks would be so tame that "it's not worth staying up for."



PRESIDENT BUSH gestures to crowd on White House lawn yesterday as he and First Lady Barbara Bush board presidential helicopter for trip to Houston.



Paul Hasefros/The New York Times

President Bush and his wife, Barbara, wading through a sea of delegates arriving to hear him at a rally.



REUTERS

The Bushes and Reagans at the Sheraton Astrodome before Ronald Reagan's convention address last night.



Convention Commentary

By Suzanne Fields

Barbara stands tall inside the big tent

HOUSTON

If this is the "Year of the Woman," that woman is probably Barbara Bush.

"Barbara doesn't want to try to look like she's a co-president," says George Bush, who's eager to make distinctions between Barbara and Hillary Clinton. "She never has and she never will."

No doubt true. But this year the first lady has become a critical element of the Republican strategy. Not only did she suggest that she supported the "big tent" for Republicans who disagree on abortion, but she made her remarks in an interview on the eve of the convention here in Houston. (She had a photograph of the pope on the table behind her.) She's also got strong GOP precedent behind her, echoing the big-tent sentiments of her pal, the late Lee Atwater.

Her criticism of the anti-abortion plank, which she says should be stricken from the Republican platform, is part of a larger GOP strategy to let many flowers bloom — in the debate, if not in the resolution.

In this scenario the first lady becomes a powerful woman who's willing to show her independence of mind without causing disaster for her party.

In fact, her remarks on abortion remind Republican-leaning women that they don't have to agree on every plank in the Republican platform (or even with a husband's political position on other things) to vote for George Bush.

Surely Bar is going to vote for *her* husband and we know they don't agree on everything. Her criticism of the anti-abortion plank actually gives credibility to Rep. Henry Hyde's eagerness to mollify dissenters in the Republican abortion debate.

"We respect the honest differences of opinion of those Republicans who debate our positions on important issues and look forward to working with them toward Republican victories in November," says Mr. Hyde.

The Silver Fox has her handlers, of course, just like Hillary. She simply doesn't require the complete makeover given Hillary at the New York Democratic convention. Everybody knows Barbara bakes cookies and stands by her man, too.

When Barbara refused to give her personal view on abortion, she gracefully defended her husband's power and position.

"When I run for office, you ask me and I'll tell you," Mrs. Bush told reporters pressing for her personal view, "but as long as I'm married to a man I'm going to back him."

For the last three presidential elections the Republicans have had a more narrow platform view of abortion than the majority of the delegates at their convention, but that didn't prevent the Reagan-Bush landslides.

Most women, like most men, don't vote on the single issue of abortion, and even the hyperventilating over abortion this year is unlikely to change that.



Hillary Clinton

Both the Democrats, with their abortion-on-demand, and the Republicans, with their demand for no abortions ever, are clearly out of step with most Americans.

"The parties are out of touch," says Bob Stein, a Rice University political scientist who polled Texans on abortion and found that they, like a majority of Americans, support the recent Supreme Court decision that allows abortion with restrictions, such as parental consent and an imposed waiting period.

"The parties are captured by extremists," he told the Houston Post.

Barbara Bush knows this, even if the delegates who write the platform planks don't. Only three delegations, including that of the Virgin Islands, wanted consideration of a pro-choice plank.

Two years ago when Barbara Bush gave the commencement address at Wellesley College, one of the arrogant young women who objected to her appearance said:

"If she hadn't been married to this guy who happens to be president, we never would have heard of her."

This young lady, wherever she is, should look again. Nobody's saying that today.

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The publicity has also brought him thousands of orders, and he sells

More likely, Bush will go over to the three-mile jogging loop in Memorial Park. It is one of the few public green spaces in Houston, which has never been big on city planning, and is crammed by yuppies every evening after work.

Work crews have been grooming the grass all week.

Molina's. The elderly waiter at Molina's has a penciled-in moustache and eyebrows, and a courtly manner straight from the old country — or in any case, from Bush's younger days, some of which were spent here.

You can trace Bush's political career on the walls restaurants in photographs that segue from a young, eager Bush, with a goofy, pointy-toothed smile, to the man he is today.

This isn't the trendy kind of place where yuppie couples do body shots (wherein one partner licks salt from the other's neck after drinking a shot of tequila and then snatches a slice of lime from between his or her teeth).

Bush hasn't come by the restaurant in a while, Rosanna Molina says, but two months ago he asked Molina's to cater a party in Houston.

Some say this may be a sign that he's getting too out of touch with his old haunts in Houston. The new George Bush seems more inclined to order take-out.

"I hope he comes by," says Sofka of Otto's Barbecue. "He's so far behind in the polls he needs to talk to us little people, right?"

A talk with George and Barbara Bush

Here are comments on a variety of topics by George Bush and Barbara Bush in interviews yesterday.

On reports of a presidential affair:

Barbara Bush: "I think what we're talking about is rumors, lies, taking the word of a woman who got paid to write a story."

George Bush: "Well, I share the view that the questions are sleazy and out of order."

On media's handling of the reports:

Barbara Bush: "I thought it was ugly and you all ought to be ashamed of yourself. . . ."

George Bush: ". . . I feel disdainful for people that feel compelled to muck around in that."

On media bias:

Barbara Bush: "In all honesty, yes. . . . I don't mean all media but some."

George Bush: "You know, I can't say that some of the press criticism doesn't get to you a little bit. But I've learned, hey, just fight on and don't let it get you down."

On articles critical of Barbara Bush:

Barbara Bush: "We've got four months before the election. How do you get to George Bush? Clobber his wife. The truth is nobody ever said I was a saint."

George Bush: "I've seen a couple of articles that I think were extraordinarily disrespectful and unfair."

On GOP attacks on Hillary Clinton:

Barbara Bush: "I don't like that kind of campaigning. . . . When you have a superb candidate of your own, I don't think you ought to knock other people."

George Bush: ". . . I think what Bond was doing, as I understand it — I've asked to see his comments — was talking about things she had written."

On Texas Gov. Ann Richards:

Barbara Bush: "She turned me off the last convention. You think I'm going to turn her on again? . . . I like Ann Richards. That's politics."

George Bush: "I remember Ann's clever phrases back in 1988. . . . I kind of like Ann in a funny way."

Mrs. Bush Stands Tall in the Hogwash



She's widely admired for her personal and political demeanor, yet she's saddled with a party on the low road.

By ELAINE CIULLA KAMARCK

HOUSTON—George Bush has sustained the longest decline in presidential popularity ever recorded—57 percentage points. Compared to that, the continued high popularity of Barbara Bush stands out as an anomaly worthy of explanation. She is not glamorous like Jackie Kennedy. She does not exert control over the White House, especially in comparison to her two immediate predecessors, Nancy Reagan and Roslyn Carter. She is not a politician or a career woman. The secret to Barbara Bush is that she is the most powerful average American in the country.

Like the blunt-talking Ross Perot who captured the hearts of an America fed up with politics as usual, Barbara Bush comes off as a beacon of good, solid common sense in a political world that most Americans find distasteful.

Take the question of family values. The Republicans have chosen it as one of the cornerstones of the Bush reelection movement. You can't turn around at this convention without hearing someone extol the virtues of the Republican Party as the true repository of family values.

Upon his arrival in Houston Monday, the vice president went immediately to a God and Country rally sponsored by the Christian Coalition. In case anyone missed the point about family, the room was packed with children and babies who sometimes squalled in distress as their parents bellowed out their approval of Dan Quayle's rhetoric. "It is irresponsible," he roared, in a reference to his famous attack on the TV character Murphy Brown, "to portray unwed motherhood as preferable. . . . I don't care what the media say, I don't care what the critics say, I will never back down."

The first 36 pages of the Republican platform are devoted to families and family values; an entire evening of the convention will be given over to family values. The heroine of this effort will be Barbara Bush, who has become for this

crowd the embodiment of the issue they are trying to ride to hold onto the White House. She is slated to speak in prime time Wednesday night in an effort to get some of her own popularity to rub off on her husband.

And yet Mrs. Bush seems a somewhat reluctant heroine—perhaps because the drama in which she is asked to take part has such a seedy and unpleasant side. The Republicans have mounted a three-pronged attack—on abortion, homosexuality and Hillary Clinton—attempting to paint all three as serious threats to traditional family values. They are working especially hard to make this race into one between the popular, traditional Barbara Bush and the baby-boomer career woman, Hillary Clinton. But in an interview late last week, Mrs. Bush said that abortion and homosexu-

gathered here in Houston, very few Americans would require the victim of a rape or incest to carry the child to term. The average American is not a homosexual, but, with the exception of the homophobes gathered here in Houston, most Americans are tolerant and they do not place homosexuals at the top of their list of personal concerns.

Most American women of Barbara Bush's generation had no real option but to be the best wife and mother that they could be. But their daughters have options; their daughters are, like Hillary Clinton, pioneers, whether they are lawyers, Navy pilots or telephone repair women. Their mothers probably alternate between envy and sympathy for them—but by and large their mothers support them.

The Republican extremists are trying to use Barbara Bush in an cynical political ploy in an obsolete political debate. But Barbara Bush, like the



ality were deeply personal issues that did not belong in the platform and, perhaps more significant, she rebuked party chairman Rich Bond for his attacks on Hillary Clinton.

This shows why Barbara Bush is so popular. The average American is, we know, uncomfortable with abortion, and yet, with the exception of the extremists

average Americans who feel compassion for people whose lives they wouldn't want to live, and who work and mother at the same time, has said, for the time being at least, no.

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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION '92

In September, Bush to come out swinging

By Judy Keen
USA TODAY

HOUSTON — President Bush's aggressive post-convention plan — already dubbed "September storm" — will be a cross-country Bill Clinton attack machine.

Republicans say Bush must define his message as a foundation for his tactics. Campaign political director Mary Matalin says he'll do that in his Thursday speech, defining "how he wants to lead this country through a changing future."

Post-convention roadmap:

► Bush surrogates will blanket states — Texas first, then other key battlegrounds — to outline their calculations of how Clinton military cuts and tax increases would affect that state's taxpayers.

"We're just going to go out there and show our candidate

vs. theirs," says Jim Dignan, California GOP chairman.

► Family values, already a campaign metaphor for the differences between the tickets, will be used to paint Clinton as outside the mainstream on gay rights and abortion.

"We have decided to tell the truth about Bill Clinton," says Texas campaign chairman Jim Oberwetter. "When it comes to the values-based questions ... we're not going to be shy."

► Ads attacking Clinton directly are being written now.

► Get-out-the-vote efforts, usually October priorities, are already well under way.

► Early campaign trips will focus on once reliably Republican Southern and Rocky Mountain states. Then Bush will start spending a lot of time in California, Southern border and industrial Midwest states. States likely to be decisive: Pennsyl-

vania, Ohio, Michigan.

"The president and vice president will both be campaigning virtually non-stop," says Bush campaign manager Fred Malek.

► Barbara Bush has been anointed California point person. She campaigns there two days and will be back several times a month through November. Bush's other California ace in the hole: Ronald Rea-

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The motto (for President Bush) is not 'four more years.' The motto is 'four different years.'
”

— William Bennett,
president's former drug czar



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he'll lose if he doesn't.

"Given the fact that we're behind, everybody's a little nervous," outgoing White House chief of staff Samuel Skinner told NBC Monday.

Rhetoric debuting here — in Bush's speech and in Texas Sen. Phil Gramm's keynote address — will be repeated often in coming weeks.

"We're going to build momentum here," says Malek. "We want to sustain and build on that momentum."

Worried Republicans say Bush must do more than drub Clinton; he must also define what he'll do in a second term.

"He's got to give a clear, sharp picture of himself and his agenda for the next four years," says William Bennett, Bush's former drug czar.

"The motto is not 'four more years.' The motto is 'four different years.'"

gan, who'll make several October appearances.

Bush campaign strategists are counting on trimming Clinton's current 20-point-plus lead to single digits by Labor Day.

Bush, who previewed sharp attacks when he arrived here Monday, has agreed to do whatever aides say is necessary. James Baker, incoming White House chief of staff, has bluntly warned the president



By Eileen Blass, USA TODAY

FIGHT IS ON: President Bush, with Barbara at his side, rallied the party's faithful with a tirade against Democrats.

The Reliable Source

By Lois Romano

WE'VE HEARD THAT...

■ Party stalwarts are getting tired of being bossed around by the twentyish Repubs helping with the program. The upstarts have nicknamed the command post for senior advisers "the old farts" trailer. "And these are kids who have never held a job before," huffed a Commerce official.

■ CBS may want Dan Rather to do an interview with the president this week, but the campaign had something else in mind. In light of Rather's 1988 shouting match with George Bush, campaign officials requested Connie Chung. CBS refused to let them choose their reporter, and no interview is scheduled.

■ Convention organizers frantically tried to get Dan Quayle into the hall quickly last night so his arrival wouldn't disrupt Pat Buchanan's speech. He made it by the skin of his teeth.

■ Right-leaning radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh is a hot commodity. He's sitting in the vice president's VIP box tonight and the President's Box tomorrow night.

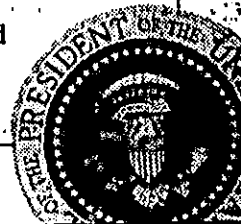
■ Rob Mosbacher, son of Robert and head of the Texas reelection effort, said

yesterday that because his sister is a lesbian he would recuse himself from any anti-homosexual positions of the party. "She's my sister and I disagree with her, but I love her," Mosbacher said yesterday at a party at his father's house.

The Boxed-In Crowd

■ Here's who was sitting in the President's Box last night:

Barbara Bush; Charlton Heston; Randy Travis; Jerry and Macel Falwell; Condoleezza Rice, the former NSC official who spoke last night; Carol Laxalt; Bay Buchanan; Shelley Buchanan; former Houston Oiler Ernie Ladd; Howard Baker; Arco Chairman Lod Cook; Michael Reagan; Maureen Reagan; George W. and Laura Bush; and Doro and Bobby Koch.



Red, White . . . and Blue

■ The hostess wore a sequined American flag top, and stars-and-stripes stockings—but she had few kind words for her president. She had earned the right. She was with George Bush in those early, lean Houston years and here she was entertaining GOP hitters at his convention in her stupendous home.

"I am very unhappy with the president's position on abortion," said Nancy Peterkin, who with her husband, George, and Judy and Clarke Reed feted Washington's political and media elite the other night. "He may lose the election because of it. I can remember when the Bushes agreed with us."

The house was packed with names: the Mosbachers, Trent Lott, Rush Limbaugh, Bill Bennett, Tom Brokaw, Carroll Campbell, Newt Gingrich, Evans and Novak, and on and on and on. And while everyone seemed to be having fun eating tenderloin of beef, fancy cheese and crispy vegetables (a blessed break from the Tex-Mex onslaught), it was not the kind of raw convention excitement that occurs when victory is in the air—or when folks are in tune with their candidate.

"Sure he hurts me right now," Illinois Senate candidate Rich Williamson said candidly of George Bush. "But Illinois will



BY PATTY WOOD FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Nancy Peterkin with Denton Cooley:
Wearing the stars and stripes.

be a hotly contested presidential state and that will help me in the end."

"If we have a problem it is where we are going. What direction are we heading in?" said off-and-on GOP bigwig Bill Bennett. "The president has to convince voters to send him back for four more years—but that it will be different. That's the real trick."

Biggest little bash in Texas

HOUSTON — Here in Texas, where a lot of millionaires aren't as rich as they were four years ago, locals are ready for this Grand Old Party.

Many local merchants are hoping that the expected 40,000 visitors spend big. One Holiday Inn has installed a red-white-and-blue-decorated Christmas tree in the lobby, another features a huge topiary elephant, and Foley's department store has glitter-covered pachyderms in the windows.

The Astrodome is decked out with huge stars and bars. Across the street, the National Rifle Association's rented billboard reminds visitors of the power behind the gun lobby: "3 million strong. We're the NRA and we vote."

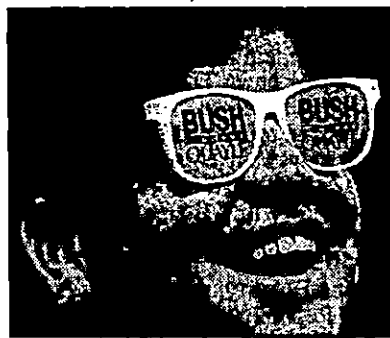
Inside the AstroArena, vendors hawk all things Republican, including:

► **Hot T's.** A super seller is the illustrated Bar (that's short for **Barbara Bush**) and first dog Millie shirts. Also going well, the \$12 "The Good: Bush. The Bad: Clinton. The Uncommitted: Perot." And then there's the \$15 Ted Kennedy beach shirt: "Be sure to cover up."

► **Alternative T.** Those not even trying to get on the Bush bandwagon are shelling out \$14.95 for *Texas Monthly's* White Hot Mama T-shirts, featuring a white leather-clad, heavily fringed Ann Richards — on a motorcycle.

► **Hot buttons.** Best include: The two for \$5 "Media Puke '92/The Republican Convention"; "Quayle/Sajak '96"; "Adulterers for Clinton." A big seller: "Re-elect Barbara's Husband."

► **Shades.** Your choice. Everything from Bush/Quayle glasses to elephants on parade.



By Barry Thumma, AP

SHADES OF POLITICS: Alternate California delegate Jerry Westlund

► **Take-home art.** Steady sales for \$75 limited edition lithographs of Millie Bush by artist Vic Jose. Jose portraits of the prez are going for \$28.

► **An ounce of prevention.** If the best things in life are free, sometimes so are the worse. The Bob Dole Prostate Cancer Detection Unit

is offering free prostate cancer detection. PSA blood tests are available. In the heart of merchant's walk, examinees can step into a 6-foot-high box where they will receive a free digital rectal exam. For males over 40.

► **Good things for those who serve.** Delegates received a perk pack upon arrival: A duffel bag and a tote containing two pairs of sunglasses, a T-shirt, two cookbooks, a gardening book, Christmas cards, a convention mug, key chains, shampoo, deodorant, Nuprin, Advil and Maalox.

► **Hot poster.** Movie posters (at \$5 a pop) for a fictional movie: *Slick Willie*, featuring Bill Clinton as Slick Willie — "a Bloodworth-Thomason production." Music by Sister Souljah and Ice-T. Starring Mario Cuomo as the Godfather, Al Gore as the Tree-hugger, Hillary Clinton as Tammy Wynette, Ted Kennedy as "the Chaperone." How are they selling? "Going like hot fire," reported Jo Anne Reed, who sold 300 of them in two hours Monday.

— Katy Kelly

JOE URSCHEL

Candidates' wives now center of attention

How much do you know about would-be first and second ladies?

This is truly shaping up to be the mother of all elections.

We've always had the wives of the presidential and vice-presidential candidates to consider.

But this year, in the crossfire over family values, these women are being judged not just as political wives — but as political mothers as well.

Wednesday, Barbara Bush will speak to the Republican convention and is expected to be surrounded by children and grandchildren in what will only be the latest and grandest volley in this "family-er than thou" posturing that has overtaken the campaign.

Each of these women seems to have been assigned to a distinct and neat stereotype and is being evaluated in that context: Barbara Bush, the traditional mom; Hillary Clinton, the working mom; Tipper Gore, the prim, overprotective mom; Marilyn Quayle, the manipulative mom.

How well do the stereotypes fit? And how well do you really know the candidates' wives?

A test:

1. Who, said, "I was not raised to do anything except get married and have children"?

2. Which woman's parents divorced when she was 4 years old?

3. Who said of her youth: "I was rather rebellious and decided early on that I would be a lawyer.... There was no question that I would... be something professional."

4. Contemplating life in Washington, she said, "I thought, man, it's going to be tea and crumpets and I would just go nuts."

5. The children fear her more than their father.

6. Her husband refers to her as his "favorite political philosopher."

7. An esteemed scientist described her this way: "I very rarely use the word 'brilliant,' but she retains, she grasps in the way a few very brilliant people can."



Joe Urschel's column appears on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

8. On her first visit to her future in-laws' home, she "came to breakfast with every eyelash in place. She was dressed for an evening ball."

9. Has relocated her household 29 times since getting married.

10. Has been described as "much more political than Nancy Reagan."

11. Advised young women graduating from college, "Wait — you've got years to have a family."

12. Is "better organized, more in control, more intelligent and more eloquent" than her husband.

13. "Makes her husband look like a wimp," according to Richard Nixon.

Answers: 1: Tipper Gore; 2: Tipper Gore; 3: Marilyn Quayle; 4: Marilyn Quayle; 5: Barbara Bush; 6: Barbara Bush; 7: Marilyn Quayle, according to Sam Broder, director of the National Cancer Institute; 8: Tipper Gore, according to father-in-law, Albert Gore; 9: Barbara Bush; 10: Barbara Bush, according to Carl Anthony, author of *First Ladies*; 11: Barbara Bush, who dropped out of college to get married; 12: Hillary Clinton, according to Bill Clinton; 13: Hillary Clinton.

Bush nurtured GOP in Houston

By Kathy Lewis

Washington Bureau of The Dallas Morning News

HOUSTON — A barrel of oil cost \$2.90.

The Astrodome was but a dream in Judge Roy Hofheinz's head. Lyndon B. Johnson had yet to swing the Johnson Space Center this way. Heart surgeons Michael DeBakey and Denton Cooley had not yet made medical history.

And it would be more than a decade before Shell Oil would forsake New York and move its corporate headquarters to Houston, blazing a trail for the relocation wave of the 1970s.

When George and Barbara Bush and their young family pulled into town from Midland in 1959, Mr. Bush became part of two trends that have helped shape modern Houston: He brought his offshore oil business to the city when that sector of the energy industry was still in its infancy, and he helped build the Texas Republican Party.

This week, as he prepares to accept his party's nomination for a second term as president, he returns to a city politically and economically transformed.

Like the state, Houston in 1959 was a one-party city where basically no Republicans needed apply. Like much of the South, the city was segregated. It had an oil-based economy largely immune to national swings.

"It has changed tremendously. Houston was shaped and dominated and controlled by oil," said sociologist Stephen Kleneberg of Rice University. "Its character, personality and economy were all tied to the oil boom."

The city is now the nation's fourth-largest and much more diverse.

In 1959, said Richard Murray, a University of Houston political scientist and pollster, "It was a segregated city that was dragging its feet like most of the South."

Now, minorities have been elected to public office in growing numbers, the Hispanic population has soared, non-energy related business has expanded and politics is bipartisan.

"It's changed enormously. If you wanted to play politics, you had to do it inside the Democratic Party," Mr. Murray said.

Strong ties

Mr. Bush is making the 12th visit of his presidency to his adopted hometown. It's a city, friends and Republicans say, where his personal ties remain strong.

"It does irritate me with the media and the Democrats, to talk about him not being a Houstonian," said Nancy Palm, a former Harris County Republican chairwoman.

"Ever since the man has lived in Houston, he has lived within a mile and one-half of this corner," she said over coffee near The Houstonian, the hotel where Mr. Bush stays when he visits the city. "The church is across the street. The lot he plans to build on when he gets back home is maybe a mile the way the crow flies."

Gone is the Shamrock Hilton, where Mr. Bush spent a painful evening awaiting returns from his unsuccessful Senate race in 1970.

But across town is the Galleria where Ronald Reagan and his newly picked Texas running mate appeared after the 1980 GOP convention and where Mr. Bush made his final campaign appearance in 1988 before winning the presidency.

Over the years, various Bush campaign headquarters were dotted up and down the stretch of beltway that runs past the Galleria area.

"This West Loop could be a metaphor for the Republican Party," Mrs. Palm said.

In many ways, Mr. Bush personifies the emergence of Republicans in Houston.

As Harris County GOP chairman in 1963, he worked at the grass-roots level to build the party. He lost a Senate bid in 1964, but in 1966 became the first Republican from Houston elected to Congress.

"It took another 10 years for a second," said Chase Untermeyer, a Houstonian who is now director of the Voice of America.

Said retired banking executive Ben Love, deputy chairman of the Houston Host Committee: "Not only

in Houston but in the state of Texas, the conversion of what had been the conservative Democrat into an acknowledged Republican was just beginning. George Bush contributed to Texas becoming a two-party state."

Robert Mosbacher recalls the hotel along the West Loop where Mr. Bush's 1970 campaign team would meet with him for breakfast once a week.

"It really was a smaller-scale version of what we're doing now," said Mr. Mosbacher, the former Commerce Secretary who is general chairman of Mr. Bush's campaign.

Then as now, another Houstonian, James Baker, was at the table.

This is the neighborhood to which the president returns when he stays at The Houstonian and when he votes in Precinct 274. It includes his only property in Houston, a vacant lot.

It's an area where Mr. Bush found a small circle of Republicans who had become active during the Eisenhower years — when he was doing grass-roots GOP work in Midland.

"So at any rate, you are sitting on Republican hallowed ground," Mrs. Palm said. "You can't help but get emotional about it when you sat here and watched history."

In the early years, Mr. Bush also was on the cutting edge of the oil industry, his associates say.

Baine Kerr, the Bush friend and lawyer who became president of Pennzoil, said Mr. Bush's Zapata Offshore Co. became an innovator in what was then considered experimental deep-water drilling. Until then, Mr. Kerr said, offshore oil drilling was done almost exclusively in very shallow water.

While George Bush was evolving from Texas oilman to national politician, Houston was evolving from oil town to international city.

It enjoyed the boom of the 1970s and survived the oil bust of the '80s only to be tested anew by the national recession in the 1990s.

Shocked into diversification, Houston has lessened its dependence on oil. Oil and gas exploration and production now account for 42 percent of the local economy, compared with 68 percent in 1981.

But Bob Scott, editorial director of Gulf Publishing, which publishes several energy magazines, cautioned, "If you took the oil industry out of Houston, it would be in awful bad shape."

Civic leaders fought hard to land the GOP convention, which they hope will generate at least \$60 million for Houston's economy.

The convention is the second plum the city has gotten during the Bush presidency. Mr. Bush brought the leaders of the Western world to Houston for the Economic Summit held at Rice in 1990.

Houston, however, lost out to Texas A&M University when Mr. Bush decided to build his presidential library there.

'Hometown' Issue

Mr. Bush has not lived in Houston since he became vice president in 1981.

He has said that he will return when he leaves the presidency, and Mrs. Bush has said they're considering building a house in Houston. But it is unclear whether the lot they own will meet the security requirements needed for a former president.

His decision to stay in a hotel suite rather than to maintain a Houston home has given Democrats a visible target — twinned with his summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine — for questioning his Texas roots.

"That to me is really a phony issue," Mr. Kerr said. "I think their closest personal friends are primarily here. ... I think this truly is their home."

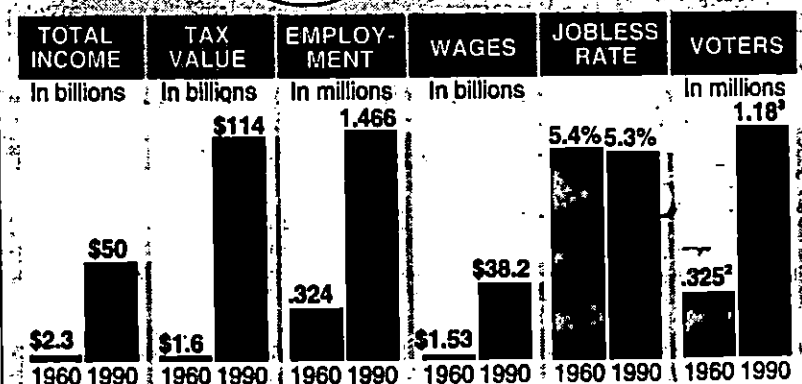
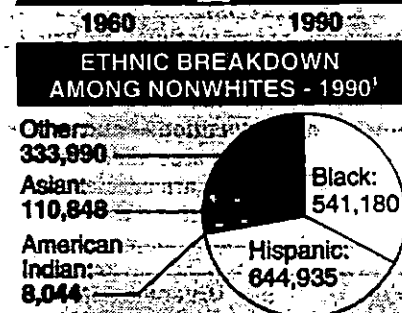
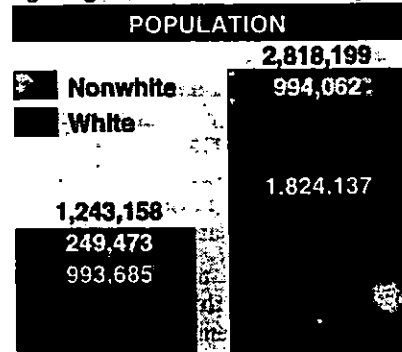
According to Preston Moore, a Houstonian and assistant Commerce secretary, Mr. Bush suggested before he became vice president that the Secret Service agents who guarded him could stay at The Houstonian so they could "work out and not just be trapped."

The next morning, he said, Mr. Bush called back to say, "Barbara and I would like to stay there, too."

Defenders of Mr. Bush's Houston roots point to his offshore oil business, his role in building the GOP, his efforts on behalf of the Houston Heart Fund and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, his church work at St.

A HOUSTON SNAPSHOT

Houston and Harris County have changed in myriad ways since George Bush moved there more than 30 years ago. Figures are for Harris County:

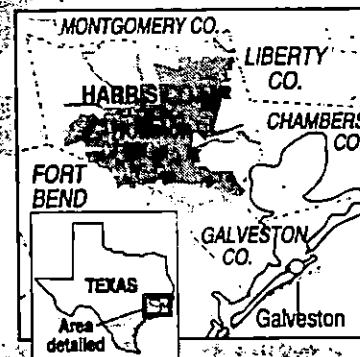


¹In the 1990 census, the term "Hispanic" refers to ethnic identity, not race. Hispanics are included in the white, black and other categories.

²As determined by poll tax.

³Registered voters.

SOURCES: Texas Almanac, 1961-62; Texas Almanac, 1992-93; Houston Public Library; U.S. Census Bureau.



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Martin's Episcopal and his sponsorship of a softball team for black girls in the 1960s.

It was in Houston that the Bush kids circulated a neighborhood newspaper and played down on the bayou. It was here that Mr. Bush picked up a doubles tennis partner in a corporate lawyer named James Baker.

No one knew when Houston was selected for the convention site that Mr. Bush would be trailing so badly in the polls when he returned to the city to accept his party's re-nomination.

The reception the city gives him

remains to be seen, but Mr. Mosbacher recalled that Houstonians gave Mr. Bush a comforting embrace at an earlier difficult political moment.

It was, he said, that tough weekend in 1980 when he joined Mr. Baker in trying to persuade Mr. Bush to drop his challenge to Mr. Reagan, the presidential front-runner. Exhausted from the discussion, the group headed for Molina's, a Tex-Mex restaurant.

There, Mr. Mosbacher said, Mr. Bush was greeted by fellow Houstonians who stood and clapped when he entered the room.

In Houston, where Bush still drops in

By Cynthia Mayer
INQUIRER CONVENTION BUREAU

HOUSTON — There are folks around here who remember him as a lanky young congressman who strolled in with jacket slung over his shoulder and sleeves rolled up.

He's not around much these days, but his picture stares down from the walls in some places — youthful, eager, with that lopsided grin that has aged with him.

Now, most of what they see of him is on television.

"He looks tired," says Rosanna Molina, 34, the manager of Molina's.

Molina's is a restaurant that began serving Mexican food long before Corona beer and body shots became the yuppie rage. And it helped make a convert of a transplanted New Englander who had come South to make his fortune in oil and his name is politics.

George Bush still stops by now and then.

The President is a man of habit, and when he comes home to Houston he heads back to the joints that he found comfortable as a young nobody. He still goes to the same restaurants, jogs at the same track, and drops in at the same church.

He even orders the same food at some places (no broccoli, thanks).

Of course, these days he's as likely to send the Secret Service over to fetch his ribs as go himself, but there's still something revealing about his old haunts. They aren't always what one would expect of a man who was born into the monied East Coast establishment. Some don't even put napkins on the table.

Here are his favorite hang-outs.

Otto's Barbecue. This is the real thing, a roadside restaurant where hamburgers are served out front, but an arrow beckons aficionados to the barbecue in the back.

The place fills up with police officers, lawyers and others who make the 10-minute drive from downtown. They slide brown plastic trays along the counter to collect their orders. Extra iced tea is free, dispensed from a plastic jug in the back room.

Bush has been coming to Otto's "since he was an oilman," says manager June Sofka.

When was that?

"Oh, God, babe. . . The '50s, probably," she says.

He always orders the ribs and links, she says he's had them delivered to the White House on occasion.

Bush has been in three times since becoming president, but Sofka has never chatted with him face to face.

That didn't keep Bush, ever the politician, from acting as though they were best buddies last time he called the restaurant.

"He came on the line, saying 'June, how are you?'" she recalls. "It made me feel good, even if he didn't really know me, and faked his way through."

Sofka admits she's soft on Mario Cuomo, and would have voted for him had he run. A lot of her customers worked for Ross Perot, she adds. But now Bush has their vote — if he'd just run a little harder.

"Seems like I'm more worried about his being down in the polls than he is," she says. "Every time I see pictures of him, he's out golfing or boating."

Hunan. Every time Bush visits this grand old Chinese restaurant, the place loses a dozen white cotton napkins — Bush autographs them, and patrons take them home.

The President usually gets a standing ovation. Hunan, an opulent restaurant with red carpets and gilded walls and sculptures, sits smack in the middle of three of Houston's richest, most Republican neighborhoods, River Oaks and Memorial, and Tanglewood. The Bushes used to live in Tanglewood, so he frequently runs into his old neighbors here.

Bush has been coming here since the restaurant opened 16 years ago, around when he was ambassador to China, and is partial to the Peking Duck.

"He handles chopsticks well," says Gigi Huang, 28, the manager.

Secret Service agents stand over the cooks while they prepare Bush's meal.

R.J.'s Boot Co. Bush has never visited Rocky Carroll's dusty shop on a strip north of downtown, but Carroll's boots have visited Bush's feet many times.

Carroll has made 20 pairs of cowboy boots for Bush — not that Bush has asked him to, mind you. Carroll is a tireless promoter — or patriot, if you ask him — and he loves giving away his fancy, customized boots to Bush, people at the State Department, and foreign dignitaries.

many boots in the \$4,800 range.

"Seems like the whole Secret Service has been in this week," he says.

He works out of a small shop with a fake western front, adorned with pictures of the President wearing his boots, and thank-you notes from the Bushes for, among other things, the booties he made for their two dogs to wear on Christmas (in red and green leather, naturally).

This week, Carroll created a special Republican convention pair of boots for Bush, inscribed with the initials GB, the words "Home Town Boy," and a red, white and blue inlay of the state of Texas.

Carroll, who has a red beard and swept-back red hair, has also made boots for Reagan. Recently the ex-president jealously demanded a copy of one of Bush's pairs after seeing them.

Of the two men, Bush has bigger feet — an 11-D, compared to Reagan's 10½-B.

Rice Epicurean Market

If there's a public expression of Bush's comfort zone, this would be it: Fresh salmon, cappuccino while you shop, and the lovely, shaded three-mile Memorial Park jogging loop near some of Houston's toniest neighborhoods.

They lie within a mile of each other — key landmarks in Bush's old neighborhood. They are also near some of Bush's other favorite stomping grounds, from his Episcopalian church to his official residence, the Houstonian hotel.

The Rice Epicurean Market is the supermarket for the wealthy around the Galleria. Families from the posh River Oaks section come here to pick over seven varieties of fresh mushrooms, New Zealand apples, and live Dungeness crabs swimming in their own tank. The parking lot is filled with Jaguars and BMWs.

Barbara Bush used to shop here, and occasionally the First Couple still stops by to push a cart, accompanied by Secret Service men of course. The last time Bush was there, he cashed a check for \$200 — some "pocket change," according to assistant manager Jon Fitzgerald. For some reason, the President decided he had to get the check approved by the manager first, says Fitzgerald, and went over to ask permission.

"I kind of think he might come by" this week, says Fitzgerald.

Bush back in hotel on the range

By FRANK LOMBARDI

Daily News Political Editor

HOUSTON — President Bush last night returned to his nominal Texas domicile at the Houstonian Hotel, where, unlike the White House, he's in no danger of being evicted.

In fact, the management of the 300-room hostelry is ecstatic whenever Bush makes one of his rare visits to his legal residence.

"The whole staff gets a high when he visits," said Xavier Lividini, a transplanted New Yorker who has managed the hotel for six months.

Bush shells out \$650 a night when he's checked into the Presidential Suite.

He also brings with him staff and Secret Service agents who perk up billings at the hotel — which is bankrupt. Lividini said that has more to do with corporate changeovers than money troubles at the hotel itself.

It's everywhere

Coincidentally, the Cheeca Lodge in Islamorada, Fla., a favorite Bush resort in the Florida Keys, also is in bankruptcy, as is a hotel where some of the White House press corps stays in Kennebunkport, Maine, near the President's vacation home.

Lividini, citing privacy and security, was closed-mouthed about many details of Bush's

accommodations, but he acknowledged that the Presidential Suite is rented to well-heeled patrons when the Bushes aren't occupying it.

Houston home since '59

But special furnishings and other personal Bush belongings are stowed away, returned only when the Bushes come "home" to 111 N. Post Oak Lane.

The hotel is a four-level complex surrounded by palm trees and manicured lawns in a neighborhood of breathing mansions — many displaying "for sale" signs reflecting the hard economic times that have hit even Houston's rich set.

It is the latest of the five Houston residences the Bushes have had since settling there in 1959. They sold their last Houston home in 1981.

Bush, a Massachusetts native, enjoys one special advantage of claiming Houston as his legal residence.

Texas is one of only nine states that doesn't levy an income tax, so the Bushes save as much as \$59,000 a year in state taxes by declaring Houston their home rather than Maine, where they spend far more time.

The typical family pays about 10% in state and local income taxes, compared to the 0.3% paid by the Bushes.



Photo courtesy the Houston Post.

Carolyn Farb: "Houston's very active. We have a wonderful cultural life."

Party scene quite green in this town

By Anne Gowen
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

HOUSTON

Big-talking, cigar-chewing real estate mogul and Democratic Mayor Bob Lanier had a bunch of Republicans on his hands, including Transportation Secretary Andrew Card.

Needless to say, Mr. Lanier wanted to make a statement. But he feared a trip through his River Oaks mansion, complete with flower gardens and flags from all 50 states, and now for sale for a cool \$5 million, wouldn't be enough.

So he brought in the bull.

At a Sunday afternoon reception, the mayor and his exuberant wife, Elyse, reproduced a miniature ranch in their back yard, complete with live bulls. The event drew not only Republican bigwigs but 1,000 protesters from various leftist causes.

A variety of Houston society types have rolled up the sleeves of their Ralph Lauren Polos and called in the caterers to put on "dos" this week as President Bush again accepts his party's nomination.

And even though there are incredible amounts of barbecue in evidence, they want you to know this is not a cowboy town, despite the may-

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or's backyard decorations and the fact that one of the biggest social events of the year is the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Show.

Party-goer Kathryn McGuire grouches, "They don't ride horses to the parties! Bush came for the [1990] Economic Summit? Here we are a modern city and what does he throw? A [dang] rodeo."

And don't be expecting all that many Stetsons, either.

"What gentleman would wear a hat inside?" Miss McGuire asks. "If you go to a black-tie party what are you going to do? Hang it with the minks?"

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Houston is home to thriving major arts organizations like the Houston Ballet, the Houston Symphony and the Houston Grand Opera. Scads of black-tie charity balls and fund-raisers, populated with socialites like Lynn Wyatt, often turn up in the pages of glossy magazines like *W*.

"Houston's very active. We have a wonderful cultural life," says socialite Carolyn Farb, who made her money the old-fashioned way — through a \$20 million divorce settlement (from businessman Harold Farb).

"One thing, I think, is this city spends more money," explains Houston Chronicle gossip columnist Maxine Mesinger, who says what it takes to make it in Houston is "civic pride and a lot of money."

"There are so many fund-raisers all year long," she says. "People are still paying \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the [charity dinner] table. People do it! They plunk it down."

Ms. Mesinger says Houston soci-



Lynn Wyatt

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Houston Mayor Bob Lanier, a Democrat, and his wife, Elyse, have placed their River Oaks mansion on the market. It's yours for \$5 million.

ety has died down plenty since the big oil bust of the '80s.

"You know the flamboyant thing of years gone by? We have finally grown up a little," she says.

Boom Town still laments the loss of the late Lady Walker, a local millionaire who used to buy jewels to match her Jag.

But other characters still enliven the scene. Like Miss McGuire herself, who used to be known as Charles/Kathryn McGuire around these parts. A transsexual road contractor, her sex-change operation last year was well-documented in both the Chronicle and the Houston Post and on the local TV stations.

She once made the pages of upper-crust Town and Country magazine as Charles/Kathryn, appearing at a party for the designer Ungaro in a leopard print off-the-shoulder Patrick Kelly dress.

"It seems to have gotten a lot of attention," Miss McGuire says blandly.

"We march to a different beat," explains retired society columnist

Betty Ewing, who, with her black-and-white spotted wardrobe assembled in honor of her favorite kind of dog, the Dalmatian, qualifies in the character department herself.

"Texas is just Texas," she says.

One of the most famous Houston hostesses is Lynn Wyatt, wife of curmudgeonly oil tycoon Oscar Wyatt. She was born a Sakowitz, a famous Texas family that ran a chain of upper-class department stores that went belly up during the '80s.

A resulting trial over mismanagement of funds pitted Lynn's son Douglas against his uncle Robert Sakowitz. Robert eventually was cleared, but not until after all of Houston watched and rubbed its hands with glee.

The Wyatt family drew attention again when Lynn's son Steve, who now lives in Alexandria, struck up a well-publicized friendship with Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, around the time Fergie's marriage to Prince Andrew was breaking up.

Mrs. Wyatt, the jet-setting for-

mer pal of Princess Grace of Monaco and friend of other royals, reportedly introduced the two. She insists Steve and Fergie are "just friends."

Although she is recuperating from surgery, Mrs. Wyatt and her husband will host a fund-raising lunch this afternoon for Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole, along with former Texas Gov. John Connally and his wife.

Unfortunately, another of the town's most intriguing hostesses isn't around for convention week.

Baroness Sandra di Portanova and husband Baron Enrico di Portanova have a mansion that looks like a wedding cake. It boasts a glassed-in back yard and a crystal chandelier over the swimming pool. Famous for their Christmas parties and fabulous villa in Acapulco (with two indoor waterfalls), the di Portanovas once brought in a live shepherd, camel, goat and donkey to serve as a living creche scene for their holiday party.

A minor disruption followed.

"The dog jumped the fence and the dog bit the goat, the goat got a broken leg, who kicked the camel who kicked the mule. The whole thing was one big episode of wonderful melee," Ms. Mesinger recalls fondly.

Alas, the di Portanovas are summing at Claridge's in London.

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As usual, for glitz the GOP must content itself with society maven Georgette Mosbacher, currently working up her line of cosmetics through a series of "infomercials." She and her husband, Bush campaign chairman Robert Mosbacher, opened up their newly purchased, redecorated River Oaks manse to some high-level media and political types for lunch yesterday. Tonight they'll hold a \$1,000-a-head fundraiser for Leader Pac, a group that backs Republican women candidates.

For all the conspicuous wealth, a patina of old money still lends grace to the Houston scene. Outgoing Secretary of State James A. Baker III's family is one of the town's oldest.

And the low-key Mr. Bush himself commands the best table at Houston's finest restaurant, Tony's, run by Tony Vallone. "He likes the fish," Mr. Vallone says of his most famous client.

Aside from hush-hush backroom dinners at Tony's, some other quiet get-togethers are planned for the week, hosted by old-money big wheels who definitely are on George and Bar's Christmas card list.

"I hope the convention will be a big boost, he needs to move up in the polls," worries socialite Mary Beth Aspromonte, who's not only on the list but has attended a state dinner as a guest of the Bushes. "We're really concerned about the election."

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Media Strip

In Texas, Bush hits the ground punching

By Rod Dreher
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

George Bush came out swinging in Houston last night with a feisty arrival speech outlining his themes for the fall campaign and some fabulous zingers to punch them up.

"We're not running against the Comeback Kids. We're running against the Karaoke Kids," Mr. Bush quipped. "They'll sing any tune to get elected." (Democratic campaign strategist James Carville is going to have to get out a lint brush to keep that one from sticking to his boys this fall.)

And this, punctuating Mr. Bush's promise to campaign on the family values issue: "We are going to keep on trying to strengthen the American family, to make them a lot more like the Waltons and a lot less like the Simpsons."

Maybe so, but some of those big Republican hairdos spotted on the floor have a lot more in common with Marge Simpson's towering coif than with Libby Walton's modest Depression-era pinback.

Announcing the Rich Bond Desperation Rhetoric Watch. The GOP chairman has come up with some doozies as his party's standard-

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bearer has pirouetted downward in the polls. Last week Mr. Bond was on TV fantasizing about a Clinton presidency that would have "Jane Fonda sleeping in Lincoln's bed and attending a state dinner for Fidel Castro." Last night, Mr. Bond told NBC's Maria Shriver that the Democrats "are not America."

David Gergen, former Reagan White House communications director now providing commentary for PBS, called Mr. Bond's remark "garbage."

CNN's Mary Tillotson, who inflamed the White House last week by asking the president to comment on the Jennifer-with-a-J tale, reported from the Astrodome floor last night without being roughed up by irate Bushies. No truth to the rumor that Miss Tillotson was briefed on fist-cuff techniques by journalist-pugilist Geraldo Rivera, who was picked up by police in Wisconsin for scrapping with a Klansman.

1968 *deja vu*: A bonfire of picket signs outside the Astrodome and talk of possible tear-gassing of demonstrators made it all seem a bit like the Dems' legendarily ugly gathering in Chicago. This time it was the protesters from Act-Up who got out of hand, not the police. The AIDS activist group has promised more of the same in coming days.

And in a line reminiscent of '60s-vintage Nixonian rhetoric, George W. Bush, the president's eldest son,

slammed "the Eastern press" in a floor interview with Dan Rather.

After being pounded by wave after wave of bad press, which seemed to reach a high-water mark the weekend before the GOP convention, Republicans again attacked the news media yesterday for so-called bias against the beleaguered president.

It's a classic Republican strategy that has been effective before but will have a more difficult time washing this year. For one thing, some of Mr. Bush's harshest criticism has come from conservative quarters in the media.

Right-wing scribes Rowland Evans and Robert Novak regularly have slammed the slack, disorganized Bush campaign in their syndicated column. Following the lead of columnist George F. Will, the editorially conservative Orange County Register called on Mr. Bush to stand down. A strongly worded editorial in Sunday's Houston Post, which generally has supported Mr. Bush, labeled the president's first term "lousy," "a great disappointment."

For another, Bill Clinton was flayed alive by the media during the Democratic primaries. Despite the syrupy geyser of coverage the Clinton-Gore buscapades have received from some quarters, the claim that Mr. Clinton has received a free ride from the press is hardly credible.

At this point, Republican poobahs blaming the president's troubles on a biased news media come across as desperate King Canutes saying anything at all to keep the unfriendly tide at bay.

The 1992 Equal Rites Awards: A good year for battling sexism

By ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON — Each year at this time, I prepare for August 26, the anniversary of the passage of women's suffrage, by recognizing those who have done the most in the past twelve months to set back the progress of women.

The Equal Rites Awards are always a subject of intense competition. So many contestants, so little time.

The so-called Year of the Woman presented special problems for our one-woman jury. It was a time of so many mixed messages.

Anita Hill became a heroine but Clarence Thomas became a Justice. Running for the Senate became a favorite female sport, but the only woman running for president was in a Donna Karan ad. And her shirt was unbuttoned to the waist.

(Of course, Mattel has announced a Barbie for President doll ...)

Nevertheless, the Equal Rites awards were always meant as markers to show how far we have left to go. So, without further ado, the envelopes please.

The Patriarch of the Year Award goes to the real thing, Cecil Jacobson, a fertility doctor who meant it when he told one patient, "God doesn't give you babies — I do." He artificially inseminated at least 15 women patients with his own sperm. To Jacobson, convicted of fraud, we send the traditional cigar. The exploding kind.

The Battle of the Sexes Award, which we had hoped to retire in the post-Cold War era, goes to those Navy pilots who turned the Tailhook convention into a sexual harassment maneuver. To these officers and gentlemen we send a courier who will collect all their tapes of *Top Gun*. We will replace them with *Thelma & Louise*.

—Lest we think all our military woes are at sea, The Raging Hormonal Imbalance Award goes to Gen. Merrill McPeak, the Air Force chief of staff who admitted at a congressional hearing that his opposition to women in combat might not be rational but said, "I take some solace in thinking that not all human problems yield to strict logic." As a prize, the general will become a research subject for a treatise on male menopause and the military.

The Ms-Information Award for promulgating the anatomically incorrect news to the next generation is

won this year by the makers of a Mommy-to-Be Doll. This doll, Judy, gives birth when a child opens the door-on the curved tummy, lifts out the baby and replaces it with a flat stomach. We send these manufacturers one complete set of varicose veins and an assortment of stretch marks.

Speaking of misinformation, The Double Standard in Sex prize goes to Roy Black, William Kennedy Smith's lawyer who joked to a New York State Bar Association meeting that Smith's testimony about his prowess in having sex with Patricia Bowman twice in 30 minutes "has certainly helped him with dates since then." We send Black a new joke writer and an all-expense paid semester in sex education.

The Misogyny in Medicine Award.

*Fertility doctors.
Generals. Convicted
rapists. Senators.
Plastic surgeons.
The Donald. All
of them richly
deserve their awards
this year.*

always a cliffhanger to decide, will not go to Dow Chemical, which has troubles enough with breast implants exploding all over its reputation, but to Dow's accomplices at The American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. The association described small breasts as "deformities" and "really a disease," requiring a surgical cure. Have we got an implant for them.

The Dubious Equality Award has always gone to the woman who struggled the most to match the least attractive male quality. This year it goes to Bush's deputy campaign manager, Mary Matalin, whose attack memos rival those of her late mentor, Lee Atwater. We offer her, as required reading, one copy of *A Different Voice*.

The citation for Short-Circuiting Self-Esteem. This wings its way to the manufacturers of Tums, who placed an ad for their tablets in a medical

journal to promote it as a calcium supplement. Over a portrait of an attractive, stylish woman of a certain age, they cutely bleat: "She's a Loser." What this age group is losing in bone mass, it is gaining in consciousness. We send Tums a balance sheet bad enough for a Rolaid.

Needless to say, the first annual "They Just Don't Get It" Bumper Sticker went months ago to the Senate Judiciary Committee. But a special Knight in (Tarnished) Armor shield goes to the unregenerate committee member, Sen. Alan Simpson, who quipped on the occasion of his wife's birthday party, "I never thought I'd be sleeping with a 60-year-old woman." We send Mrs. Simpson a copy of *Lysistrata*.

The Sexism in Song Prize, competed for in rap and rock, has to be awarded to Ice-T. If you think the Iceman's song about cop killing was bad news, you haven't read the lyrics about matricide in "Momma's Gotta Die Tonight" or impregnating the daughters of the KKK in "KKK Bitch." The proper prize is silence.

The Ms-Guided Media Award, a plaque suitable for framing, goes this year to all the newspapers who ran the Mike Tyson rape trial in the sports section. Yes, we know he's a boxer. But if Julia Child killed someone would we run it in the food section?

While we are in a feisty mood, The Entrepreneur with An Attitude Award goes again — is this becoming a habit? — to Donald Trump. This time The Donald offered a megabucks deal to keep Mike Tyson from jail. "If Mike Tyson sits in jail and his earning power is curtailed, it is punitive for him but beneficial to no one." To Don, we send by personal carrier, a knockout.

Finally, the Fifties Feminine Nostalgia Crown goes jointly to Family Circle and those political operatives who had Babs and Hillary participate in the magazine's great chocolate chip cookie bake-off. To the winner, presumably goes the first ladyship. What's next, a bed-making contest for the White House?

We send to these nostalgia buffs, a true artifact of the fifties to contain their enthusiasm: a playtex living girdle.

Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Ellen Goodman writes for the Boston Globe.

GOP can't seem to connect with women on array of issues

By Charles Green
INQUIRER CONVENTION BUREAU

HOUSTON — As the only Republican woman in the Senate, Nancy Landon Kassebaum might be expected to have a prominent role in this week's GOP convention. But the Kansas moderate turned down appeals from Republican officials to speak here.

Kassebaum, who dislikes being treated as the party's only woman senator, won't skip the convention entirely, as she did in 1984 when she said she did not want to be seen "as a bauble on a Christmas tree." This time, she will confine herself to spending a day visiting with Kansas delegates.

Her lack of visibility underscores a dilemma facing the Republicans: Unlike Bill Clinton and the Democrats, George Bush and the GOP can't seem to connect with women this year on issues ranging from abortion to unemployment.

"The Republicans have a problem with women," said Karlyn Keene, a nonpartisan polling analyst with the American Enterprise Institute. "It's part of a historical pattern that's been developing over time: Women have become slightly more Democratic."

In previous presidential elections, the trend

was worrisome but not critical for Republicans. In 1988, Bush and Democrat Michael S. Dukakis split the vote of women about evenly, but Bush trounced Dukakis among men. Now, with Bush facing an uphill struggle to defeat Clinton, 1992 could be the year when the much-vaunted "gender gap" costs Republicans the White House.

Recent polls show that Bush is losing to Clinton among both men and women, but that his problems are worse with women. Some polls since the Democratic convention have shown Bush running as much as 10 percentage points lower among women than among men. Most show the gap at about 5 percentage points. In a close election, that could determine the winner.

Acutely aware of the problem, GOP leaders will feature women prominently this week. Labor Secretary Lynn Martin, a sharp-tongued former congresswoman who supports abortion rights, will deliver the nominating speech for Bush tomorrow night —

the role New York Gov. Mario Cuomo played at the Democratic convention in New York.

Highly popular Barbara Bush will address the convention, as will Marilyn Quayle. Other women delivering prime-time addresses include Lynne Cheney, chairwoman of the National Endowment for the Humanities; Barbara Hackman Franklin, secretary of commerce, and Condoleezza Rice, a former member of the National Security Council staff.

Still, women may not be as visible here as they were in New York with the Democrats, who featured their record number of women running for Congress. Eight women have won Democratic nominations for the Senate this year, compared with only one Republican. Forty-four Democratic women have won nominations for the House, compared with 26 Republicans.

"Women were moved from the traditional sideshow to being showcased, prime time," said Harriett Woods, president of the bipartisan National Women's Political Caucus. "It

changed from women being on the presidential coattails to the party being on the women's skittails."

Woods, a Democrat, faults the Republicans for not featuring more women elected on their own. "The symbolism is that women are still support players rather than winners in their own right. ... It's kind of bizarre to have this combination of this mothering image of the wives up there, telling us how valuable the values of their husbands are and the women there only in the function of giving the official message," she said.

But Republicans chafe at the criticism. "They will be part of our convention and part of our campaign because of their talents and abilities, not because of their gender," said Torie Clarke, Bush's campaign press secretary.

In the end, both Republicans and Democrats agree, the images of women conveyed here will matter less than Bush's record and the GOP's performance on issues of concern to women. That is where Bush and the Republicans face their biggest challenge.

Polls show a slim majority of Republican women consider themselves in favor of abortion rights — one reason why President and Barbara Bush may be sending mixed signal on the divisive issue. The party platform and Bush's record are unwavering in their opposition to abortion. But recent comments from the Bushes seemed designed to assure Republicans who back abortion rights that they are personally tolerant on the issue.

Even more important, says polling analyst Keene, are such bread-and-butter issues: health care, unemployment, consumer protection and environmental protection.

"Women since the mid-70s have been favoring a strong role for the government, and Democrats represent that," Keene said. "Another big dimension is that women are much more pessimistic than men about the economic future of the country."

Kassebaum suggests that the challenge facing the Republican Party is to find its direction on the important issues of the day.

"Sometimes it's disappointing to me because I do think the Republican Party, looking a little tarnished around the edges," she said earlier this month, "just as the Democrats have been wandering in the wilderness for a long time."

Tom Webb of the Inquirer Convention Bureau contributed to this article.

Year of Woman applies to GOP candidates also

By Elisabeth Hickey
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

HOUSTON — Is this the Year of Republican Women in politics?

Pro-choice Democratic female candidates have been feted and fawned over this election year, while Republican women, especially pro-life candidates, have often found attention and money hard to come by.

But Republican leaders here say there is no reason the Year of the Woman stardust cannot rub off on their candidates.

"For anyone who thinks the Year of the Woman in politics is all happening in the Democratic Party, we're here to tell you otherwise," said Judy Black, president of the Women's Leadership Network, a support group for Republican women.

Money is a key issue. To counter the deep pockets of groups like Emily's List, which supports pro-choice Democratic women candidates, a group of Republican women founded WISH List last December to give money to pro-choice Republican women. And in late May, Sally Atwater, wife of the late Republican National Chairman Lee Atwater, started a group called Leader PAC to support Republican women candidates regardless of their abortion views.

"We want to really reach out and mentor Republican women," said Mrs. Atwater. She said the political action committee raised about \$100,000 and gave the maximum allowable contribution to the 32 Republican women who won House primaries and to the one Republican woman to win a Senate primary, Charlene Haar of South Dakota.

Georgette Mosbacher, wife of Bush campaign aide Robert Mosbacher, hosts a \$1,000-a-head fund-

raiser for Leader PAC tonight at her home in Houston's exclusive River Oaks neighborhood.

New Hampshire's Elizabeth Hager, who is running to become the only female Republican governor in the country, knows all about the problems women candidates have raising money. "I found that while people were regularly writing \$1,000 checks to the men, they were giving me checks for \$100 or \$200 or maybe \$500," she said.

Nevertheless Mrs. Hager, 47, finds the Year of the Woman excitement sparked her own campaign, which will be tested in the New Hampshire primary three weeks from today against four male candidates.

"In the beginning I thought it was just a media phenomenon, but voters are really excited about women candidates," she said. "They are disgusted with government as usual, and they perceive men as government as usual."

Jane Danowitz, head of the Women's Campaign Fund, a bipartisan group supporting pro-choice women, criticized the Republican Party for highlighting conservative women candidates, who she said are out of step with the majority of the country.

But pro-choice Republican women candidates are often "between a rock and a hard place," Ms. Danowitz said. "They are cut off from conservative money, and the progressive community is suspicious of them."

Republicans are touting this convention as evidence the party is supportive of women. Women make up 42 percent of official delegates, up 10 percent from four years ago, and 25 women are addressing the convention — 13 during prime time coverage.

Convention Notebook

Mrs. Bush regrets abortion remark

INDIANAPOLIS — Barbara Bush says she regrets breaking her silence on the abortion issue by saying Republicans should take the anti-abortion plank out of their platform.

"I'm sorry I ever said it, to tell you the honest truth," she said of her abortion statements, declining to answer follow-up questions on the issue. She met with reporters yesterday after President Bush addressed the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention here.

It was last week when Barbara Bush, in what seemed a startling departure from her husband's and the official party's antiabortion stance, suggested that the GOP platform not mention the issue.

Abortion rights advocates in the party have been clamoring for weeks to move the party off the far-right position, and the issue may spark infighting at the four-day convention.

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QUOTES OF NOTE

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“I know one thing: If Mary gets fired she'll have a good career as a fiction writer.”

JAMES CARVILLE, Clinton's chief strategist,
on companion Mary Matalin, political director
for President Bush, and her fax attacks

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“I have friends who are pro-Bush, pro-choice. I have friends who are pro-life, pro-Bush. I know you can argue yourself blue in the face, and you're not going to change each other's minds, and it's a waste of your time and my time to try to change minds.”

BARBARA BUSH, on the abortion issue

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“If they're moderates, I'm a world champion speller.”

Vice President DAN QUAYLE, comparing his
misspelling of “potatoe”
with the Clinton-Gore ticket

Wink, Barbara, wink

It is difficult to believe that there was anything casual or accidental about the contents of Barbara Bush's interviews concerning the tactics of the presidential campaign or her views on the Republican Party's plank on abortion.

Her sincerity in questioning whether the abortion issue belongs in the platform or at the convention is not to be doubted. Her purpose in raising the issue just now is another matter.

President Bush, despite his expression of caring sympathy for anyone in his family who might choose to have an abortion, remains staunchly in favor of a constitutional amendment banning the procedure.

Bush did nothing to intervene with the Republican platform committee to soften its stance, to leave room for other views or, until Barbara Bush spoke out on Thursday (shortly after the final text of the platform had been voted by the committee) to dismiss the issue entirely.

Surely the president knows his wife's views on the matter and knew what she was going to say

during the interviews. Whether he agrees with her may be uncertain, but it appears that he wanted her to express an opinion that undercut the harshness of the campaign plank.

One is entitled to wonder whether Barbara Bush, who has expressed herself clearly on wanting the abortion amendment out of the platform, must therefore oppose its inclusion in the Constitution. Hard to think that anyone would support a constitutional amendment that was somehow inappropriate for a party platform.

The president has painted himself into a corner on this issue and has no easy way of extricating himself without again appearing to flip-flop on a highly charged controversy. The rigidity of the ban he has embraced has hurt his standing with millions of Americans who favor choice.

In his search for ways to soften that stand without seeming to abandon it, he may have turned to his wife (wink, Barbara, wink) to do the job — and she did it.

Moderate seeks her place in party

GOP's views trouble congresswoman

By Lisa Anderson
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK—Pro-business and pro-abortion rights, a fiscal conservative and a social liberal, New York Rep. Susan Molinari sounds like a Democrat, thinks like a Republican and, in many ways, represents the hopes and frustrations of many thirtysomething Republicans.

The party's rigid anti-abortion approach, and its hard-line platform advocating a constitutional amendment banning abortion under all circumstances, present one of the biggest problems facing abortion-rights Republicans, such as Molinari, as the party meets in Houston.

Granddaughter of a New York assemblyman and daughter of Staten Island Borough President Guy V. Molinari, a former five-term Republican congressman whose vacant 14th Congressional District seat she won in 1990, Molinari, 34, has the GOP in her genes.

But on issues involving women, child care and, particularly, abortion, the energetic, brash-talking Molinari has found herself well outside the party line.

Like Barbara Bush, Molinari would prefer that the party drop the abortion plank. "It doesn't belong in a platform," she said in her Staten Island campaign office before leaving for Houston. "The concept of it is offensive to me. A party platform is the red, white and blue, it's 'God Bless America.' ... it's these fundamental truths that tie a party together with no debate."

To Molinari, who has clashed with New York's Cardinal John O'Connor on the issue and has had anti-abortion picketers outside her district office every Saturday for the last year, abortion clearly does not fall into that category.

Moreover, she believes the party underestimates the impact of its stand. "We are going to make our best attempt to change it. My position is not to make it a pro-choice plank, but to just make it a neutral or all-inclusive plank by either eliminating language relating to abortion totally or by acknowledging that there are differences that exist within our party on this issue and that both sides are welcome to join in the debate," Molinari said.

She joined with five other congresswomen in submitting language to the platform committee in an effort to temper the abortion plank. It was rejected, but the abortion-rights forces are still trying to force a floor fight on the issue.

"I think it's an important exercise that we go through as a party. I think it's important not only for the people in the party who would not like to see anyone who is pro-choice be part of it, but I think it's also important for the future of our party."

That future, Molinari said, depends to a significant extent on reassuring the "young people who are out there in their 20s—who registered when Ronald Reagan was president, who are fiscal conservatives and who never knew that there could be a world where abortion was illegal—that they can still keep their registration in the Republican Party and be pro-choice."

Another dilemma for Molinari has been George Bush's persistent opposition to the Family and Medical Leave Act, which would require large public and private employers to provide workers with up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for childbirth or illness in the family.

"I'm sure he'll consistently veto it. It's a very big business issue," said Molinari, who has actively supported the legislation.

"Fundamentally, I agree with the ideas of the Republican Party that government should not be making these arguments in terms of leave policies to corporations and businesses, that it should be left up to their boards of directors."

"But fundamentally, I also understand that there are no women on the boards of directors of the majority of these corporations and small companies and, without that policy, at least for the next 10 to 20 years, there's not going to be any, either."

Such stands, she acknowledged, which "stray from the dogma," ultimately may jeopardize party support for any higher office she may seek. But when asked if, given her views and a party that appears to be veering even harder to the right, she has ever considered switching political parties, Molinari smiles and shakes her head.

"No," she said, "for two reasons. Number one, because I come from New York City, I suppose, and relative to city government, in many ways, what is inherently Democratic is wrong and corrupt. That was the environment of politics I grew up with in this city."

"At the same time, the choice comes down to two things. Do you abandon so many of your pro-business principles and become a Democrat and then try to change the Democratic Party's philosophy there? Or do you stay in the Republican Party and try to change their philosophy relative to women's issues?"

"I happen to think it would be easier to follow the path that I've chosen and fundamentally more important," she said.

"We are so good at capturing the White House," she said of the Republicans. "Whatever happens this year, we will be in majority control someday, hopefully, of the United States Congress and in control again of the United States Senate."

Weld wants GOP to note diversity on abortion issue

By Teresa M. Hanafin
GLOBE STAFF

Gov. Weld yesterday declined to reveal whether he will voice support for abortion rights during his speech before the Republican National Convention Tuesday night, but said he believes the party should acknowledge the diversity of opinion within its ranks.

And he insisted he has not made up his mind whether to support a floor fight to include a plank either supporting abortion rights or recognizing differing views on the subject in the party's platform.

"I think I'm going to get down there, read the platform, talk to the other governors, talk to the Massachusetts delegation, talk to the president's people . . . and make that decision Sunday or Monday," he said.

"It is important for the party to send a message in Houston that we welcome people with all different shades of opinion on the abortion issue," he said.

Weld said the resolution passed by the GOP platform committee, while not officially part of the platform, "is a step in the right direction, but only a step. I think there is more that can be done. How much gets done this year as opposed to the next time around remains to be seen."

His own speech, he said, is changing "about every four hours," as aides and speechwriters tinker with it.

And he denied that the Republican National Committee has pressured him to skip comments on abortion.

"I haven't had any discussions with anybody about that," he said. "The impression I've got is that what they most want is a speech that I'll be comfortable with. And I'm comfortable with what I've got now."

Weld also said he agrees "wholeheartedly" with recent statements by President Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle in which they said they would support their daughters and granddaughters, even if they had abortions. And Barbara Bush said she believes that the question of abortion is a private one that does not belong in a political party's platform.

"I agree . . . that the general effect of the decision has to be the decision of the woman, and maybe the government and platforms shouldn't be involved in this area in the first place," Weld said.

Because most delegates are pledged to antiabortion candidates, and because of the convention rules, the odds are slim that a floor fight over abortion will develop next week.

In Houston, Nancy Sternoff, executive director of the Republicans for Choice, welcomed any attempt by Weld to debate the abortion issue on the convention floor.

"It takes one state to make a motion, then a majority of five other state delegations to call for a suspension of the rules to permit debate," she said.

"If Gov. Weld can lead the Massachusetts delegation to make the move, we'll be working to get five other states." Although two-thirds of the delegates must agree to admit new language, the debate on procedure would be a "minidebate" on abortion, she said. She refused to identify the other states.

In the platform committee debate last week, each state was represented by two delegates. Only Maine's two votes agreed to delete the platform language opposing abortion rights. Even states whose Republican governors agree with Weld on the issue voted with the majority. The language sought by Weld was defeated, 84 to 16.

New Hampshire's delegation split, with Ruth L. Griffin voting to delete the abortion language and Chuck Douglas siding with the majority.

The GOP's official opposition to abortion rights is not recent. Ann Stone, chairman of Republicans for Choice, was asked to name the last prochoice Republican to run for president. "Gerald Ford," she replied, referring to the party's 1976 nominee.

Martin F. Nolan of the Globe staff contributed to this report from Houston.

Is pro-life position really the kiss of death for the GOP?

The Republican Party is going to commit self-immolation over abortion, according to conventional wisdom.

Pro-life is fading into a radical Right minority, according to much of the media. Pro-choice is now a mainstream given. Even Barbara Bush so implied by her comment it is a personal choice and doesn't belong in her party's platform. And George Bush in what may have been a Freudian slip of tongue suggested he has some pro-choice feelings.

As an indicator of desperation, Dan Quayle, among others, is reviving the concept of GOP as "big tent"—all opinions and voters welcome.

But pragmatically, a pro-life position may not hurt the Republicans as much as pundits assume.

Joan Beck

Contrary to pro-choice rhetoric, polls do not show a majority of people favor the abortion-on-demand position pushed by abortion-rights supporters.

What people do tell poll takers depends on how the questions are worded. Generally, it is possible to tote up a big majority of Americans as approving abortion only when the questions concern dangers to the mother's life, rape or incest. About 30 percent of people usually say abortion should always be legal. About half that many declare it should never be legal.

When pollsters ask if abortion should be a legal form of birth control or available on demand because of inconvenience or interference with personal plans or economic hardship—common reasons for abortions today—much less than a majority approve.

My mail the last month—an unscientific sampling, of course—suggests some deeply felt reasons why.

"There is no denying the miracle of life, pre-born or born."—B.P., Bradenton, Fla.

"Women do have a choice—by prevention through contraception."—K.G., Oak Lawn, Ill.

"I consider myself pro-choice in that women do have a choice whether to have sex or not and whether to use birth control methods or not."—A.T., Whiting, N.J.

"We have a one month-old daughter whom we love dearly. We just can't imagine thinking of her as a 'choice' or 'fetal tissue'; she is a precious gift."—J.F., Palos Heights, Ill.

"There is absolutely no reason in this country today for a woman to use abortion as a means of birth control."—P.P., Birmingham, Ala.

"I was adopted at 11 days old. My birth mother (whom I found four years ago) was gang-raped at 15 in rural Louisiana. She was shipped off to a 'home' in San Antonio, where I was born. She got to care for me for 3 days in the hospital. She loved me and does now."—C.M., Albuquerque.

"Really, if there is no life in question, why the need to terminate anything? Terminate what? 'A mass of cells,' indeed. In fact, aren't we all 'a mass of cells'?"—D.R., Honolulu.

"The surveys should ask, 'Do you favor killing an unborn child?' Then how many would respond in the affirmative?"—L.A., Jackson, Ohio.

"I am amazed by the interest groups that support animal rights and deplore the death penalty for murderers, yet support a woman's right to 'choose' the death of her unborn child. Killing our unborn children is not a solution but another symptom of the accelerating moral decline of our once great country."—R.F., Park Ridge, Ill.

"I thank God that my mother did not, would not or could not have an abortion as I was born out of wedlock."—R.C., Portland, Ore.

"When I was growing up, there was no legal abortion and no readily available birth control. What did we do? We waited until we were married. It doesn't seem to occur to many women that they should take control of their lives before they get into a mess, not after. Or are they still too insecure and desperate to please men to say, 'We will have sex on these terms or not at all?'"—B.J., McMinnville, Ore.

"Society is saying life is precious when a woman wants it, but disposable when she doesn't. The value of a child's life is dependent on the reaction of a woman, not on a moral absolute that all life is precious and should, at all costs, be protected. We must cling tenaciously to the absolute value of life, in the womb and outside. Without moral absolutes, we are capable of discarding as trash the miracle of life in the womb."—R.L., Carlingford, Australia.

"My daughters have both spent thousands of dollars trying to get pregnant. My youngest, after a long, long wait, was finally presented with a 6-day-old adopted daughter. Why don't the media tell of the millions of people who are desperate to adopt but cannot because there aren't enough babies to go around? Yet millions are thrown into the garbage."—P.S., Crestwood, Ill.

"We may not be 'politically correct' to be pro-life but we are morally, scientifically and spiritually correct about the baby."—E.H., Middletown, N.Y.

"I think abortions are murders. I don't understand how anyone could aim a gun at someone and kill him, even in a war. The same way, I don't see how anyone could take the life of an unborn fetus."—B.C., Albuquerque.

"It is incomprehensible to me that anyone could possibly deny that an unborn baby is a human life. What do they think a child is before birth—a tree stump? A laboratory rat?"—A.J., Naperville, Ill.

"I fear for all of those women who are refuting God. I fear they will live a life of regret. Abortion is not the answer to a lack of responsibility. A moral life is."—H.T., Sarasota, Fla.

The Republicans are right to try to entice everyone into their big tent. They have no other realistic choice. But they shouldn't forget who was there first.

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■ **President Bush** arrived in Houston after a stop in Indianapolis, where he said Iraq's Saddam Hussein is "trying to thumb his nose at the rest of the world" because Mr. Bush is trailing in the polls. The president added that Saddam is "just not going to get away with it."

■ Also in Indianapolis, **Barbara Bush** said her speech to the delegates tomorrow won't be controversial. In fact, she suggested that folks shouldn't lose sleep over it. "I'm just going to remind people of what things George Bush has accomplished," she said. "It's not worth staying up for."



CAMPAIGN COUNTDOWN

Week 29: The presidential election is only 79 days away.

S W T W T F S UPDATE

■ **HOUSTON** — Republicans had to sit idly last month while the Democrats used their national convention to showcase their nominee and bash **President Bush**. Now it's the GOP's turn to grab the spotlight.

■ Bush campaign officials say the president will use the convention to state his case for a second term. Advice flowed in from all corners last week. Fiscal conservatives pushed for a package of tax cuts and irritated the White House with a platform plank — since excised — calling the 1990 tax bill a mistake. Abortion-rights opponents and advocates fought over what abortion language would do more to shore up the party's support. (A no-abortions platform won easy approval.) **Barbara Bush** weighed in, too. She said she didn't think the platform should mention abortion "either pro or con." Into this mix comes ...

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Wednesday

Evening will concentrate on "family values"



7 p.m. session

■ Opening ceremonies

Pledge of Allegiance, Lee Greenwood
National anthem and entertainment,
Wynonna Judd

■ Speakers include:

Gov. John Ashcroft, Missouri
Rev. Pat Robertson
Gov. George Voinovich, Ohio
Gov. Pete Wilson, California
Marilyn Quayle
Barbara Bush

Bush's Son Stands Up And Stands By His Dad

Houston — George Bush paid a surprise visit yesterday to a meeting of New York delegates to the Republican National Convention — well, a George Bush, anyway. It wasn't George Bush the president, but the Texas businessman who's the president's son.

The younger Bush brought the audience to its feet when he dismissed reports that his father doesn't have the stomach to fight to keep the presidency.

"Anybody who says that hasn't been around the old boy lately," Bush said. "I have looked him in the eyes. He wants to be president for four more years, and nobody from Arkansas or any other state is going to stand in his way. Come Thursday night you've got a candidate, a warrior."

Later, he was asked about the Republican platform's stand against abortion and the views of his mother, Barbara, that such issues should be left out of a party manifesto. "My mom says a lot of things," Bush answered. "I support the platform, absolutely." — Myron S. Waldman

RANGERS AT A CROSSROADS

Ownership faced with resolving difficult issues

By Gerry Fraley

Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

ARLINGTON — August brings something old and something new for the Rangers.

ANALYSIS

They again trail badly in the American League West race. In the last six seasons, the nearest they have been to first in any August is 4½ games out for two days in 1987.

The Rangers view the disappointment differently this season. Rather than go on with the status quo, this team stands at a

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crossroads. For the first time since Tom Grieve became general manager in 1984, the Rangers must choose their direction.

The entrenched system gave the

Rangers a sour, defeated team that performed in a manner best described as selfish. The entire organization faces profound questions about its soul.

"There's no doubt we have some big questions," managing general partner George W. Bush said. Among them:

- Who is in control here?
- Will Grieve return as general manager? If he does, will it be in a different form?

- Is the clubhouse mix all wrong?

- Can Toby Harrah, who has tried to

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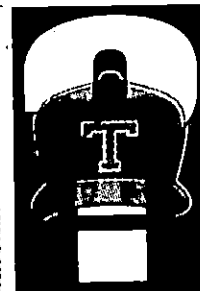


The Dallas Morning News: Michael Alarworth

Manager Toby Harrah (center) is flanked by (from left) president Tom Schieffer, general partner Rusty Rose, managing general partner George W. Bush and general manager Tom Grieve. The performance of Harrah and Grieve will be evaluated after the season.

LINGERING QUESTIONS

The Rangers, their season a disappointment in the judgment of all major team figures, must deal with specific questions about the team's future. The major considerations:



1. Should Tom Grieve remain as general manager?
2. Does Toby Harrah deserve a full season as manager?
3. Must the Rangers change their focus away from offense?
4. Which free agents should be re-signed?
5. What player changes would create a better team style?
6. Does the clubhouse need veterans as cross-cultural unifiers?

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undo years of neglect, be brought back as manager despite his losing record? If not Harrah, who? In either case, what staff will surround the manager?

■ Does this organization need a fundamental change of philosophy? Has the build-from-within approach left the Rangers with the unwieldy demographics of too many young players consumed with money and not enough older hands to steady an increasingly fragmented clubhouse?

"We have to learn from this season," Bush said. "We have to find a way to get the best out of our players. We haven't done that."

The Rangers almost certainly will finish lower than second

place for the sixth consecutive season. Five other AL teams will likely join them in that dubious distinction: California, Cleveland, Milwaukee, New York and Seattle. Each of those teams has undergone major front-office changes in the last year.

The Rangers differ from those teams in one respect. With a strong finish, not unreasonable given players' apparent affection for season-is-lost salary drives, the Rangers could finish with a winning record for the fourth consecutive season. Only division leaders Oakland and Toronto would match that achievement.

The suggestion is the Rangers have a good nucleus that may not require razing but also does not help.

"One of the things you don't want to do in a situation like this is panic," club president Tom Schieffer said. "But I think it's obviously a situation we need to evaluate very carefully at the end of the season and see how we can get more out of this team."

"There are very good players here. For whatever reason, it doesn't seem to be working."

Bush has said a "shakeup" is likely. To do that, decisions must be made quickly. The Rangers cannot afford to go into the November expansion draft and December winter meetings without a management team and philosophy in place. The decisions start at the top and filter down.

Changes to come from top

The July 9 firing of manager Bobby Valentine, who did not produce a title in 1,186 games, is a significant date in



BUSH

Rangers history. Ownership went from a passive to active role.

Managing general partner George W. Bush and president Tom Schieffer orchestrated the firing, with managing partner Rusty Rose agreeing in absentia. That

general manager Tom Grieve did not have a list of potential managerial candidates ready indicated he acquiesced to the decision rather than participated in it.

Valentine symbolized the Rangers: brassy, loud and given to the flamboyant act, rather than the constant painstaking handiwork that goes into a championship team. By firing Valentine, ownership indicated it wanted a different team.

Bush and Schieffer said they are not in the business of on-the-field decisions such as suggesting players to help this team. Ownership, they said, simply wants a winning team.

"We want something that fits into a strategy," Bush said. "We want to know why this didn't work and what we can do to make it work."

If Grieve departs, it will be another sign ownership believes a different playing style would be more helpful. Grieve stands as an offense-oriented general manager. His best trades brought effective hitters in Julio Franco and Rafael Palmeiro. His worst trades brought ineffective — for various reasons — pitchers in Joe Bitker, Oil Can Boyd and Scott Chiamparino. Grieve never has made a major move at shortstop, considered the most important defensive position.

If Grieve, whose contract runs through 1993, returns, he is likely to change the focus. He had a shared philosophy with Valentine, one of the most offense-obsessed managers in the last generation. The break with Valentine expanded the input Grieve receives from others.

"You don't just say, 'We were an offensive team; now we're going to be a defensive team,'" Grieve said. "We want to stay strong on offense and find ways to help our defense."

Ownership's prime role remains control of the purse strings. The payroll budget has increased 131 percent the last three years, from \$13 million in 1989 to \$30 million this season. Bush said the budget will not increase at the same pace for next season and that it is more likely to plateau.

That makes it unreasonable for the Rangers to keep their potential free agents — pitchers Jose Guzman, Edwin Nunez and Jeff Russell and right fielder Ruben Sierra — and add other free agents. The more likely course is for the Rangers to keep perhaps two free agents and spend money elsewhere.

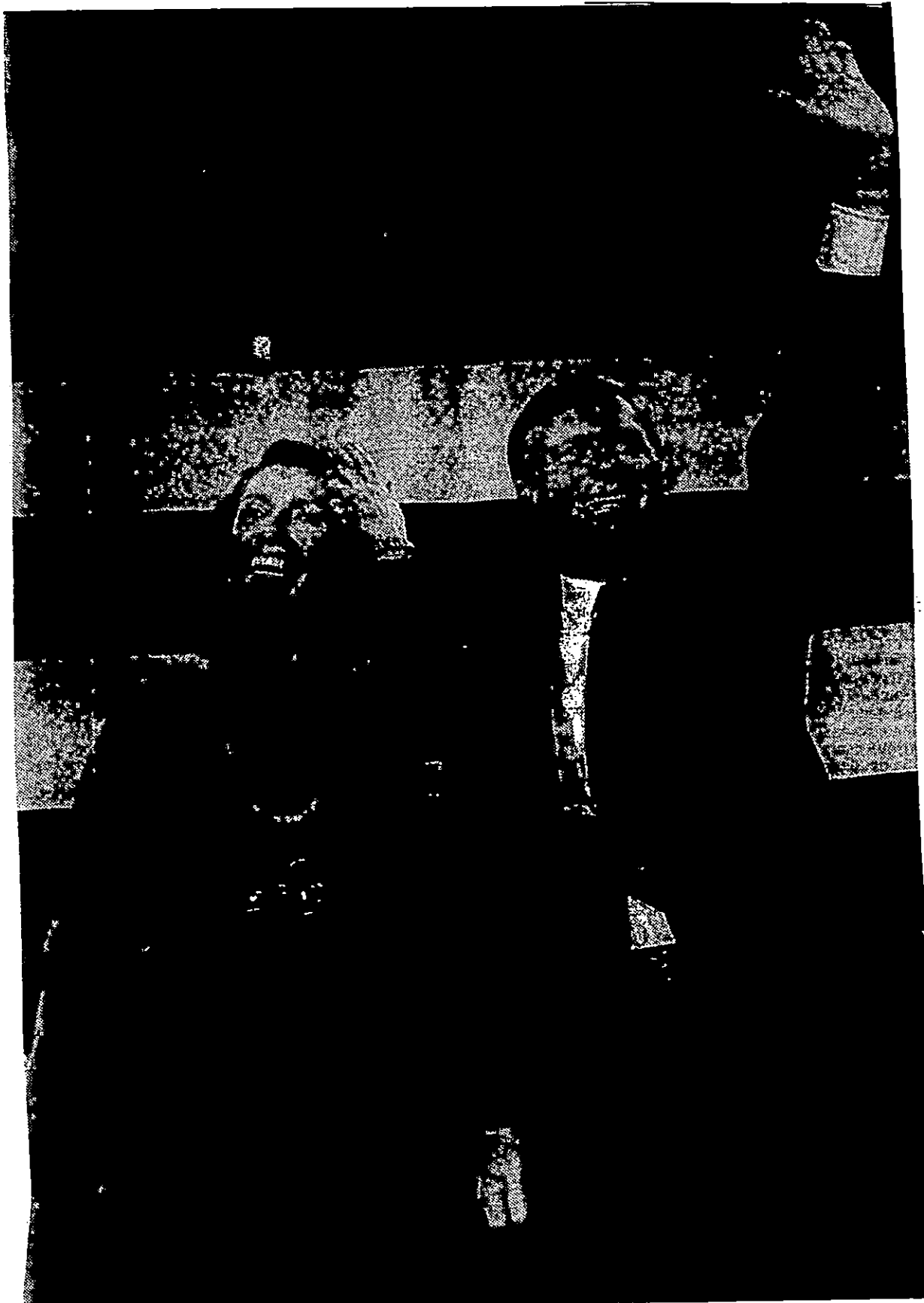
"I don't think there's ever been a situation where we stayed away from free agents at all costs," Schieffer said. "We thought we had better young players than were available in the free-agent pool. That's something we have to evaluate this year."

This season gives ownership less reason to spend freely. The highest-paid team in club history flopped, as have other highly paid teams. Of the top 10 payrolls only two are division leaders: Oakland and Toronto. Upstart Montreal has a payroll barely half that of the Rangers, an contender Baltimore has a payroll \$1 million less than the Rangers'.

REPUBLICANS IN HOUSTON

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In a star billing that is unprecedented for wives of Vice Presidents, Marilyn Quayle will give a major speech the same night that Barbara Bush is to

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speak. Mrs. Quayle and Vice President Dan Quayle greeted participants yesterday at a "God and Country" rally in Houston.

Republicans Present Marilyn Quayle As a Self-Sacrificing 90's Supermom

By ALESSANDRA STANLEY
Special to The New York Times

HOUSTON, Aug. 17 — In the Republican Party, Marilyn Quayle is seen as having one special gift: she is the Un-Hillary.

At a time when Republicans have portrayed Gov. Bill Clinton's wife, Hillary, as a radical feminist in demure Talbot's clothing, Mrs. Quayle is making a virtue of something she used to describe with occasional bitterness — giving up her own legal career.

It is that sacrifice that has catapulted Mrs. Quayle into the limelight at the convention on Wednesday, the night set aside to celebrate family values. In a star billing that is unprecedented for wives of Vice Presidents, Mrs. Quayle will give a major speech the same night that Barbara Bush is to speak.

Role for Mrs. Quayle

Mrs. Bush is an icon of an older generation of wives who stayed home, so Marilyn Quayle, a lawyer and baby boomer, will serve as the campaign's generational foil to Mrs. Clinton.

It is a marked departure from Mrs. Quayle's treatment in 1988, when, in an eerie foreshadowing of what has happened to Mrs. Clinton, Bush aides tried to keep the fiercely intelligent and outspoken Mrs. Quayle in the background.

But in this campaign, her flintiness is more in favor. Even Barbara Bush has begun criticizing the "liberal" press, and nobody does that with as much tight-lipped conviction as the Vice President's wife.

Tipper Gore, the wife of Senator Al Gore, the Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee, has never pursued a full-time career and may have much in common with Mrs. Bush. Whatever Mrs. Quayle may have in common with Mrs. Clinton, it is the differences she prefers to stress.

Addressing the National Republican Lawyer's Association in Houston, Mrs. Quayle urged her audience to "grab back that A.B.A." Among the American Bar Association's failings, she said, was that it had given "honor to Hillary Clinton and Anita Hill."

Home for Dinner

Marguerite Sullivan, Mrs. Quayle's chief of staff, was asked to draw distinctions between her boss and Mrs. Clinton. "Marilyn Quayle is absolutely committed to her family," she replied. "She makes time for the children; she's always home for dinner at 7 P.M."

Mrs. Quayle's sister, Nancy T. Northcott, who co-wrote their liberal-bashing spy thriller, "Embrace the Serpent," sums up Mrs. Quayle and Mrs. Clinton: "Philosophically they

are opposites. And Marilyn chose to stay home with her children."

Sheila Tate, a former White House press secretary for George Bush who is advising convention planners, put it this way: "The difference is that Marilyn Quayle isn't being muzzled, she is being showcased." The Bush-Quayle forces, however, did not make Mrs. Quayle available for an interview.

Mrs. Quayle rejects the notion that, when it comes to Hillary Clinton, there is any common ground. She dismissed the suggestion that Mrs. Clinton is experiencing the same kind of criticism that so nettled her during the 1988 campaign and beyond. "Nobody has complained about how active an advis-

Mrs. Quayle says she has nothing in common with Mrs. Clinton.

er Hillary Clinton is," she told reporters for Newsweek magazine.

About Those Two Churches

And she still seethes over reports several years ago about her parents' adherence to the teachings of the Rev. R. B. Thieme Jr., a Houston fundamentalist known for attacking homosexuals, "do-gooders and liberals" and the United Nations. A person's religion, she says, is a private matter outside the bounds of proper political debate.

But privately, Mrs. Quayle has taken issue with the Clintons' religion. She recently confided to one friend that she considered it "very significant" that the Clintons attended different churches — particularly because Mrs. Clinton's United Methodist church was in her view, "more liberal" than Mr. Clinton's Southern Baptist faith.

The Quayles belong to the evangelical Fourth Presbyterian Church. Several aides to both Quayles made a point here this week of noting that the Quayles attend the same church.

Nor does Mrs. Quayle pity Mrs. Clinton for being teased about the head bands she wears, even though Mrs. Quayle, too, was mocked in 1988 for her Mary Tyler Moore flip hairstyle.

"I have never heard Marilyn express one word of sympathy for Hillary Clinton," said one friend, who would only speak on condition of anonymity. "She thinks she got far worse treatment."

MARILYN QUAYLE

This sense of unfairness appears to consume Mrs. Quayle. Like Mrs. Clinton, she is surrounded by close female friends who speak glowingly of her humor and compassion, her extraordinary dedication to such causes as promoting early detection of breast cancer and her tireless efforts on behalf of the International Disaster advisory committee that she heads.

Among her intimates, she is revered as a supermom — a woman who brought the same high-intensity discipline to coaching soccer, starting a vegetable garden, Roller-Blading and making Halloween costumes as she did to practicing law or managing her husband's earliest campaigns.

"She cuts her own hair," said her close friend and tennis partner, Rae Evans. "She shops in bargain stores." Ms. Evans grew teary as she described Mrs. Quayle's late-night visits to a mutual friend who later died of cancer.

Black-and-White Views

But in public, Mrs. Quayle cannot cloak a rigid, unyielding anger at the press, the Democrats and even those Republican strategists, including Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d, who she believes did not do enough to defend her husband in 1988. Even after 12 years in the clubby atmosphere of political Washington, Mrs. Quayle's real-world views are as black and white as the noble Republican statesmen and Democratic dupes of Communism who populate her novel.

At a recent state dinner, Mrs. Quayle quizzed Robert Koch, just before he married the President's daughter, Dorothy, about being a Democrat. Barbara Bush was overheard by guests saying, "If you're going to give him a hard time, do it in your own home, not mine."

Quayle aides insist guardedly that they are not sure the story is true, but that they are quite certain both women were joking. The Quayles, unlike several other Cabinet members and their wives, were not invited to the wedding.

The convention is Mrs. Quayle's moment in the spotlight. "It's a whole new beginning for her and Dan," Mrs. Northcott said. And while in Houston, Mrs. Quayle seems determined to redress what she perceives as the wrongs of the 1988 campaign.

"She has not forgiven or forgotten," the aide said, "but she is going to make sure that 1988 does not happen again."

VIEWPOINTS

GOP sets sights on Hillary Clinton



MIKE ROYKO

Just in the nick of time, with their convention about to begin, the Republicans have found their new Willie Horton.

Hillary Clinton: Public Enemy No. 1 of the traditional American family.

Rich Bond, the Republican national chairman, made a speech in which Hillary Clinton seemed to be a bigger target than her husband the candidate. To hear Mr. Bond tell it, Hillary thinks that as an institution, marriage is a modern-day Devil's Island.

Most of this seems to stem from her feminist activities and longstanding belief that children have legal rights and are not merely living, breathing hunks of parental property.

But to hear the Republicans describe her, you get the impression that her goal is to rip every child in America out of its momma's arms and shove it into a government-run youth camp.

Or to trot children into court to sue their parents because they've been deprived of the latest Nintendo game or were grounded for the weekend and told to stay off the phone.

Using Willie Horton as a campaign tool might have been unfair, but at least he was a genuine rapist and thug. But Hillary Clinton is not a baby snatcher.

If she is, then so am I, because I share some of Hillary Clinton's concerns.

Nothing gets my blood pressure soaring like child abuse cases. Especially those in

which some social agency or judge treats it like a parking ticket.

I've written about kids who have been beaten, scalded, sexually abused, only to be returned to the same parent or parents who did these terrible things.

And I've written about these same kids after it happened again and they ended up dead.

I've had the satisfaction of forcing some indifferent or incompetent officials out of Family Court. But after the kid is dead, that's a hollow victory.

I have a physician friend who specializes in treating abused children. And she tells me that for every damaged child that is rescued from abusive parents, hundreds more are returned to the same misfits.

That's because it is the policy of social agencies in most states that their top priority is keeping families together.

Mom has a dope-sniffing boyfriend who can't stand crying infants? The boyfriend punches the child? Or shoves it into a tub of scalding-hot water? Mom sits there glassy-eyed and does nothing? The boyfriend also likes to have sex with another little daughter? Mom snores through it?

This is a true story. And what was the social agency's solution, approved by the judge? Why, just teach mom that it is her responsibility to prevent her boyfriend from trying to murder and/or rape her kids. Then give the kids back to her.

The reality is that there are countless children who are in the clutches of parents who are stupidly cruel and dangerous. They suffer. Many of them die. They belong in foster

homes or with adoptive parents.

It isn't merely a social problem. It is a national crisis. But it's a crisis that legislatures, social agencies, law enforcement and the courts haven't been able to handle.

And it's a crisis that the Republican chairman hasn't said anything about, except to make smart-aleck remarks about Hillary Clinton wanting to break up families.

Maybe he thinks that a family life in which an infant winds up with about 20 fractures (another case I wrote about) is better than no family life at all.

They'll also pounce on Hillary Clinton's belief that children should have access to the courts.

And they'll probably mention a case in Florida in which a boy sued his parents "for divorce," as the headline writers put it.

But they'll leave out the specifics. The boy's father was an abusive drunk. The divorced mother had a long history of neglect. And the state agency hadn't done much besides get forms filled out.

So the boy said, enough, he wanted to remain in the stable home provided by the foster parents. The judge agreed.

If that's baby snatching, we need more of it.

Now, if the Republicans really believe what they've been saying about Hillary Clinton and children, maybe they ought to include something about it in their platform.

That would be the first time a political party came out in favor of child abuse.

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Ellen Goodman

Rewriting The Script Of a Marriage

BOSTON—A few years ago, a friend of mine published a book bearing the standard spousal acknowledgment. She wrote: "To my husband, without whom this book would never have been written."

Twelve months later, the book was headed for paperback, the marriage was headed for divorce court and the author wanted to change the inscription. She wanted to write: "To my husband without whom this book would have been written 10 years earlier."

Since then I have been aware of how thoroughly people rewrite the scripts of their marriage after the book has slammed shut. The wife who earns her PHT—Putting Hubby Through school—may get gratitude at graduation. But when the bloom is off the marriage, he has a better memory of her hampering his studies than paying his bills.

A husband who stands by his wife while she climbs the corporate ladder is dutifully dubbed "supportive." But when she jumps out of the marriage, she remembers him as the ball and chain rather than the helium of her ascent.

All sorts of story lines change when the happily ever after is abruptly ended. Did her dinner parties help his promotion or did her fallen soufflé nearly ruin his career? Was he the savvy manager of her career or merely a hanger-on? Ask their lawyers.

This reevaluation of marriage has been a running joke of rich and famous men and their ex-wives. In the postscript to divorce, the pampered wife becomes the money-grubbing ex-wife.

But what is different now is that it's happening to rich and famous women as well. Man bites dog. Or, rather, husband sues for alimony and half the estate.

This variation on the theme dropped into the tabloid consciousness early this summer when "Good Morning America's" Joan Lunden was ordered to pay her ex-husband of 14 years \$18,000 a month in alimony. Lunden who is said to earn some \$2 million a year called it, "a deplorable and shameful statement on how working women are treated today. Why the courts don't tell a husband who has been living off his wife to go get a job is beyond my comprehension."

Her, and other, howls of protest have reappeared everywhere from People magazine to the latest Redbook to your friendly neighborhood dinner party. Whether it's actress Jane Seymour or Seema (the ex-Mrs. Ivan) Boesky, the women have money and the men want it.

According to my own sample of conversations about these men and money, attitudes divide into three parts. Prefeminist Consciousness I says simply that no self-respecting man should take money from a woman. Feminist Consciousness II says that what is sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose. Postfeminist Consciousness III laments that equal rights works better for men than for women: As soon as women go to work, they get taken to the cleaners.

But our outlook may have less to do with changing consciousness than with the constant of emotional cost-accounting. As Pepper Schwartz, a sociologist at the University of Washington who has been studying marriage for decades, says: "People don't like the economic side to marriage and pretend it isn't there." Basically she says, "People still want the economic contract to be tied to sentiment. They think they shouldn't have to pay for something they don't like."

The economic worth of a husband or wife, she says, "is a very hypocritical, unexamined and always dangerous topic in a marriage." If you want to know what people really want to give each other, she adds with a clear, even cynical eye, look at the terms in prenuptial agreements: "There's a notable lack of generosity." The message of these contracts is, "I will keep you in the style in which I want to live but only while I feel good about you."

If such premarital agreements are still relatively rare, Schwartz says, "It's because they can't get the person they love under those conditions. So they promise, 'Everything I have is yours.' But they really mean what's in the agreements."

Compared with Schwartz, I may be a hopeless romantic. I do belong resolutely to Consciousness II. Either spouse can get a prenuptial agreement and either can sue for support. But that's only partially out of a belief in equality. It's mostly out of a belief in—blush—marriage.

It seems to me that most married couples already belong to two competing economic systems. We work as individuals. There's one name on a paycheck. On the other hand we think of marriage as a partnership. Family life is the one thing we still try to separate from the values of the marketplace.

When marriage succeeds, it's by muting the relationship between money and power. Indeed, if marriage is to work, it must operate more like a mutual fund.

But from the front lines of divorce, we are learning a dirty little secret: Many husbands and wives were keeping book on each other all along.

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Children picked on by siblings may show problems, study finds

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WASHINGTON — Children who are chronically roughed up or picked on by their siblings may show psychological problems in young adulthood, according to research released yesterday.

Two studies linked such childhood experiences to greater anxiety, lower self-esteem and more depressed mood in college students.

While some verbal and physical conflict between childhood siblings is normal, the problems can arise when the violence becomes severe, as in being threatened with a gun or knife, or when the child is constantly on

the receiving end of violence or abuse and feels powerless to stop it, said Sandra Graham-Bermann.

"Kids insult each other all the time, but if there's one person in the family who's the scapegoat or the victim all the time ... that person may develop problems in young adulthood," she said.

"Children shove and push each other, they might even hit each other as a regular part of growing up. But when it's one-sided, if it goes on for years, when there's nothing the victim can do to stop it, then that child is at risk."

About a quarter of the childhood sibling relationships recalled by the

primarily white, upper-middle-class sample of college students in the research were bad enough that parents should have stepped in, she said. Parents generally knew of the problem but many did not help, she said.

One study focused on the psychological health of 202 students at Michigan who were distributed about equally among four groups: Those who recalled being victimized by a high level of conflict with a sibling, those who initiated such conflict, those who both started fights and were attacked, and those who experienced only normal levels of conflict.

"High conflict" generally meant fighting on the level of hitting, spanking or slapping or worse that exceeded what the student believed other families experienced, and that continued as a long-term pattern. Graham-Bermann said.

Psychological tests showed that for female childhood victims, the higher the level of violence, in terms of hazard and duration, the greater the anxiety, lowered self-esteem and persistent depressed mood as college students.

Eating disorders turn up in kids

Survey finds many try hazardous ways to lose weight

By Michael Campbell

Symptoms of such severe eating disorders as anorexia and bulimia, generally believed to affect mainly teenagers and young adults, are showing up in children as young as 9, according to a new study by a South Carolina psychiatrist.

In the first large-scale survey of eating problems in preteens, Dr. Timothy Brewerton of the Medical University of South Carolina distributed questionnaires to more

than 3,100 5th-grade through 8th-grade students in his state. He found that more than 40 percent felt they were too fat or wanted to lose weight, even though it was estimated that less than 20 percent of the children actually were overweight.

Many had also tried potentially hazardous methods of shedding their perceived extra pounds. One-third of the children said they had dieted, nearly 10 percent had fasted and almost 5 percent had

vomited to lose weight. Smaller numbers reported using diet pills, diuretics or laxatives.

Although the students did not indicate how often they engaged in these activities, Brewerton feels the survey indicates trouble.

"Any kid who has ever vomited or taken pills to lose weight has a problem," Brewerton said.

The case of Abby (not her real name), a Chicago-area resident who developed anorexia nervosa at

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Children with eating disorders

The Medical University of South Carolina surveyed 3,100 5th-8th grade students on eating disorders. More than 40 percent say they feel fat or want to lose weight. Here are some of the questions and percent of respondents who answered 'yes':

Do you want to lose weight now?

Total	Females	Males
42%	55%	28.5%

Have you ever thought you looked fat to other people?

Total	Females	Males
41.4%	54.4%	27.8%

Have you ever been afraid to eat because you thought you would gain weight?

Total	Females	Males
23%	32.5%	13.0%

Have you ever tried to lose weight by dieting?

Total	Females	Males
31.4%	42.6%	19.7%

age 11, illustrates the seemingly innocuous way eating disorders can begin.

According to Abby's mother, her daughter started dieting with a friend who wanted to lose a few pounds, to "look nice."

Abby "started watching what she ate, not snacking, and exercising," the mother said, adding, "We didn't see anything wrong with that."

But Abby, who was 5 foot 2 inches, became obsessed with thinness and had to be hospitalized when her weight dropped to 68.

Other experts expressed little surprise at the survey results, to be published in an upcoming issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

"We have a society that has gone nuts on fitness and is afraid of what we eat," said Dr. Vivian Meehan, director of the Eating Disorders Program at Highland Park Hospital. She also directs the National Association for Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD).

An estimated 8 million Americans suffer from eating disorders, which can be fatal. One advocacy group estimates that 150,000 people a year die of anorexia, but that number is impossible to confirm.

Eating disorders among children and adolescents cause special concern because of the vulnerability of their developing bodies to malnourishment, Brewerton said. Preteens who starve themselves may stunt their growth and delay

the onset of sexual maturity. Because of their small size, they also face greater risks of dehydration and chemical imbalances that can cause seizures and heart problems.

Even dieting can pose a risk to children. Studies have demonstrated nutritional deficiencies in 95 percent of commonly available diets, Meehan said.

More girls than boys tend to have the problems associated with eating disorders. For instance more than half the girls in Brewerton's survey felt they were too fat, compared to only about one-quarter of the boys.

This skew reflects patterns seen among teens and adults. Of the 100 million people in the U.S. estimated by ANAD to have an eating disorder, about 7 million are women.

Although eating disorders can have a variety of causes, Brewerton believes the societal obsession with thinness, especially worrisome to females, is one of the key ingredients—a view Meehan shares.

"If grownups are going to talk about diets and weight loss all the time, what do we expect that our young people are going to think about?" she said.

Brewerton listed some warning signs of an eating disorder to which parents should be alert:

- A sudden drop in the child's weight.

- Expressions of dissatisfaction with his or her body.

- Finding diet pills, laxative or diuretics in the child's possession, or noticing that a parent's supply of such drugs is diminished.

More information may be obtained about eating disorders by calling ANAD at (708) 831-343 or writing to P.O. Box 7, Highland Park, Ill. 60035.

THE DOCTOR'S WORLD

Working in Public to Explain

By LAWRENCE K. ALTMAN, M.D.

Special to The New York Times

ATTLANTA, Aug. 15 — The search for the cause of a mysterious AIDS-like illness is one of the rare occasions when the public witnesses scientists at work, drawing on their knowledge and technology to determine whether a newly recognized problem has important implications for the public's health.

But many of the scientists and public health officials involved in the search say they are uncomfortable about conducting their research under a spotlight, particularly when only the most preliminary and tentative findings are available for public discussions. These investigators contend that the public knows very little about the scientific process. They say that by holding public discussions like the meeting here Friday, scientists risk eroding public confidence by exposing the false leads and dead ends that are a standard but rarely acknowledged part of research.

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and a top AIDS researcher, acknowledged that there were those who felt the meeting was premature. But he said: "If we didn't have the meeting, we would be accused of having a cover-up. So if you want to march with us through the scientific arena, you must understand that there are starts and stops, false leads and wide openings where people get quick information. That is the nature of science."

In the end, even those most uncomfortable about public proceedings were congratulating each other for conducting a useful, if preliminary, conference.

The meeting, at the Centers for Disease Control, focused on reports that surfaced at an international AIDS meeting in Amsterdam three weeks ago of a small but growing number of cases of severe immune deficiency without evidence of infection with the two viruses known to cause AIDS, H.I.V.-1 and H.I.V.-2.

Until recently, complacent scientists thought they had conquered infectious diseases. However, the recognition of AIDS, Legionnaires disease and several other new diseases has shaken scientists from their overconfidence. An underlying concern of the meeting here was whether the mysterious syndrome was an old one that has occurred in low numbers; whether the numbers, though fewer than 50, are on the rise, and what relevance it has to AIDS.

Major goals of the meeting were to determine where and how often such

cases occur, whether some might be caused by hitherto unknown viruses, how the syndrome might be prevented and whether the syndrome was new. The meeting also focused on published reports from three groups of scientists about possible footprints of a virus among cases of the mysterious syndrome or closely related illnesses.

But discussion at the meeting went beyond the publications. In an unusual step, some participants opened their laboratory notebooks to present additional findings of the most preliminary nature, information that came from tests performed this week and that is still being checked out. And the scientists underwent questioning from panelists including Nobel Prize winners and members of

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ends are part of the
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the National Academy of Sciences.

Under such grilling about one experiment, a scientist acknowledged he had not used full scientific controls, thus possibly introducing an element of bias into the results.

Arguably, the greatest thrills for a scientist are in discovering a new microbe, a new disease, cure and prevention. Yet few scientists ever experience such a thrill. Many more know how quickly the exhilaration that comes from believing they are on the verge of making such a discovery vanishes when the initial findings cannot be confirmed.

In a way, scientists are responsible for the public's lack of understanding of the scientific process, because they generally present the final results neatly in a standard format of lectures and scientific articles long after the destination has been reached, without a hint of any wrong turns.

But wide publicity about research into the mysterious syndrome has frustrated many scientists because "the media is shedding light on what normally goes on in private before we have completed the work," Dr. Harold Jaffe, a top AIDS official at the Centers for Disease Control, said in an interview.

A dominant theme that emerged from the meeting was the need for scientists to keep an open mind on the public health significance of the mysterious syndrome and to avoid focusing solely on a microbe as its cause.

AIDS-Like Ills

But Dr. Fauci said it would be difficult for scientists to withstand public demands not simply for facts as they slowly emerge but for conclusions about what the facts mean.

Many participants agreed that scientists were dealing with a real syndrome, not unrelated cases of people whose levels of immunologically important CD-4 cells were naturally very low. However, discussion exposed scientific ignorance about how the count of CD-4 cells in the blood was affected by chronic ailments. Limited evidence suggests that tuberculosis and other infections can lower the count, sometimes dramatically, but precise data are lacking, as they

are for how much the CD-4 count changes with age.

Also, most participants recognized that the definition that C.D.C. has chosen for cases of the syndrome is necessarily broad and allows for inclusion of different types of cases, and that many may not be an AIDS-like illness.

"Once you throw out a broad net you are going to get a lot of tuna fish and nice sushi, but you are also going to get a lot of seaweed and skunk fish," Dr. Fauci said.

Such definitions are often amended as epidemiologists learn more about a newly detected disease, and even the name of the disease may change; AIDS was first known as GRID for



Associated Press

Dr. David Ho, left, of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Center, New York, and Dr. Sudhir Gupta of the University of California, Irvine, are investigating whether new viruses might be linked to an AIDS-like syndrome.

gay-related immune deficiency.

C.D.C. says the syndrome now under study is idiopathic, meaning its cause is unknown. But Dr. James Curran, a top AIDS official at the C.D.C., pleaded with reporters not to call it a baffling illness. Dr. Curran said it should not be called an AIDS-like illness, either, because AIDS stands for acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Dr. Curran said the public should not necessarily jump to the conclusion that the syndrome is acquired. For example, the mysterious syndrome might reflect a genetic problem.

But among those who believe it is probably acquired, viruses are the prime suspects, reflecting a widespread belief that many viruses and other microbes exist in nature but have not been discovered. Many such viruses may turn out to be harmless. Others may cause some of the diseases for which no cause is now known.

Several scientists expressed confidence that if the AIDS-like illness is caused by a virus, it will be identified quickly.

In identifying a new virus, scientists go through a drill. One step is to exclude the possibility that known viruses somehow found their way from elsewhere in a laboratory into the very test tubes being used to identify the new microbe. Such contamination is a well-known problem, one that has tripped up even the most respected scientists. Much of the questioning at the Atlanta meeting focused on the possibility that the scientists who suspect they have new viruses may instead be dealing with contaminants.

One frequently discussed possibility was mycoplasmas. These microbes can alter laboratory tests in a way that creates the impression that a virus is present when it is not. Also, mycoplasma contaminants can mask the presence of a virus when it is there. In fact, one researcher here said that a suspect new virus turned out to be a mycoplasma after extensive testing.

Discovery of a virus is only the first step toward proving that it is the cause of a particular illness. A further step in the drill is the development of blood and other tests that can be used in large studies to determine whether the virus is related to the ailment being investigated and to identify infected people.

To speed up the research, Dr. Fauci has said he will establish a repository at the National Institutes of Health so scientists can draw from it to test each other's specimens of suspect new viruses. But so far no specimens have been received.

Few scientific meetings take place in the dramatic spotlight that illuminated the session in Atlanta. But perhaps because of the attention, and certainly because of the urgency of the subject, this meeting was exemplary in its efficient presentation and free exchange of fresh data.

And while most scientific meetings end abruptly, without an attempt to summarize the new data and findings, officials scheduled a closing session to try to provide a perspective on the tentative findings and a direction for future studies.

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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Houston, Texas

DATE 18 August 1992

TIME	MOVEMENTS
0945	Depart Houstonian Hotel via Motorcade
1000	Arrive Hamilton Middle School
1035	Depart Hamilton Middle School via Motorcade
1050	Arrive Houstonian Hotel
1225	Depart Houstonian Hotel via Motorcade (LOW KEY)
1232	Arrive Otto's BBQ (LOW KEY)
1250	Depart Otto's BBQ via Motorcade (LOW KEY)
1316	Arrive Houstonian Hotel (LOW KEY)
1812	Depart Houstonian Hotel via Motorcade (LOW KEY)
1828	Arrive Museum of History (LOW KEY)
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1840	Arrive Fine Arts Museum
1954	Depart Fine Arts Museum via Motorcade
2009	Arrive Houstonian Hotel



SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

Tuesday, August 18, 1992

• Houston

Houston, Texas

• Republican National Convention

8:30 am

Intelligence Briefing

(Scowcroft)

8:45 am

National Security Briefing

(Scowcroft)

9:40 am

The President departs for
Alexander Hamilton Middle School
for Address to "Kick Drugs Out of
America" Foundation
(McBride)

10:30 am

Arrives Houstonian

1:30 pm

Appointment with Mr. Ditto

(Tamaris)

2:30 pm

Pre-Brief for Interviews

(Smith)

3:00 pm

Interview with Jim Lehrer, PBS

(Smith)

3:15 pm

Interview with Local

Affiliates

(Smith)

3:55 pm

Interview with Russ Hodge,

ABC Network

(Smith)

6:10 pm

The President and Mrs. Bush
depart for Private Reception
at the Museum of Fine Arts
(McBride)

7:20 pm

Arrive Houstonian

• END Houston

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary
(Houston, Texas)

Internal Transcript

August 18, 1992

INTERVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT
BY
JIM LEHRER OF PBS

The Houstonian
Houston, Texas

3:05 P.M. CDT

Q Mr. President, welcome.

THE PRESIDENT: Jim, it's nice to see you again.

Q Let's start with some basics, if I could please, sir. How would a second Bush term be fundamentally different from the first one?

THE PRESIDENT: I think you're going to see a rather booming economy. This one started off fairly strong, got very anemic, went into a little recession -- I say little because it didn't last overly long. We've been out of it in the national economic standards sense for about four quarters, But it's anemic growth. And some places are in recession, some places recovered well, but it's tiny growth. But we are poised for very strong economic growth and that will accomplish a lot for this country.

Q Anything that you are going to do differently as President of the United States, function differently?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm going to, hopefully, have a different Congress to work with and then we'll function a lot differently in terms of getting a lot of things done for the American people. We've got a good revolutionary educational program. We've got a strong program for anticrime. We've got some great initiatives in terms of housing, for example. And to be very candid with you, I have not been able to get them through this hostile Congress.

So the Congress is going to change. You're going to have a hundred and some new members, some Republican, some Democrat, but each one of them is going to have to go out to the American people and listen. And when they come back I think we're going to find a much more cooperative relationship between me and that Congress. And then you can move things.

Even in this Congress we got things done when I first came into office, as you may remember -- the child care, ADA bill, Clean Air Act that people have been trying to do for a long time. But you have to strike early; you've got to strike really in the first quarter of the year.

Q But is there anything about your approach to the presidency, your approach to leadership, whether it's dealing with Congress or communicating with the people or dealing with the bureaucracy -- anything there that is going to be fundamentally different than what the public has seen the last four years?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I hope they're going to see a major commitment to making things better at home. And I'm not sure that's there. I know I've tried very hard, but I've got to get that more clarified. And part of that is getting control of

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I was about to say, but getting control of the Congress. When President Reagan came in he had control of one House of the Congress, he had control of the Senate. A lot of things happened, good things right in the beginning. Lost control and it was much more difficult.

So we can form coalitions, and when we can I think people will see much more vigorous action on the domestic front. I think they've seen a lot of change and action on the foreign affairs front and that's been spectacular. But in that one, the President -- in this instance, me -- did not have to rely on Congress to get much of that agenda done.

Q Will the people in a second Bush administration be essentially the same -- the Cabinet, the people at the White House, running the various agencies and that sort of thing?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I think you'll, see as in any second term, a lot of changes. A lot of changes in people, maybe in structuring in the Executive Branch itself. But, no, you're going to see a lot of changes. You do after every first four years and you'll see plenty of new faces, plenty of changes in this administration.

Q Will you make those changes because you feel something has been wrong --

THE PRESIDENT: No --

Q -- or are you just doing it because you think it's just a good thing to do?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I think you do it because you get -- after four years you need a new sense of revitalizing the bureaucracy. And four years is heavy duty in a Cabinet officer's role. And so I think people have found -- and as I look over my shoulder I remember back in '72 when Nixon came in, things like that -- people always make these changes. But it's good. It just revitalizes it.

Q So there would be a new Bush cabinet?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes. I wouldn't say every single person but --

Q Pretty close?

THE PRESIDENT: You'll see some changes. Well, I can't help you on that, Jim. First thing I want to do is be reelected to get something done for the people in this country.

Q But you don't see the connection between laying out possible changes in the way you do business and getting reelected?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I don't know about -- yes, I see plenty of connection because what I'm going to do is do what Harry Truman did in 1948 and say you really want some change, change the one institution that hasn't changed its control in 38 years, the House of Representatives. They tell the President how to spend every dime. They tell him how to appropriate every dime. So let's change that one institution that hasn't been touched. And Congress -- I've had some problems out there, but nothing compared to the Congress. And that is where the gridlock comes about and that's what has to change.

Q But how is that going to change, Mr. President? I don't know of a poll, I don't even know of a Republican dreamer anywhere who suggests that the control of the Congress is going to be anything but Democratic come January, 1993.

THE PRESIDENT: In the first place, Jim, I haven't seen any polls on it that I'd believe at this time. These polls are screwy. I mean, I think it's very difficult to make judgments on polls. What I'm saying is you've already seen, I think, an opening of close to 100 seats in the House, maybe that many or maybe more, and those are going to be new people. You've already got a major shake-up in the House. Now, it might not be physical control, but there are going to be people that agree with my ideas more than they are that agree with the tax-and-spend philosophy of the Clinton administration, if there should ever be one.

Q Well, everything I think you would agree, would you not, sir, the Perot phenomenon among other things, was a very good indication that the people feel the government has not worked.

THE PRESIDENT: Right.

Q There's been gridlock between you and the Congress. Now, what are you going to do differently, assuming for discussion purposes, that the Congress doesn't change its fundamental --

THE PRESIDENT: It is changing. You've already got over 100 new people. Jim, please accept that fundamental premise. You've already got that much change. They got so bad at that post office and the bank that people are dropping like flies out there. So it's a dramatic change.

Q Let me try it one more way. Are you going to change the way you approach Congress regardless of whether there are 100 new members, whether it remains exactly the same? Are you going to deal with Congress the way you've dealt with them the last four years?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm going to try to deal with Congress in a cooperative way. But I'm going to say here's what the American people have now elected me to do for four more years. These are the approaches they want in health care. These are the approaches they want on anticrime legislation. These are the approaches, my policies on education. Now, pass them and give them what they want. I don't care about party. Pass them.

Because you're right -- people are worried about the gridlock. But when I hear these Democrats go out to California, running for the Senate, and talk about we're for strong anticrime legislation, and then come back and vote against strong anticrime legislation, they have got to be exposed. Congress has to change. And, sure, I'm perfectly willing to change. But I've held out my hand to this Congress, and the American people know it. And I've had it bitten off. And I'm not going to do that anymore. I'm going to put more pressure on them. Maybe go back to a little like Lyndon used to work it.

Q How would you put the pressure on?

THE PRESIDENT: Just expose individual members who talk duplicitously. I have not done that yet. You know, take it to the American people. Take the case. Do you remember how Franklin Roosevelt used to do it, singling out Fish, Barton and somebody else? It was -- you know, it's a different approach. But I've got to try something different because I want to move this country forward. And we've done it in world affairs. Done it dramatically. And the people are going to understand that. Why was the President successful? He didn't have to go to this gridlocked Congress to get something done.

Q So the gridlock, from your perspective, is solely the responsibility of Congress?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes. Absolutely.

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Q You bear no responsibility at all?

THE PRESIDENT: Well --

Q I'm just asking.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, of course, I feel a responsibility that I haven't gotten done the things I want done. I don't think it's a question of blame, I think it's a question of fact. What institution hasn't changed? What hasn't been tried? What we tried was a Democratic Congress and a Democratic President. We tried that in the late '70s and we ended up with a Misery Index that went right through into orbit -- unemployment and inflation added together. The Misery Index invented, I might add, by the Democratic Party. That was their way of trying to embarrass us.

So that's been tried. What hasn't been tried are people that think like I do and want to get solutions to problems that I have. And they haven't been tried because they are blocked and gridlocked in this Congress.

Q Of course, as you know, the Democrats say, hey, wait a minute, Mr. President, you and President Reagan have been running this country for the last 12 years. So who -- how can you blame the Congress without accepting some of the responsibility?

THE PRESIDENT: I'll take some of it. No, I'll take some of it.

Q What do you say to the American people who say, wait a minute, you're bashing the Congress. The Congress is out -- as you know, as we speak, there are members of Congress in the Democratic Party bashing you. So what does this --

THE PRESIDENT: So what's new about that? They've been bashing me. I'm just starting to fight, Jim.

Q Okay, but what does that say about the prospects for doing something in Washington if you all are all out doing that already?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let's let the people decide whether it's the President or the Congress. And I think it's the Congress. And it hasn't changed for 38 years. I'm not sure people realize that -- these same old entrenched subcommittee people -- and they've got the bank and post office scandal on their hands to prove it. That's something that the American people are going to have in their sights this time. And I'll put my case up against the Congress any time. But we've got to change the Congress. And the good news is, there's already locked in a change of about 25 percent of the Congress -- already locked in there.

Q Let me ask you, finally, when you look ahead to a second term, a second four years, and the end of that four-year term, and you're going to concentrate now, as you say, on domestic affairs, what would you really -- what would be the most important thing that you would want to accomplish this next four years?

THE PRESIDENT: I will want to have accomplished a change domestically on education, health care, and the whole anticrime-antidrug front. I would wanted to have come close to winning the war on drugs. We're making dramatic progress. But that's a major goal of mine.

I feel passionately about the need to change the education system. And we can't get that done, because some of the national education goals that I put in, with the governors' help, requiring math and science proficiency by the year 2000,



Wednesday, August 19, 1992

News of the Day

The Daily Line for Republican Newsmakers

George and Barbara Bush – Protecting America's Values

The Convention Today

- Tonight when President Bush and Vice President Quayle are renominated, differences will be drawn between the two parties and the two candidates on the basic issue of values.
 - George and Barbara Bush embody the traditional values of America.
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Today: Republicans will show that George and Barbara Bush share with the American people the values and beliefs that make our country great – belief in God, commitment to family, hard work and responsibility.

A parent's right to send their children to the school of their choice – public, private, or religious – a welfare system that encourages families to stay together, and a child's right to pray in the classroom – these are the values George Bush believes in.

The policies of President Bush and the Republican Party promote personal responsibility, family stability and economic strength. America's most effective domestic program starts with parents who teach their children the difference between right and wrong.

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George Bush believes the best decisions for living are made at kitchen tables, not committee hearing rooms. George Bush says ask mom and dad. Bill Clinton says ask Big Brother. Or as Barbara Bush puts it, what goes on in your house is more important than what goes on in the White House.

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August 18, 1992
(12 noon)

CLINTON CAMPAIGN UNVEILS NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**BACKGROUND**

DNC Chair Ron Brown held a press conference today at 10:30 a.m. at Pappadeaux's restaurant in Houston to unveil the Clinton campaign's new ads. The two ads, transcripts attached, are fifteen-second spots on taxes and the "true nature of economic growth" in the 1990s.

GUIDANCE

1. All along we have heard complaints about negative campaigning, but look who's putting out the first negative ads of the campaign -- Bill Clinton.
2. Ironically, Bill Clinton is only focusing attention on three of his greatest vulnerabilities:
 - his appalling economic record in Arkansas;
 - his tax-and-spend record in Arkansas, where he has raised taxes and fees 128 times; and
 - his current "economic plan" which calls for the largest tax increase in American history (this figure does even include the payroll taxes required by his "health care plan" or other hidden taxes and mandates on small business).
3. Clinton should talk. If his economic growth plan is implemented it would cost 2.6 million American jobs. His health care plan alone would result in at least 700,000 pink slips, and his proposal on CAFE standards would put the livelihood of up to 300,000 Americans at risk.

ATTACHED ARE TRANSCRIPTS AND ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS

AD #1

Claim: Bush Signed the Second Largest Tax Increase in U.S. History

Facts:

1. The 1990 budget agreement was forced on the President by a Democratic Congress obsessed with spending.
2. Bill Clinton's wants a tax increase of at least \$150 billion over four years, the largest tax increase in American history -- and the payroll taxes he now admits to be part of his health care plan add at least another \$80 billion to the total.
3. We welcome a debate on taxes -- we're against them; Bill Clinton wants them.

Claim: Arkansas Has the Second Lowest Tax Burden in America

Facts:

1. Clinton is too slick by half. Arkansas's tax revenue is low only because Arkansas's citizens have been kept so poor under Bill Clinton. And even though they're poor, they still pay a bigger percentage of their personal income in taxes than do people in most other states. In taxes as a percentage of personal income -- the only individual tax burden measure that matters -- Arkansas is 20th highest.

AD #2

Claim: America Has Had No Job Growth, and Wages Have Fallen

Facts:

1. America has created 20 million new jobs since 1982.
2. Wages -- real compensation per hour -- fell during Jimmy Carter's Administration. They have increased since 1982. And they have increased in the last year.
3. Bill Clinton would raise payroll taxes by at least 10 percent, which would automatically and instantly cut wages for most working Americans.

Claim: Arkansas Leads the U.S. in Job Growth, and Income is Up at Twice the National Rate

Facts:

1. The only jobs Bill Clinton has created are low-paying, low-quality jobs, as Arkansas's income statistics make clear. The ability to create chicken processing jobs is not a qualification for President.
2. Per capita and median family income in Arkansas both increased at a slower pace than the nation's from 1980 to 1989. Arkansas's per capita income is a smaller percentage of the national average than it was in 1980. Arkansas's median family income is a smaller percentage of the national average than it was in 1980.

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POOL REPORT # 4

August 18, 1992

(Houston, Texas)

Bush has an aerobic barbecue lunch. A few words that don't amount to anything on Iraq. He's not nervous about his big speech. And talk about fighting over the check. P.S. He lost the fight.

If the election were held today Bush would carry Otto's Bar-B-Que where he received a standing ovation.

Bush spent a half hour over a mixed plate (beef and sausage links), side of slaw and an iced tea with diners at this popular Houston lunch spot. Your pool couldn't identify his lunch companions who may have been regular citizens.

He tried to pay at the checkout window with a crisp \$50 bill which he took out of a well-worn brown leather wallet.

Cashier Lydia Moreno refused the money and tried to stuff it in his shirt pocket. He took the money and tried to force it into her hand. Back and forth, back and forth about three times.

"No, no NOPE!" an adamant Moreno insisted. She wore a button that says, "Otto's Bar-B-Que The President's Favorite".

Finally, Bush stuffed the \$50 into his pants pocket and turned to the pool to say, "Let the record show, I tried."

Your intrepid pool established that the luncheon would have cost \$6.82 if he had been permitted to pay for it.

Carrying his tray away to his table, Bush turned to a nearby diner who was just finishing up his lunch and said, "You thought you were going to have a nice quiet lunch. Sorry about that.:"

As Bush stood at the cash register, waiting for his chow, a pooler asked if he was going to "drop kick" Clinton (a reference to the karate show Bush saw earlier in the day).

With studied attention to the location of the TV cameras, Bush winked and gave the "A OK" sign by making a circle with his thumb and index finger.

At Otto's equivalent of the Fixin's Bar, he was collared by your pool. Helen pressed him on Iraq, asking if he had anything to do with the non-inspection of a ministry in Baghdad.

The president, perhaps referring to the old NYT story that vexed him so, declared, "That was the worst (voice trails off) As career journalists, I know you must be terribly embarrassed."

Why was the inspection avoided, Helen pressed. "Let's let history show that one," Bush dodged.

As he continued to make his way to the table with his tray full of cholesterol, Bush was asked if expectations were too high on the Thursday night speech.

"Lower them will ya? Lower the high bar a little bit. It'll be a good speech."

Asked if he was nervous he replied, "Let's see, Ellen I asked my grandson if he was nervous and he said NO! I would say, 'I want it to be good. Not nervous. I've spoken to large crowds before. You were with me in Poland.'"

Although other reporters found diners who were not sure they would vote for Bush, everyone I talked to liked him a lot.

A random sample:

John Cavallaro, 60, dining with daughter Lauren, 7 mos., wife Karen, 34, they sell a food supplement, live in Houston

John: "I'm excited about what the Republican party is going to do for the country in the next four years.

Karen: "I think he's strong. I think he can make decisions. I'm a fiscal conservative. I like his emphasis on getting people off welfare, getting them to work. I like his pro-life stand. I like the choice of Quayle. I like Bush's loyalty to Quayle. I think that showed a lot of character. And I love Barbara.

John: "She makes better cookies than Hillary with one spoon tied behind her back."

Steve Moore, 33, a telecommunications manager, of Houston: Likes Bush "He tries to be honest. Outwardly he might seem like a wimp but his reaction with Saddam shows he's not going to take anything. Are you better off than you were four years ago? I know I am. One hundred per cent."

Buddy Nix, 50, a Department of Justice employee in law enforcement, of Houston: "I just have a lot of confidence in him. He's honest. He's sincere. A man of integrity who can make the right decisions for the country."

No lunch for the pool, which would have happily paid double \$6.82.

Ellen Warren
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

POOL REPORT # 3
August 18, 1992

(Houston, Texas)

White House Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater spoke about Thursday night's speech, Big Mo and Iraq.

On the big speech: Fitzwater said five or six people have been working on it full time, but Steve Provost is writing the final draft. Fitzwater would not answer questions on whether or not it would include a tax proposal. "I don't want to talk about specifics." "Most of it will focus on where he's taking the country - what his ideas are for the next four years - very positive in tone... He'll have a lot of interesting ideas in it and "It'll be meaty, substantive. It'll be rousing...they'll be news in it but I don't want to talk about specifics."

It's in a final form. As these things happen they go through a lot of changes in the final days. People come in with ideas and there's always a lot of rhetorical flourishes that get added in the last day or two... The substance is pretty well complete.

Ray Price is one of those working on the speech. Peggy Noonan is not. "No, she's become a journalist," Fitzwater said.

"These last 24 hours have been perfect. They've been wonderful. We're off and rolling."

Speaking to the pool outside the Chuck Norris event Fitzwater said, "He (Bush) thought yesterday's evening was outstanding in terms of giving the party momentum and defining the Campaign issues we want to talk about. President Reagan of course gave an outstanding speech on the beliefs of our party and accomplishments during his term of office - an emotional and we think a rousing evening from the standpoint of getting momentum of the party and getting the convention off to a great start."

"The President will continue to have a good strong set of remarks about the opposing candidate. He said he was coming to Houston to start this Campaign and yesterday we got it off to a rousing start."

Provost also wrote yesterday's rally speech Fitzwater said.

He said Bush watched all of the Convention speeches last night on his television from his Houstonian suite and tonight, "I'm sure he'll watch most of them." Although Bush is not scheduled to go to the Hall before Thursday night, it could happen, Fitzwater said, "We don't have anything scheduled, but it's like Iraq. I wouldn't rule anything out."

Asked if the Bush speech would alienate moderates, Fitzwater said, "I think all the speeches were good but Pat Buchanan laid out some very hard issues and tried to point out differences between our two parties and there are differences." Asked if the Buchanan speech did not mention Bush enough, Fitzwater said, "We thought his support was just right."

On Iraq: Asked if the US halted a planned visit to an Iraqi Ministry Fitzwater said, "No. We don't have anything to do with the selection of the inspection sites or the timing of their access."

On the issue of allies protecting Shiites in Southern Iraq, Fitzwater said, "We have a very deep concern about them because the UN resolutions forbid the repression of the Iraqi people and certainly to the degree that Saddam Hussein is attacking Shias in the South, it looks to be a violation of the UN resolution. We are watching it and we are consulting with our allies but I wouldn't comment on any courses of action. "

Bush is going out to lunch. More later.

Ellen Warren - Knight Ridder Newspapers

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THE PRESIDENT

August 18, 1992

Dear Martin,

Thanks for that warm note and for forwarding Reverend Trache's letter. It's unfortunate, but my schedule has me travelling the entire Labor Day weekend, so I can't accept his offer to meet with the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church. I would appreciate your getting back to Reverend Trache for me. Please explain that my schedule for the next few months is horrendous but wish him a successful meeting.

The convention is off to a good start, and I'm fired up. We'll win!

see you tonight Warm regards,
at "Friends" party

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable Martin L. Allday, Jr.
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Room 9000
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Washington, D.C. 20426

From the desk of
George Bush

Rose

Mr. President,
The campaign
has you travelling
this Labor Day
weekend.
Ref

1. Thank
Martin
2. send NRC request
asking him to tell
Rev. Trache

BUSH LIBRARY PHOTOCOPY - GEORGE BUSH HANDWRITING

CHAIRMAN

8/14/92

Mr. President —



Enclosed is a self explanatory Letter from the Priest at my Church who helped obtain the paper done by a group of Episcopal Bishops who differed with Bishops Bawing on the Need to engage in a "Just War". You may recall reading the paper at Camp David while you were wrestling with your decision to send troops into battle — Desert Storm.

I do not know how to evaluate the suggestion made from a political viewpoint — But something might fit that could help — and it appears you have some clergy who want to help.

This note is being written just prior to Father's

and my leaving for the Convention — and I
am certain your town is loaded — — But is
the suggestion interests you feel free to call the
priest who wrote me — otherwise just let me
know that your schedule just won't fit — and
I will tell him no-go —

Mr. President, at this time of our lives, I find
myself recalling the pride I have in having supported you
from the very start — and doing what I can to help. I
feel good about your church positions pertaining to
family — and the Right ways in life — and continue
to rest well with you as President. So stay tough —

Walter S. Elden

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

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August 10, 1992

Mr. Martin Allday
601 Fontaine Street
Alexandria, VA 22302

Dear Martin,

As you know, the Episcopal Church in the United States has long been involved in working toward the reconciliation of the peoples in the Holy Land and has been a strong supporter of the Administration's efforts to bring peace to that troubled area.

In September the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church will meet in Baltimore. The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee, Bishop of Virginia and President of The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, is inviting a group of about 50 bishops and their spouses to gather on Sunday evening, September 6 to share their concern for the people of Israel/Palestine, especially the dwindling Christian community, and what action they and the people in their dioceses can take. United States policy is naturally a vital interest.

As we discussed yesterday, President Bush, as President and Episcopalian, would be ideal to talk at this gathering about the prospects for a lasting peace, including the loan guarantees and the settlements, the future of the Palestinians and Israelis, and how we Americans can participate and contribute. Of course, Secretary Baker or Assistant Secretary Eagleburger would also be very effective with this informed and influential group. I am certain that there is considerable political mileage to be gained and that such a meeting could only benefit the Bush administration.

Once you have a commitment, we can work on locating this meeting where it is most convenient for Messrs. Bush, Baker or Eagleburger. We could easily arrange for the group to come to Washington for a reception or dinner.

I really appreciate your offer to help in this matter, Martin. Please let me know if you need more information or other assistance.

Xapis,

Bob

Robert G. Trache
Rector



*Mr. President,
The campaign
has you travelling
that Labor Day*

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THE PRESIDENT

August 18, 1992

Dear Loretta and Mooney,

Thanks so much for the thoughtful fax of August 11. Barbara and I are sorry we won't see you at the Convention but are glad to know we have your support and spirit.

The Convention is off to a good start and I am confident about November.

Best wishes to you both. *Barbara sends her love.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. H. W. Bush".

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Mooney Lynn
Loretta Lynn Enterprises, Incorporated
P.O. Box 120369
Nashville, Tennessee 37212-0369



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The President

THROUGH: Ron Kaufman

FROM: Ron Walker 

DATE: August 12, 1992

SUBJ: Loretta Lynn

Mr. President:

I thought that you would like to see the Lynns' note. They are extremely supportive, but, due to a busy schedule, are unable to attend the convention.

*Loretta
Lynn*

Loretta Lynn Enterprises, Inc.
P.O. Box 120369
Nashville, TN 37212-0369

August 11, 1992

Bush-Quayle '92 Committee
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

We are currently working two shows per day, five days a week and can't make it to Houston in body but we will be there in spirit.

We are wishing you the greatest success ever and we're behind you all the way. We look forward to seeing you in Branson after the Republican convention.

Sincerely,

Mooney and Loretta Lynn



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THE PRESIDENT

August 18, 1992

Dear Ms. Bowser,

I just arrived at the Houstonian and received your letters and gifts. I, too, wish that you could give me a Republican Congress. Nevertheless, I'm delighted to have the t-shirts and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

We're all looking forward to the convention. I am told the speaking schedule is already set, so I've passed on your tape and letter regarding the homeless to my staff for them to take a close look at.

Thanks for your support. With best wishes,

Sincerely,

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

GIFT: 2 T-shirts,
"Dump the Congress"
& tape, "How to solve
the homeless probl."
w/ 2 letters.

Ms. Jeanne Bowser
Flags 'n Fun
Post Office Box 980904
Houston, Texas 77098-0904

Jeanne Bowser

Flags 'n Fun
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(713) 521-9911

August 14, 1992

The President
The Houstonian
Houston, Texas

Dear President Bush,

I've been listening to you Mr. President. If I could do it all alone, I would give you a Republican Congress.

These T-shirts have been selling very well for the last month. They hit a deep chord with the American public.

Mr. President, please hammer the congress at the convention. They deserve to be dumped. They've been spending my hard earned money foolishly.

I hope you will wear these shirts jogging and allow the media to capture the message on film for all America to see. Sometimes humor can convey a message that a thousand speeches won't.

In my wildest dreams, if you could lose the dignity of your office for a moment, I'd say wear the T-shirt under your suit and rip it back like Clark Kent when he becomes Superman. It certainly would be a memorable moment!

I'm thinking about taking the dumptruck artwork and using a new slogan...

KEEP QUAYLE

DUMP THE PRESS!

I wish News Director of the major networks was an elected position. We need to lose a few news directors.

I've enclosed some new artwork for Give America a Republican Congress. I hope to produce these soon. I wish I'd thought of it sooner. Please ask the American people for a Republican Congress for the first time in 50 years! They just might give you what you ask for.

Sincerest best wishes,


Jeanne Bowser

Jeanne Bowser

Original letter
with tape sent to
Phil Brady to have
response prepared.

P.O. Box 980904
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August 14, 1992

The President
The Houstonian
Houston, Texas

Dear President Bush,

I would like to speak at the Republican Convention on behalf of you and the homeless. I have enclosed a 13 minute tape describing what I can say that will take the homeless issue out of the realm of government and put it on the backs of the people.

The President cannot solve the homeless problem. The government cannot solve the homeless problem. I can solve the homeless problem. Each family in America can solve the homeless problem. There are two less homeless people now because of my work.

If you will listen to this tape, I believe you will see that I can help you more than anyone except Mrs. Bush when it comes to diffusing this issue.

Also, I have outlined the Painless Penny tax which is a sure ticket to winning the election.

I also invite you on a tour under the bridges of Downtown Houston where the homeless live. It would be extraordinarily positive publicity!!! Mr. President, the people will vote for you if you come to them, because they trust you.

I was a top strategist for Ogilvy & Mather in Houston on the American Express, Shell Oil Co. and Wortham Center accounts. Please listen to my tape.

Sincerely Republican,

Jeanne Bowser
Jeanne Bowser



News Summary

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1992
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NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH VOWS 'STUNNING POLITICAL COMEBACK' -- President Bush arrived in his adopted home city on Monday to await his party's nomination for a second term, conceding his big lag in the polls but calling himself "a fighter." (AP, Washington Times, Washington Post)

BUSH PROMISES VFW HE'LL KEEP U.S. MILITARY STRONG -- President Bush promised the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Monday that he would keep the U.S. militarily strong and that he would never tamper with veterans' benefits. (Boston Globe)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BUSH: U.S. WON'T 'GO OFF UNILATERALLY' AGAINST IRAQ -- President Bush has said the U.S. will not act unilaterally to force Iraq to comply with U.N. resolutions but expressed confidence the Gulf War coalition will remain together if "tough action" is needed. (Boston Globe)

34 U.S. TROOPS FLY TO KENYA FOR SOMALIA AIRLIFT -- American troops flew into Kenya Monday to prepare a U.S. airlift for starving Somalia, where relief supplies are being plundered by gun-toting gangs. (Washington Times)

NETWORK NEWS (Monday evening)

CONVENTION/BUSH INTERVIEW -- President Bush arrived in Houston, determined to fight his way back into the hearts of the people.

IRAQ/ARMS INSPECTORS -- The U.N. team decided not to go through with a surprise inspection in an Iraqi ministry.

FOREIGN POLICY/BUSH RECORD -- President Bush knows the political benefits of reaching for the proverbial phone.

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NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH SAYS HE'S A FIGHTER, VOWS 'STUNNING POLITICAL COMEBACK'

HOUSTON -- President Bush arrived in his adopted home city on Monday to await his party's nomination for a second term, conceding his big lag in the polls but calling himself "a fighter." He predicted November's election would be "curtain time" for Bill Clinton.

"It starts right now," Bush declared, joining Vice President Quayle for the celebration in an arena next to the Astrodome.

Speaking shortly after he arrived in Houston, Bush conceded he was badly trailing Bill Clinton in the polls. But, he said, "You know me. In politics, I've always done better when I fight back, when I'm behind. It gives you a certain freedom." Referring to the Astrodome as "the eighth wonder of the world," Bush said, "Well, Houston, get ready for Wonder No. 9 -- the most stunning political comeback since Harry Truman gave them hell in 1948."

Bush gave an emotional endorsement of Quayle, calling him "a super Vice President and he will be for another four years."

(Tom Raum, AP)

Bush Hits Houston With A Bang

HOUSTON -- A buoyant and bellicose President Bush arrived at his party convention Monday with a tax cut up his sleeve to stop the political bloodshed he caused by betraying his "no new taxes" pledge from the last convention.

Bush first alluded to the tax-cut plan in his speech to war veterans en route to Texas. Some advisers also were touting the topic, but everyone parried requests to spell it out. Robert Teeter said the acceptance speech may not spell it out either, since it won't be a "detailed policy speech."

The President's Marine One helicopter dropped into the convention site on the sprawling Astrodome grounds Monday night for an unprecedented opening-day welcoming ceremony also attended by Vice President Quayle. Flanked by heart surgeons Michael DeBakey and Denton Cooley on one side and Warren Moon of the Houston Oilers on the other, Bush seemed excited and finally in his element.

Finally abandoning the last pretext of not campaigning, Bush attacked Democratic congressional leaders in far more vivid terms than he has ever used. "I held out my hand to those crazy guys. I held out my hand only to have it bitten off," Bush said.

(Frank Murray, Washington Times, A1)

Bush Promises Party A 'Comeback'

HOUSTON -- A combative President Bush set the tone for the 35th Republican National Convention here Monday, defiantly attacking Bill Clinton and promising his anxious supporters "the most stirring political comeback since Harry Truman gave them hell in 1948."

Bush's fiery address, punctuated by sarcasm toward his opponents and Texas bravado about the Republican's campaign strategy, stole the scene on the opening day of a convention designed to revive and redefine the President's lagging campaign and tear into Clinton and the Democrats.

Bush's speech at a pep rally that was nothing less than a political coming-out party showed an enthusiastic candidate finally throwing off any pretense of Oval Office decorum. He was more animated and biting than he has been all year and promised his supporters not to let up on the Democrats for the duration of the campaign....

Sen. Simpson, in a convention address, quoted from Clinton's letter to an Army ROTC colonel in 1969 in which he said he did not flee the country during the Vietnam War because he wanted to maintain his "political viability." Simpson described the phrase as a sign of "cynicism" by Clinton and asked, "How many other times did you sell your political soul to maintain your political viability?"

Sen. Lugar attacked Clinton's inexperience in foreign affairs, saying that in view of the upheavals in the last four years, "This is not the time for on-the-job training for an amateur."

(Dan Balz, Washington Post, A1)

**TAKING GLOVES OFF, BUSH THE
CANDIDATE ARRIVES IN HOUSTON**

HOUSTON -- This was the day President Bush -- and perhaps even more, his anxious supporters -- had been waiting for. After weeks of promising to be a candidate and tiptoeing to the edge, as he put it, of being one, George Bush the candidate arrived here Monday and instantly whipped off the gloves.

The President attacked Bill Clinton as a man who "ridicules or attacks me as we talk about family values," who has denigrated America, who wants to gut the national security and who has proposed what Bush said would be the largest tax increase in U.S. history.

Earlier, before the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Indianapolis, Bush repeatedly emphasized his wartime service in a way that was likely to call to mind the fact that Clinton did not serve in the military during the Vietnam War. "That war was controversial," Bush said. "Many refused to serve." Later, he said the memories of "watching our buddies go down in battle... are etched in my mind, as they are in yours.... As long as I am President I make this solemn promise: We will always stand by those who stood up for America."

The President, who was introduced as a lifetime member of the VFW, received a warm but not wildly enthusiastic welcome as he repeatedly noted his commitment to veterans and their families.

(Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A17)

**BUSH PROMISES VFW HE'LL
KEEP U.S. MILITARY STRONG**

INDIANAPOLIS -- President Bush promised the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Monday that he would keep the U.S. militarily strong and that he would never tamper with veterans' benefits.

Speaking at a VFW gathering on his way to the Republican convention, Bush also practiced two major themes he will dwell on in the presidential campaign this fall: family values and better health care without "a government takeover."

Bush made only subtle allusions to Bill Clinton. In paying tribute to those who served in Vietnam, Bush told the veterans, "many refused to serve... and you were fighting with one hand tied behind your back. Still, you fought with courage and with valor. God bless those of you who served in that troubled war."

(John Mashek, Boston Globe)

**QUAYLE REITERATES DEFENSE
OF 'TRADITIONAL VALUES'**

HOUSTON -- The last time Dan Quayle appeared at a Republican National Convention, he looked like a man in shock after a narrow escape from death. Monday, four years later, Quayle was back before his fellow Republicans, mocking Bill Clinton and heaping scorn on the news media and the "elites" who "sneer" at family values.

Quayle arrived at an evangelical rally to be greeted with signs reading "Dan Quayle was Right," featuring a picture of Murphy Brown with a huge X across the image. Signs proclaiming "Dan Quayle: Right for America" were held aloft.

Quayle, with his family arrayed behind him, defended his attack last May on Murphy Brown for having an illegitimate child. "I don't care what my critics say. I will never back down from talking about traditional values," he said.

Avi Weiss of the Jewish Defense League briefly interrupted Quayle's speech to criticize the Bush Administration's policies toward Israel, and then reappeared later at another Quayle speech, to the American-Israel Political Action Committee. As Quayle was declaring himself a "pro-Israel Republican and proud of it," Weiss jumped to his feet and shouted, "You've been wonderful, but tell your boss to stop bullying Israel."

Quayle acknowledged that the Bush Administration's relations with Israel have "not always been smooth... we've had some rough times, but when all is said and done, there's been a lot more done than said."

(Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A16)

**REAGAN ISSUES SPIRITED CALL
FOR BUSH RE-ELECTION**

HOUSTON -- Ronald Reagan, a beloved leader of the Republican Party, said Monday night he will stand by George Bush "warmly, genuinely, wholeheartedly" through probably the toughest fight of his political life.

Poking fun at the Democrats' convention last month in New York, Reagan said, "You might even call it slick. A stone's throw from Broadway it was and how appropriate." Zeroing in on Bill Clinton, Reagan said the Democrats were blowing smoke with their claims. "I'd follow the example of their nominee: don't inhale," Reagan quipped.

Reagan told the convention, "We know George Bush. By his own admission, he is a quiet man, not a showman. He is a trustworthy and level-headed leader who is respected around the world," Reagan said. "His is a steady hand on the tiller through the choppy waters of the '90s, which is exactly what we need. We need George Bush."

Democratic Chairman Ron Brown said Bush had tried to distance himself from Reagan four years ago but "now has called upon Ronald Reagan to salvage his failed presidency." Brown said, "During the Reagan years, nine out of 10 Americans saw their taxes go up; the number of children living in poverty went up; the number of hours families had to work to maintain their earnings went up -- all as the effective tax rates for the top earners in our society went down, substantially down." (Terence Hunt, AP)

**BUCHANAN BACKS BUSH, CALLS
CLINTON DRAFT-DODGER**

HOUSTON -- Pat Buchanan, who humiliated George Bush early in the campaign in a failed challenge, called on backers Monday to rally behind Bush to beat Bill Clinton whom he branded a draft dodger.

"I think the party is coming together," Buchanan told two reporters. "I think it's ready to roll. I think this party is starting uphill, my friend. Anybody who has written off George Bush is making a big, big mistake. The party is together and we can make it."

In his speech, before a crowd that remained on its feet screaming and waving banners and signs throughout his remarks, Buchanan delivered a characteristically punchy speech that extolled Bush's first-term achievements and scathingly attacked Clinton and Al Gore.

While Bush signed up at 17 to become a World War II fighter pilot, Clinton "sat up in a dormitory in Oxford, England, and figured out how to dodge the draft," Buchanan said. And while Bush "presided over the liberation of Eastern Europe and the termination of the Warsaw Pact," Clinton's foreign policy experience "is pretty much confined to having had breakfast once at the International House of Pancakes."

(Michael Conlon, Reuter)

Buchanan Blasts, Reagan Reassures

HOUSTON -- Former President Reagan, who helped make George Bush President, and Pat Buchanan, who tried to end his reign, urged conservatives Monday to support the President to preserve Republican control of the White House.

"My friends, this campaign is about philosophy and it is about character and George Bush wins on both counts -- going away," Buchanan said. "And it is time all of us came home and stood beside him."

Reagan said Democrats wrongly dismissed Republican attempts to win the Cold War. Having won the Cold War, he said, Republicans should be trusted to solve the nation's lingering domestic ills. For that to occur, he said, the nation should change the leadership in Congress, not the White House.

"Now, it's true -- a lot of liberal Democrats are saying it's time for a change," Reagan said. "What should change is a Democratic Congress that wastes precious time on partisan matters of absolutely no relevance to the needs of the average American. It's time to clean house."

Buchanan said Clinton's wife Hillary advocates a "radical feminism" that would place women in combat and undermine the traditional family.

(Major Garrett, Washington Times, A1)

**NEW ABC POLL SHOWS CLINTON
LEADING BUSH BY 20 POINTS**

HOUSTON -- President Bush has slightly dented Bill Clinton's huge lead in the polls but Clinton still has a 20 point edge over Bush, according to an ABC News poll released Monday.

The poll said Clinton now leads Bush by 57% to 37%, a drop of four points for Clinton in a week. Bush is up by two points since last week's ABC poll.

ABC said that some of the drop in Clinton's support came from Republicans who flirted with supporting him but have now gone back to President Bush. Last week Clinton was receiving support from 26% of Republican voters, now that number is down to 17%. ABC said Clinton's support from former Ross Perot supporters has also dropped to under 60%.

The poll was conducted Aug. 12-16 of 615 likely voters and 745 registered voters. It has a 4.5% margin of error. (Reuters)

**TAX CUT PARAMOUNT
AMONG BUSH SUPPORTERS**

HOUSTON -- Conservative and moderate Republicans welcomed President Bush to the Republican convention Monday with an urgent call for tax cuts, and White House officials seemed receptive to the idea.

"There are plenty of people who want us to cut taxes. It's an open question now," said a senior Administration official aware of the discussions of the tax proposals Bush is likely to announce in his speech Thursday night.

"Tax cuts are always a good idea.... They would create jobs," former New Jersey Gov. Tom Kean said.

"Tax cuts are very necessary, because we've got some unfair taxes.... I hope he would cut taxes," said Indiana delegate Ernest Neimeyer, a Lake County commissioner. At a minimum, he added, "we have to hold the line on taxes."

"We are likely to have some kind of a tax-cut proposal," said Rep. Walker.

But some Republicans are worried that Bush might propose a tax cut without any plan to pay for it. Former Illinois Gov. James Thompson said, "If there is a tax-cut proposal, there will have to be a balance... such as entitlement (program) cuts."

(Paul Bedard, Washington Times, A6)

**IN SEPTEMBER, BUSH
TO COME OUT SWINGING**

HOUSTON -- President Bush's aggressive post-convention plan - already dubbed "September storm" -- will be a cross-country Bill Clinton attack machine.

Republicans say Bush must define his message as a foundation for his tactics. Mary Matalin says he'll do that in his Thursday speech, defining "how he wants to lead this country through a changing future."

Bush surrogates will blanket states -- Texas first, then other key battlegrounds -- to outline their calculations of how Clinton military cuts and tax increases would affect that state's taxpayers. Family values will be used to paint Clinton as outside the mainstream on gay rights and abortion. "We have decided to tell the truth about Bill Clinton," says Texas campaign chairman Jim Oberwetter. "When it comes to the values-based questions... we're not going to be shy."

Bush, who previewed sharp attacks when he arrived here Monday, has agreed to do whatever aides say is necessary. James Baker bluntly warned the President he'll lose if he doesn't.

(Judy Keen, USA Today, 4A)

**BUSH CALLED ON 'SLEAZE'
VOW AFTER GOP REMARKS**

LITTLE ROCK -- Robert Mosbacher and U.S. Treasurer Catalina Villalpando should be fired for slipping into "the business of sleaze," George Stephanopoulos, communications director for Bill Clinton, said Monday after the two resurrected questions about Clinton's sexual behavior.

"The President was very clear in an interview with Time magazine that anybody who was in the sleaze business would be fired -- no ifs, ands or buts," Stephanopoulos said. "And it sounds like he's going to have a busy day because he's got at least two right now."

Monday, Mosbacher and Villalpando apologized for their remarks, AP reported in Houston. Mosbacher said such remarks had "no place in this campaign" and Villalpando apologized "deeply."

In an interview, Mosbacher said his comments were taken out of context. He said that he was talking generally about the character issue and not about Clinton. "Character in general is a major consideration when you are assessing someone's qualifications to be President," he said.

Clinton, on his way to Little Rock for meetings on state business Monday, responded to the latest womanizing charges. "In this and in so many other things, he (Bush) says one thing and they do something else. All this kind of campaigning does is to remind people that you've got a bunch of folks who... desperately, desperately want to hold onto their jobs in Washington much more than they want to do anything for the American people."

(David Maraniss, Washington Post, A17)

WHAT DOES BUSH REALLY BELIEVE?

In the fall of 1990, President Bush summoned his friend of 40 years, former transportation secretary William Coleman to the White House to discuss the civil rights bill that Bush was then preparing to veto.

Coleman recalls that Bush was torn between whether to disregard the advice of his aides or become only the third president in history to veto a civil rights bill. "I could almost see tears in his eyes," Coleman said. "He said, 'Bill, I would love to sign it but they tell me it's a quota bill. What can I do?'"

In the end, Bush vetoed the bill. Then, after 12 acrimonious months of further debate, he reversed course and agreed to sign a revised version, angering party conservatives. "Look, it's very technical and all I know is I can simply certify it is not a quota bill," he explained, insisting that changes in language made all the difference.

Caught between the two sides on a significant national issue, Bush managed to please neither, leaving considerable doubt in their minds -- and the public's -- about what he really believed. It was a familiar scenario, one that has been played out in controversies such as the repudiation on the "no new taxes" pledge or his transformation from the moderate alternative to Ronald Reagan in 1980, bashing "voodoo economics" and supporting abortion rights, into a staunch supply-sider and ardent opponent of abortion.

(Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A1)

A VULNERABLE INCUMBENT

HOUSTON -- Seemingly invincible only a year ago, George Bush returned to his adopted home town Monday haunted by the specter of a one-term presidency.

Bush arrived in Houston without the politically priceless air of inevitability that so enveloped Ronald Reagan in 1984. He seemed more like Jimmy Carter in 1980, a proud but gravely wounded warrior, seemingly at the mercy of events rather than bestriding them, hoping to replenish himself by borrowing strength from fellow Republicans in better political health.

Like Carter, Bush has spent the year on the defensive, beginning with a primary fight, an indignity incumbents are supposed to be spared. Carter sought and won the public blessing of his erstwhile tormentor, Edward Kennedy, and Monday night Bush brought forward his challenger, Pat Buchanan, as a symbol of unity and yet another peace offering to the conservative forces that dominate the 1992 Republican National Convention.

(R.W. Apple, New York Times, A1)

**GOP APPROVES PLATFORM OF CONSERVATIVE
CAUSES, ABORTION DEBATE QUASHED**

HOUSTON -- Republicans approved a platform filled with fighting words and conservative causes Monday after Bush campaign forces snuffed out attempts to bring a divisive abortion debate to the convention floor.

"No one is willing to buck the hierarchy of this party when push comes to shove," said Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion Rights Action League, which has spent two-thirds of its money this year helping Republican candidates.

The platform proposes three constitutional amendments: to require a balanced federal budget, limit elected officials' terms and ban abortion. The platform also opposes federal spending on abortions for poor women and supports the appointment of judges who respect "the sanctity of innocent human life."

Mary Dent Crisp, chairman of the National Republican Coalition for Choice, said her group would endorse neither Bush nor Bill Clinton. Asked how she'll vote, the former national party co-chairman refused to say -- but added that "I'm a one-issue person."

Ann Stone, chairman of Republicans for Choice, said she personally supports Bush although her organization will not endorse him. "We will be back in 1996," she said, "and in 1996 the pro-choice majority will prevail."

"I am pro-choice, pro-family and pro-jobs," California Sen. Seymour said in a speech from the podium. "To say I'm entirely happy with our party platform would be untrue. I for one believe it should be changed."

(Jill Lawrence, AP)

**ABORTION PLANK
APPROVED INTACT**

HOUSTON -- Abortion rights advocates Monday gave up the effort to change the Republican Party platform after the Bush campaign spent Sunday evening and Monday morning working hard to ensure that the President would not be embarrassed in the opening hours of the Republican National Convention.

A petition from a majority of the members of six delegations was needed to bring the issue to the floor. Govs. McKernan of Maine and Weld of Massachusetts, leaders of the effort to amend the platform, came to the Astrodome Monday morning to tell their delegations the effort had failed. Both governors had spent much of Sunday afternoon making phone calls and lobbying various delegations. But McKernan said Monday, "It's clear we do not have the six. We are going to give up the attempt to collect more signatures."

Ann Stone, head of Republicans for Choice, said at a news conference after the platform was ratified that "delegates felt the President was under so much pressure and so far behind in the polls that they had to give him the bounce Bill Clinton got out of his convention." (Maralee Schwartz & Dan Balz, Washington Post, A15)

**FRAMING A
NEW AGENDA**

HOUSTON -- With a barrage of oratory on Tuesday night, Republicans will embark on what many of their strategists regard as the most important mission of their convention: convincing a doubtful nation that President Bush has coherent solutions to the country's domestic problems, and that he would fight hard for them if he won a second term.

Tuesday's lineup of speakers is heavily tilted toward advocates of what William Kristol and his allies call "the conservative reform agenda." Speaker after speaker will tout programs such as vouchers to allow poor children to attend private schools, tenant ownership or management of public housing, and health care reforms based on incentives to allow individuals and businesses to buy private insurance.

The idea that unites these proposals is that government is better off "empowering individuals," as the popular conservative slogan goes, than in creating new bureaucracies. As the preamble to the platform adopted Monday put it: "We see with new clarity that centralized government bureaucracies created in this century are not the wave of the future. Never again will people trust planners and paper shufflers more than they trust themselves."

(News Analysis, E.J. Dionne, Washington Post, A1)

UNSURE STEPS GIVE
RIGHT WING JITTERS

HOUSTON -- This is a convention waiting for something to happen. President Bush's savvy advisers know he needs to recapture his dismantled and wandering conservative base. But when asked if Pat Buchanan's and Ronald Reagan's speeches will make any difference when conservatives and the rest of the electorate decide what to do Nov. 3, the Bush advisers throw up their hands.

They know that everything rests on the President and that even Monday he was getting conflicting advice on what to say Thursday in his acceptance speech, which they agree will be the most important of his long political career.

To varying degrees, depending on how close they are to the intense arguments going on among Bush's top advisers, the delegates here know he has to do more than ask "Who do you trust more, me or Bill Clinton?" and more than belittle his opponent's record as governor of Arkansas. They know, in Rep. Weber's words, that the President has to "give people a reason" to vote for him.

Greg Petersmeyer, a senior Bush adviser, says the economy will be the reason because that is what concerns the electorate the most. But he is unsure precisely what will excite the imaginations and hopes of the voters. (Ralph Hallow, Washington Times, A1)

GOP ON HEALTH: LESS GOVERNMENT VS. MORE

The shape of the battle over America's health care was made starkly clear this week by a conservative health plank in a conservative Republican platform.

The health message Republicans offer at their Houston convention embraces a program President Bush proposed last February: It rejects strong government cost controls and relies on competition between organized health plans competing for patients on the basis of price.

The struggle for a way to insure all Americans at affordable cost thus becomes one between two very different ideologies, the Republican program that uses private forces to expand care and limit costs and the Democratic approach that uses far more government muscle. (Victor Cohn, Washington Post, Health, page 7)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BUSH: U.S. WON'T 'GO OFF UNILATERALLY' AGAINST IRAQ

HOUSTON -- President Bush has said the U.S. will not act unilaterally to force Iraq to comply with U.N. resolutions but expressed confidence the Gulf War coalition will remain together if "tough action" is needed.

Bush, speaking on NBC television, said the U.S. had been in "close contact" with its allies on Iraqi defiance of the resolutions imposed on Baghdad after the 1991 war.

Interviewed on PBS, Secretary Cheney said, "I don't see anything at this point, tonight, that leads me to think military action is imminent. But should the situation change or should the President make a decision that military action is appropriate, we're prepared at the Department of Defense to begin operations on short notice, but that's a posture we've been in now for some time."

Bush was coy Monday when asked what condition would trigger an American or allied air strike against Iraq. But he said failure to comply with the inspections resolutions or a separate one that protects Kurds in northern Iraq and Shiite Moslems in the South could bring action.

(Robert Doherty, Reuter)

BUSH WARNS SADDAM HUSSEIN ON BRUTALIZING PEOPLE

President Bush bluntly warned Saddam Hussein to stop "brutalizing" his people in advance of an expected order for U.S. pilots to fly patrols over to prevent attacks on Shiite muslim villages.

Bush, in an interview on CNN, stopped just short of announcing the additional air cover that U.S. combat aircraft already provide to Iraqi Kurds through U.N. authority.

A Pentagon official familiar with military preparations in the Persian Gulf expected an official announcement on the extension of U.S. airpower within days. "We will enforce a no-fly zone on southern Iraq sometime this week," the official said, banning Iraqi warplanes from going south of the 32nd parallel.

Bush responded sharply to a New York Times report that a military strike against Saddam Hussein's forces could be motivated because of his sagging political fortunes. Bush said he was "appalled" that it would be suggested that he "would try to have an 'August surprise' and risk the life of an American just for a political purpose. I really was deeply offended by that."

U.N. inspectors have faced serious challenges in Iraq in gaining access to facilities believed to contain evidence of Iraq's arsenal of weapons of mass destruction. In regard to these obstacles and attacks on the Kurds and Shiites, Bush had a warning for Saddam Hussein.

"Of course we have responses planned, and they are strong responses," he said.

(UPI)

SADDAM 'ON A WAR FOOTING'

Iraq is making widespread preparations to absorb or counter an attack by U.N.-backed military forces by purchasing new arms, testing military radar and moving aircraft to remote areas of the country, according to U.S. intelligence officials. "Iraq is on a war footing," said a U.S. official with access to intelligence reports on Iraq's internal situation.

President Bush, meanwhile, said in a television interview Monday that the U.S. has the right "to use force if necessary" to force Iraq's compliance with U.N. resolutions.

One alarming sign observed by U.S. intelligence agencies is Iraq's recent operation of a Soviet-made radar used in the past with launches of Scud missiles. The radar use is viewed as a sign Iraq could retaliate with Scud missile attacks if punitive raids are launched by U.N. forces against Iraqi targets.

Officials also disclosed other indicators Iraq is preparing for war. Baghdad recently concluded an arms deal to purchase some 50,000 Chinese-made AK-47 assault rifles, in violation of a U.N. arms embargo. Iraqi aircraft have been dispersed to remote airfields to protect them from possible attack. Some units of the Republican Guards were moved out of garrisons recently.

(Bill Gertz, Washington Times, A1)

**U.N. AVOIDS SHOWDOWN
WITH IRAQ**

A U.N. team completed its inspection of Iraq's weapons programs Monday without attempting to visit a Baghdad ministry, thus avoiding a potential confrontation that could have led to U.S. military action.

A senior U.S. official said he understood the U.N. team had decided not to seek a visit to an Iraqi ministry because an article Sunday in the New York Times had depicted such a visit as orchestrated by the U.S. in a deliberate bid to provoke Iraq. Some statements of the Baghdad government had described inspections of its ministry buildings as unacceptable violations of Iraqi sovereignty.

Rolf Ekeus, chief of the U.N. Special Commission that carries out the inspections, "decided he just could not afford" to leave an impression that the team was doing Washington's bidding on the eve of President Bush's renomination by the Republican Party, even though in fact this was not the case, the official said.

Monday, an Administration official said he was aware of "no evidence" the U.N. team had ever proposed to visit a ministry during its stay in Iraq. "Generally when they (inspection teams) leave New York they have their missions planned," the official said.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A1)

**U.S. PLAN TO BAR IRAQI FLIGHTS IN SOUTH
FOLLOWS STEPPED-UP ATTACKS ON SHIITES**

An evolving Bush Administration plan to block Iraqi attacks on Shiite Muslim civilians, with military force if necessary, follows reports that the Iraqi government has sharply escalated its campaign against the Shiites in their swampy homeland in southern Iraq.

U.N. investigators and U.S. intelligence agencies in recent weeks have documented a variety of Iraqi military operations -- including artillery bombardments, air strikes by Iraqi combat jets and helicopter attacks -- against the so-called Marsh Arabs who populate the region. A U.N. report last week said "indiscriminate" attacks have been carried out against villages and other civilian targets as well as Shiite guerrillas.

Administration officials said Monday the reports of Iraqi human rights abuses were a factor in their decision to seek allied support for a formal ban on flights by Iraqi airplanes and helicopters below the 32nd parallel.

Analysts generally agreed Monday that a ban on Iraqi flights - and helicopter flights in particular -- could provide a major boost to anti-government forces in the region and mark a significant escalation in the U.S.-led campaign to undermine Saddam Hussein.

Members of the U.N. Security Council met informally on Friday to discuss the Administration's proposal and referred it back to their home capitals for consideration. Administration officials said Monday that while the British and French are in general agreement over the need for such a move, details on the timing and exact nature of the aircraft ban remain to be worked out.

(John Lancaster, Washington Post, A10)

**CIA CHIEF NOT CALLED
AS A WITNESS**

The defense in the Clair George perjury trial rested without calling CIA Director Robert Gates to testify.

"I am not going to tell any more, because I can't," defense attorney Richard Hibey told reporters Monday outside of the courtroom.

Gates was subpoenaed last week to testify on behalf of Clair George, who served under Gates as the CIA's director of spy operations in the mid-1980s. The Justice Department tried unsuccessfully to quash the subpoena, saying the defense failed to show how Gates' testimony would be relevant. (Walt Albro, UPI)

**34 U.S. TROOPS FLY TO KENYA
TO PREPARE FOR SOMALIA AIRLIFT**

American troops flew into Kenya Monday to prepare a U.S. airlift for starving Somalia, where relief supplies are being plundered by gun-toting gangs.

"We have already started moving additional personnel and lift capacity to Kenya in order to speed up this airlift of support to Somalia," Richard Boucher said.

A team of 34 U.S. military personnel arrived in Kenya's Indian Ocean port of Mombasa Monday to lay the groundwork for the airlift, which is expected to begin Monday.

The U.S. hopes to use the remote northeastern Kenya military base of Wajir as a springboard into Somalia. Four members of the military mission will go to Wajir Tuesday to see if its airstrip can handle a fully laden cargo plane, Lt. Col. Grant Hayes said at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi.

The U.S. also is pressing for a new U.N. Security Council resolution that will allow the U.N. to deploy more troops in Somalia than the 500 Pakistani soldiers already approved.

U.S. officials say many more U.N. troops will be needed on the ground to ensure effective distribution of relief supplies in the anarchy that has followed the government's collapse.

(Martin Sieff, Washington Times, A9)

NETWORK NEWS

(Monday evening, August 17)

CONVENTION/BUSH INTERVIEW

NBC's Tom Brokaw: President Bush arrived in Houston tonight, the city he claims is his hometown, determined to fight his way back into the hearts of the people who elected him four years ago. And his campaign advisers made sure that he arrived just in time for the evening newscast, with a rally at the Astro Hall right next door to the Astrodome, where the convention will be held. The President was joined on stage by two very prominent doctors in this town, Dr. Denton Cooley and Dr. Michael Dubakey [phonetic], who are well known as the nation's most famous heart surgeons. (TV coverage: President and Mrs. Bush entering Astro Hall.)

Brokaw discusses the campaign with **President Bush:**

Brokaw: When I interviewed the President today, I began by asking him if he still defined himself as a Reagan Republican.

President Bush: Sure. And I'm very proud to have worked with President Reagan, very proud of what he accomplished -- some now are trying to diminish his record -- and very proud of what I've accomplished as President.

Brokaw: Let me ask you about your constituency. All the polls indicate that you are losing the white, male, conservative Democrats that were so important to your election four years ago and important, of course, to Ronald Reagan as well. And the Clinton people figure that about 10 percent of their approval rating now is coming from moderate Republicans. Can you win without those two groups?

President Bush: I'm going to get them back, Tom. I'm going to go out and get them back and fight. Maybe part of the reason is that they've been hearing one side of the question for the last nine months, because I have not been in the arena with my sleeves rolled up. In fact, so much so that some people start reporting, well, the President doesn't feel well. I am in good health and I am going to take the fight to the opposition, and so we are going to have a real slugfest this fall and it's going to be on the issues and I'm looking forward to joining the fray after being kicked around for a long, long time.

Brokaw: If you weren't an agent of change in your first four years of presidency -- if you come here as an agent of change now -- won't the American people be skeptical?

President Bush: In the first place, I don't accept the fact that I'm not an agent of change in the first four years. If you would look around the world, I think you'd see there have been the most dramatic changes for peace in modern history. And I think one dramatic change is that the young people in this country go to sleep at night without the fear of nuclear war that their predecessors had.

Brokaw: When you come here, will part of that message of change be a call for an across-the-board tax cut, as so many people in Congress are advocating?

President Bush: I'm not going to preview the coming attractions that way. But as you know, I've been talking about tax cuts. I've proposed six incentives in the tax structure in January of this year in the State of the Union, and then have been fighting for them, only to be blocked by the Congress.

Brokaw: Will you fight for a constitutional amendment to ban all abortions in America, whatever the conditions?

President Bush: My position is well known. I'm not going to change it one way or another. It's not going to change to the right. It's not going to change to left. So if it's not compatible with the platform, never mind. I'll be compatible with the platform on many other things.

Brokaw: Share with us, then. What are the conditions in which you think abortion might be acceptable?

President Bush: I've always favored exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother. That's my position.

Brokaw: I know this is not the kind of issue that you like to discuss -- personal lives. But now there's a quote from the U.S. treasurer to the New Jersey delegation that Bill Clinton is a skirt-chaser. And Bob Mosbacher says marital infidelity is one yardstick by which Bill Clinton should be measured. Do you approve of that?

President Bush: I can't comment on that because I haven't seen either of those comments. I'm trying to keep this business out of the sleaze business. I think Bill Clinton, to his credit, has said the same thing. And I cannot control what everybody says, nor do I approve when people on the other side make these suggestions about me and my family. And so I made my position clear, and all do by getting into discussions like this is contribute, without wanting to, to this kind of sleazy stuff that both he and I have said we don't want.

Brokaw: If you feel so strongly about this, then why don't you reprimand Bob Mosbacher?

President Bush: Because I haven't seen what they've said and because I think -- let me take a look at it and maybe I will.

Brokaw reports that following the interview, Mosbacher and Cathy Villapando did apologize for their remarks. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Susan Spencer: Trailing in the polls in the fight of his political life, President Bush arrived in Houston facing an odd task for an incumbent -- explain who he really is and why he should continue as President.

(TV coverage: President and Mrs. Bush arriving at reception.) In the streets, meanwhile, the fight over the GOP's tough anti-abortion stance raged again today. On the Bush-controlled convention floor, the issue had one last gasp. But the votes weren't there to even force debate. Determined to present a united front and please conservatives, the party OK'd a no-exceptions platform. And there was another flurry of sleaze today: campaign chairman Bob Mosbacher quoted as saying that questions about Gov. Clinton's marital fidelity should be one of the yardsticks by which voters judge Clinton. Another Bush supporter called Clinton a skirt-chaser in a speech yesterday, all of which forced Mr. Bush to deny that he's privately encouraging any of this.

Spencer continues:

(President Bush: "I'm saying that there's an awful lot of people who feel strongly one way or another on a wide variety of issues. And nobody is going to be able to control everything that everybody says. The program is to stay away from what I call the sleaze business.")

Late this afternoon, the Bush camp apologized. Clinton himself sounded resigned.

(Clinton: "When he said in February this wouldn't be part of the campaign -- I can't -- there have been so many times when he's said one thing and had his people do something else that I can't keep up with it. It's nothing to me. Let them do or say whatever they want.")

What they clearly want now is to establish Mr. Bush as the unchallenged leadership candidate. At a veterans' convention this morning, the President may have been hinting at Thursday's all-important speech, recalling Desert Storm, threatening the bully of Baghdad and defending family values.

(President Bush: "Some ridicule me. Some ridicule us when we talk about family values. But it's the family that teaches us right from wrong. It teaches us discipline, respect for the law. Strengthening the family is not something we ought to do. It is something we have to do.")

The hottest topic here today is what will Mr. Bush say here on Thursday, with some betting he may propose new tax cuts or at least acknowledge that breaking his no-new-taxes pledge was a big mistake. His pollster can tell him that. (CBS-2)

CONVENTION/IRAQ/ARMS INSPECTORS

ABC's Peter Jennings: And now the Republican challenge, here in Houston for a week to do what they can to keep a Republican President in office, who is going through the longest sustained fall in popularity since political polling began in the 1930s. Down there on the floor of the convention, they gathered today. They'll gather again this evening. They will openly tell you they are trying to rescue George Bush's political career, which means for a week on your television -- if they can convince you to watch -- they will bash, pummel and pound their opponents: Bill Clinton, Al Gore and the Democratically controlled Congress. They are here to depict, if they can, George Bush as an agent of change. The essential campaign message is: He changed the world, now he can save America. Trouble is, the world keeps intervening.

ABC's Brit Hume: The story of the President's attempt to revive his flagging political fortunes this week had developed a most unwelcome subplot as he headed for Houston this morning.

(TV coverage: President and Mrs. Bush on South Lawn.) He wants to campaign, as he did later before the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Indianapolis, as the man who defeated Saddam Hussein.

(President Bush: "And he didn't believe we would do what it would take to win. But our men and women showed him. To put it real simple, we kicked a little Baghdad bully.")

Even as he spoke though, the Administration and its Gulf War allies were planning renewed military action to deal with the Iraqi leader and his continuing defiance of them and the United Nations.

Hume continues:

The U.S.-led coalition has decided to bomb him the next time he blocks U.N. weapons inspectors. The Administration and allies are also planning military operations to halt air attacks on the Shiites in southern Iraq. The problem for the President is that it all may look politically motivated, as one news story over the weekend suggested that it was. The President strongly denied that in an interview with CNN today.

(President Bush: "Now, I must say I was appalled at a story that came out yesterday that started suggesting that I would try to have an August surprise and risk the life of an American just for political purposes. I was really deeply offended by that. But of course we have responses planned, and they're strong responses.") They may be strong responses, but the last thing George Bush needs is to have this nation's attention riveted on a foreign military operation to subdue a dictator the President likes to say he's already defeated. Not only is there the prospect of American casualties, but the whole thing would be a massive distraction from the campaign the President has waited so long to wage and which is only beginning now here today. (ABC-Lead)

Brokaw: Instinctively, any action the President takes in the Persian Gulf will have political overtones and an impact on this campaign.

NBC's John Cochran: The President angrily denied he would order air attacks on Iraq just to aid his reelection. But he is willing to use last year's war against Saddam as a campaign issue. At the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention, the President recalled past American victories, including the one he thinks he doesn't get enough credit for.

(President Bush: "Saddam Hussein miscalculated. He thought we'd grown soft over the years. But our men and women showed him. To put it real simple, we kicked a little Baghdad bully.")

In Houston, the opening night of the convention will focus heavily on Bush's handling of foreign affairs. But before the convention turned to foreign policy, conservatives easily passed a platform calling for a ban on abortion with no exceptions for rape, incest or the mother's health. Abortion-rights advocates just didn't have the votes to force a floor fight. That was good news for President Bush today. But the anti-abortion plank could hurt him and other Republican candidates this fall.

(Mary Dent Crisp: "This is truly a very solemn day for me personally and for Republican women in general.")

Bush campaign officials tried to avoid controversy by changing the subject to anything but abortion. The exception was Vice President Quayle, who was eager to give his anti-abortion views to religious conservatives.

(Vice President Quayle: "Our opponents believe that when a teenager decides to have an abortion, her parents don't even have the right to know. We believe in the sanctity of life.")

With the fight over abortion now out of the way, the next big question is about the President's acceptance speech Thursday. White House aides tell NBC News that Bush will not answer the prayers of conservatives like Jack Kemp, who want him to propose across-the-board tax cuts now. But the President will promise to work hard for lower taxes and lower government spending -- if he gets a second term and a second chance. (NBC-3)

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IRAQ/ARMS INSPECTORS

ABC's Barrie Dunsmore reports the U.N. team decided not to go through with a surprise inspection to an Iraqi ministry today and inspected another site instead, without incident. Administration officials tell ABC News they believe the U.N. changed its mind because of the report in yesterday's New York Times. These officials suggest the U.N. decided not to inspect the ministry to demonstrate its independence and make clear it does not work for the U.S. (ABC-2)

NBC's Fred Francis reports the President told Brokaw that the allies are working on a plan to enforce U.N. Resolution 688.

(President Bush: "We are in close contact with our Desert Storm allies and a lot of diplomacy is going on and has been going on. And I am satisfied that if tough action has to be taken, we would be able to hold together the primary elements of that coalition.") A new round of inspections is scheduled in two weeks. Officials say that sometime between then and the election, you can count on Saddam to do something stupid. (NBC-2)

CBS's Tom Fenton reports the U.N. team's 10-day investigation found significant new information about Iraq's ballistic missile program. (CBS-3)

CBS's David Martin reports it's only a matter of time before the U.S. and its allies declare a no-fly rule and shoot down any Iraqi aircraft that try to fly over Shiites. The allies are pushing the U.N. to be more aggressive with its arms inspections. (CBS-4)

CONVENTION/CONSERVATIVES

Jennings reports the latest ABC News-Washington Post Poll shows Gov. Clinton has a 57-37 lead over President Bush.

ABC's Cokie Roberts reports the platform, including the anti-abortion plank, passed today.

(Gov. Bill Weld: "We'd like to see it come out the other way. But when you don't have the votes, sometimes it's time to get on and go on the next thing.")

ABC News-Washington Post Poll

Percentage of respondents who call themselves conservative?

GOP delegates.....70%

GOP at large.....44%

Nation at large...32%

The problem for the President is how to fire up the conservatives without alienating the moderate Republicans, independents and swing Democrats he needs to get elected. (ABC-4)

ABC's Jim Wooten reports most conservatives have never liked Bush. (Richard Viguerie: "George Bush has had literally a 30-year war, if you will, with conservatives.")

No matter how hard Bush has tried to be one of them --

(President Bush: "Conservatives believe in Yankee ingenuity.") -- they still see him as a phony conservative.

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Wooten continues:

(Adam Myerson, Heritage Foundation: "George Bush raised Americans' taxes in 1990 with the promise that this would solve the budget deficit. What do we have? We have a budget deficit \$200 billion more, higher than it was then.")

No wonder Bush has Patrick Buchanan, Phil Gramm, Jack Kemp and Ronald Reagan all speaking for him tonight.

(Myerson: "George Bush won in 1988 because he ran as Ronald Reagan. He will lose in 1992 if he doesn't return to that Reagan tradition.") (ABC-5)

FOREIGN POLICY/BUSH RECORD

CBS's Eric Hagerberg reports President Bush knows the political benefits of reaching for the proverbial phone.

(President Bush: "Many times, in the White House late at night, the phone rings -- ")

It's a powerful image: The tough-minded chief executive on one end, foreign trouble on the other.

(President Bush: " -- carrying news of a coup in a powerful country or asking how we should stand up to a bully halfway around the world.")

(TV coverage: Photos of President Bush talking on phone.)

The Democrats hope the end of the Cold War will move the focus to domestic issues.

(Sen. Wofford: "When the phone rings in the White House, it's more likely to be Los Angeles burning. The world has changed in such an incredible way and people know that President Bush hasn't seized the day.")

(Mike Murphy, Bush campaign media adviser: "Now that the Soviet Union has collapsed, it's like the sheriff who cleaned up the town is not needed anymore. People start thinking about electing a meter maid because there are no more bad hombres around.")

(TV coverage: President Bush addressing Congress March 6, 1991.)

(Jules Witcover, columnist: "With Saddam still in control, with him using some of his forces that were prohibited to him in the cease-fire agreement against his own people -- all this has made Bush look like somebody who lacks follow-up, which he does.")

(Condoleezza Rice, Stanford University: "What George Bush has demonstrated is that he is capable with the world's leaders of mobilizing them in the interests of the West, our allies and in fact the United States.")

The Republicans send Ronald Reagan tonight to try to wrap the Cold War victory in GOP bunting. But he won't be able to bring the evil empire back with him. And the absence of that old menace in one of the mighty ironies of politics makes Bush's reelection effort even tougher.

(CBS-5)

CONVENTION/PAST CONVENTIONS

ABC's Jeff Greenfield reports that as President Bush talked about Iraq today, it stirred memories of his first term's highlight -- Desert Storm. That victory once had many Republicans convinced this election year would be another 1956, when Ike cruised to reelection.

(TV coverage: President speaking in Indianapolis, visiting troops in Kuwait, and campaigning.)

Greenfield continues:

Ronald Reagan's speech tonight is bound to revive memories of 1984. The convention will be painting Gov. Clinton as an ultra-liberal; it worked for Nixon in 1972. Now, the real nightmare among Republicans is that it is really 1980 and that Bush is really Jimmy Carter. But Republican optimists claim it is really 1988, when an embattled Bush came from behind with an eloquent acceptance speech. (ABC-6)

ECONOMY/BUSH RECORD

ABC's John McWethy reports President Bush has presided over the longest period of economic stagnation since the Great Depression. Though some economists believe the recession is ending, the public has little confidence that better times are ahead.

(Sen. Rudman: "The middle class isn't faring very well. Their standard of living is essentially either frozen in place or going down slightly.")

(Lolita Didrickson, state unemployment official: "The typical unemployed worker receiver benefits out of one of our offices in the state of Illinois is a white male who is over 35, who is coming out of an office environment, a white-collar job.")

(Sen. Dole: "I don't think people dislike President Bush. It is frustrating. It is the economy. If we just get some jobs created out there, President Bush will be reelected easily.")

The President has harsh critics among moderates and conservatives. (Barry Bosworth, economist: "He has articulated no vision of where this country should go in an economic sense.")

(TV coverage: President Bush delivering State of the Union and campaigning.)

(Rudman: "I believe the President could have done more with some of the programs that he has brought up here. But in fairness to the President, I've sat here and watched the Democrats pronounce dead-on-arrival everything he's sent up here.")

(TV coverage: President Bush meeting with congressional leaders.)

(President Bush, 1988: "Read my lips -- no new taxes.")

Now the President is left holding out hope that the economy is about to improve.

(President Bush, July 30: "Most of the economists -- blue-chip economists -- predict the economy is going to get stronger the rest of the year. And I believe that they're right.")

Unless there are strong signs by November that he is correct, it's going to be hard to make the voters forget what has happened to their standard of living since Bush became President. (ABC-7)

CAMPAIGN/MRS. BUSH

Brokaw reports the latest NBC News-Wall Street Journal Poll shows Mrs. Bush's positive rating at 63 percent, almost double that of her husband's [36 percent].

NBC's Jim Miklaszewski reports Mrs. Bush is everyone's favorite grandmother and the Democrats' worst nightmare. Her immense popularity makes her one of the campaign's biggest assets.

(Mrs. Bush: "I mean, look at me. I don't threaten anyone. I've got nice white hair and little fat face and I like people. It's easy.")

Niklaszewski continues:

But behind those trademark fake pearls is one savvy politician. Her mere presence can make White House staffers tremble.

(**Mrs. Bush:** "I know that's true and I'm sorry about that. But George said: Look, that's great, means they'll do the right thing.")

(TV coverage: President Bush in Oval Office with Mrs. Bush.) She's got her own keen political instinct. And she appears to relish a good political street fight. When Democrats said they'd attack her children's business ties, she lashed back and questioned Gov. Clinton's political virility.

(**Mrs. Bush:** "I mean, that's outrageous. They should be talking about their man. Maybe they don't have a man to talk about, I don't know.")

(TV coverage: President and Mrs. Bush posing for family picture.)

(**Sheila Tate:** "Tough is a negative word that doesn't really apply, in my mind. She has a wicked sense of humor sometimes. It's mischievous.")

(**Mrs. Bush:** "I do have to be careful of my sense of humor. But I hope it's never hurtful. And it is a little mischievous, there's no question about that.")

The Clinton campaign claims that as a working mother, it's Hillary Clinton, not Mrs. Bush, who is more in touch with today's modern family.

(**Celinda Lake,** Democratic pollster: "I think that's the biggest thing -- it's old vs. new. And part of old vs. new is reality. The old isn't real anymore.")

Don't even try to tell that to Mrs. Bush. In her speech to the convention, she'll set out to prove she's real, she's relevant and will do all she can to see her husband gets reelected. (NBC-8)

CAMPAIGN/CLINTON**CBS's Dan Rather** discusses the campaign with **Gov. Clinton:**

Clinton: ...In terms of whether a governor can be commander-in-chief, I would just point out that is largely a question of judgment and values and understanding of our country's position in the world.... After all, Ronald Reagan had less foreign policy experience, even in international economics, than I do at this point in my career, when he became president, and both George Bush and Jim Baker owe their jobs to him. So I don't think there's any basis to this claim. They're making this claim because it's the best claim they have since they can't run on their record.

(CBS-6)

BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA

Jennings reports a hotel packed with refugees in Sarajevo was hit by two mortar shells. At least two people were killed. Not far from Sarajevo, a U.N. convoy filled with food and medicine has made the dangerous trip to Gorajda [phonetic]. (NBC-5, ABC-3)

Rather: The Republican delegates here are pretty quiet right now. But later tonight, they'll be on their feet for Ronald Reagan. The former president will address this convention on the issue of foreign policy. We're also told he plans to bring along his sense of humor.

Rather continues:

And if there's any doubt that foreign policy is an issue now, this was the scene today in a foreign land halfway around the world, where victims of a civil war are begging for Western help. More Serbian mortar attacks on Bosnian refugees in Sarajevo today killed at least 10 people.

CBS's Martha Teichner reports on a visit to a detention camp in northern Bosnia. The men were emaciated and fearful. At a second camp, there was talk of executions. World outrage has brought improvements, but the camps remain marginal at best. (CBS-Lead)

SOMALIA/U.N. AID

Brokaw reports food and medicine continue to reach the starving population of Somalia, but rescue workers say much more is needed. (NBC-6)

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