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fect you. We will elevate your status in the legal system to must-carry.

I think that is wrong. Thirteen sponsors of this legislation also think that it is wrong. Senators BENTSEN, BIDEN, HEFLIN, DASCHLE, SHELBY, WOFFORD, ROTH, SPECTER, KASTEN, SYMMS, LOTT, BURNS, COATS, all agree that these stations ought to have the right to exist; they ought to have a right to broadcast their signals. But when you are requiring cable companies to carry ABC, and NBC, and CBS, and Public Television, and other things that are covered by must-carry, there is a limit. There is a limit. It should not be just carte blanche, that anybody that goes out and buys a station can get must-carry status.

It is clear in my mind that what is happening is that some of the folks who have these shopping stations, who want to broadcast 24 hours a day, are now going out around the country and buying basically low-powered stations just so they can stick their foot in the door of this bill. So that once they grab that license, which is a public item, that is a public airway, and once they pay money for it, now they can say: You have to carry us, cable company. There has to be a must-carry provision that applies to us. I think that is wrong, Mr. President.

I know there will be others who want to talk on this, and I certainly have no difficulty in having this set aside, if the substitute is prepared to be offered or if other amendments come in. The chairman asked for amendments to be brought to the floor and offered, and I am doing that now. This amendment will be considered at some point as an amendment to either—which it is now—the committee substitute, or perhaps to the substitute that will be offered. At the appropriate time, I will ask for the yeas and nays and would be prepared to do that when there are more Members on the floor. At the present time, I yield the floor.

Mr. REID addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have the greatest respect for my friend, the junior Senator from Louisiana. We served together in the other body and have worked closely together here on many different issues. But I have to say to my colleagues in the Senate, and to my friend from Louisiana, that he is wrong on this issue. This amendment is a clear case of content regulation.

Mr. President, should Congress be determining what the public watches on television sets in the privacy of their living rooms? I do not think so. We here inside the beltway should not become police officers for the rest of the Nation for what they can or cannot watch.

There are lots of advertisements that I think are pretty bad that I wish were not on when I want to watch a

sporting event or some other program on television. But I do not think that the Presiding Officer, or any other Senator, should have the right to determine what can or cannot be advertised.

This amendment offered by the junior Senator from the State of Louisiana makes a subjective judgment based on content. What will be next? This network does, in fact, spend a great deal of its time having people—Vanna White, for example, is one of the stars of this network. She sells things on this program, and she has a big audience.

I have been advised at one time she was ill and numerous phone calls came in and said, "Where is Vanna?" Now what right do we have to say that she cannot be on this program? And that is, in effect, what we are doing.

Mr. BREAUX. Will the Senator yield?

Mr. REID. I am happy to yield.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator yields for a question from the Senator from Louisiana.

Mr. BREAUX. How does the Senator interpret that anything in my amendment prohibits Vanna White from being on a broadcast TV station? She can go on a TV station and let them broadcast as many times as they want. I am not preventing Vanna White—I never want to prevent Vanna from being on television.

Mr. REID. Well, the Senator would unintentionally be doing that because this television network that the Senator is, in effect, trying to ban from the must-carry provision is different than any other and exempting it from must-carry would prevent her from being on the cable systems. She could still do her program, but it would not be in keeping with the rest of the law that governs all other TV networks.

Mr. BREAUX. If the Senator would further yield, we are not talking about only one network. Any network that predominantly just broadcasts commercials would be prohibited from getting must-carry.

The point I am making and asking the Senator to respond to is, we are not telling anybody they cannot broadcast commercials on TV stations 24 hours a day. All the amendment says is that a station that does predominantly nothing but commercials should not be elevated to must-carry status. They can still have their television station. They can still broadcast 24 hours a day.

Mr. REID. But that, Mr. President, is the whole point of my opposition to the amendment. Why should this network be treated any differently than any other? Why should there be this exemption? I mean, are we going to determine it on the basis of how good the advertisements are or how good the programming is to sell a product? Or what period of time is used during a program to sell a product?

The amendment offered by the Senator from Louisiana makes a subjective

judgment on content. What will be next? Will we, the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives, decide that religious programming should be banned from cable access? Will we want to take children's cartoons off the air? Or only certain kinds of cartoons?

Mr. President, I do not really think this is different than book burning—maybe a little different in degree, but the same principle. We are saying, "We don't like this programming so nobody else should watch it either." And that is wrong.

I believe, contrary to what has been put forward, that this amendment will jeopardize the constitutionality of must-carry. Content regulation is a clear assault on the first amendment. In fact, the amendment currently before us approaches a bill of attainder. We are taking away the right of access from a legitimate business.

This is a legitimate business. It may be different than NBC or ABC or C-SPAN, but it is something that millions and millions of people watch and they like to watch. If they do not like it, they can turn it off, switch channels.

Cable operators are the gatekeepers to America's living rooms. Cable is in more than half of the households in this country, and that percentage is growing. If it is not on cable, more than half the people will not see it.

For example, TCI and Comcast, two very large cable operators, control their own version of a home shopping type program called QVC. This puts these large cable companies in direct competition with the Home Shopping Network. Of course, they do not want to carry it.

Channel 14, a black station right here in Washington, carries Home Shopping. TCI will not carry channel 14 as a result. Therefore, this local station, predominantly owned by African-Americans, can only reach less than half their audience. This is not right.

Many local stations carry program-length advertising. For example, many real estate businesses have half-hour shows to display the houses they have for sale. They buy the time. That is what the whole program is about.

Now I personally am not much into watching those kinds of programs. I am not really much into watching these home shopping programs. I do not think I have ever watched one for more than a minute or two. But I can turn the channel, as I do, or I can turn off the TV set.

I should have the right, if I want to watch a real estate presentation for a half-hour, hour, or 15 minutes, or I should be able, if I care to, Mr. President, to watch Home Shopping for as long as I want or as short a period of time as I want. There should not be an exception to this one network because of the type of programming it is.

Who are we going to go after next? Local stations need this revenue to

survive. The Home Shopping employs 6,000 people nationwide is affiliated with about 80 beyond the 12 they own. In my, should we be legislating more people out of work? I think not. Home Shopping Network is a legitimate, a viable, and a good business.

We should be creating jobs here in Congress, according to what we were told last night in the Chamber across the Hall. And I agree with what President Bush said. We should not be eliminating jobs.

The Home Shopping Network should be treated like any other broadcaster. They meet all the FCC criteria with regard to public service. They are a legitimate business, they provide a service people want, and they deserve to be treated fairly.

People have a right to choose what they watch. If we do not provide must-carry for Home Shopping we will be limiting their choice without their consent. This, I think, is unfair. It is not right. And some would say it is unconscionable.

This amendment, Mr. President, should be defeated.

I yield the floor.

Mr. PRESSLER addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I rise to say that I feel very strongly that this amendment by my colleague from Louisiana would not be in the best interests of broadcasting.

What happens, I think we all know, is that when a cable company owns a part of a shopping network, that network is allowed on the air—I think that is the case in the District of Columbia—but the other ones are not or other competition. I think what we are doing here is that we are ensuring competition.

Now, a cable company can own a part of a shopping network and, if that is the case, then they will let that one on the air but no other. And that is really what we are talking about here in the baldest of terms.

So by virtue of this legislation, the competition would also be on the air. And a network, if owned in part by the cable TV, could not be favored. I think that is what it really boils down to.

So we want that competition. I think the bill, as written, is very good in this area, and I strongly oppose this amendment.

Mr. BREAUX addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

Mr. BREAUX. Mr. President, I just want to make a couple of comments. I do not want to interfere with anybody else's desire to be recognized, and I will be happy to yield in just a moment.

I want to put a statement in the Record from the Consumer Federation of America. They do not have an ax to grind in this. They do not represent a cable company. They do not

work. They do not represent a broadcast station. But they represent the interests of the American people.

The Consumer Federation, in support of what we are trying to do—and I will submit their letter for the Record—says they are very concerned that the scarce public resource that we are talking about, the public airways, is being used for full-time home shopping. "In exchange for the free use of this resource, broadcasters agree to serve as 'public trustees,' and promise to place the public's needs ahead of their own."

That is what stations who get broadcast licenses are supposed to follow, that type of standard, a public interest standard, not just their pocketbook standard.

And that is why you see the Consumer Federation of America, which does not have an ax to grind, they do not have a dollar in this fight, they do not have an economic interest in this fight, but they do have an interest. That interest happens to be the American consumer. That is why they support what we are trying to do along with other groups and organizations, like the Media Access Project which watches what is coming out over the airways; National Cable Television Association, which does have an interest in this; Small Rural Cable TV Association—in support of this.

The only other point I would make is that we are not trying to keep these companies that have 24-hour commercial broadcasts, broadcasting one ad after the other, off the cable system. My amendment says nothing in the bill shall require or deny a station, which does nothing but broadcast commercials, from being on a cable network.

What we are saying is let us be neutral. Many cable systems already carry these shopping type of programs. Some of the cable systems carry more than one. They do it because they think it is the right thing to do. It serves the needs of the people.

My point is that we should not make them do it. We should not mandate them doing it. They have the right to negotiate with a cable company to get on their system. If they do not, they can just broadcast, just like any other broadcast station that is not on a cable system.

My amendment is supported by the Consumer Federation of America and other interest groups that do not have a dog in this fight, from an economic standpoint. The reason they support this amendment is because it does serve the public interests. After all, we are talking about communications. We are talking about the public interest because we are talking about the public airwaves.

I think the bottom line is that nothing in my amendment prohibits a home shopping type of program from being on the cable system. It just says the cable system does not have to re-

quire them to have space on that cable system.

Mr. GRAHAM. Will the Senator yield for a question?

Mr. BREAUX. I will be happy to.

Mr. GRAHAM. Reading the amendment, it states:

Nothing in this section shall require a cable operator to carrying on any tier, or prohibit a cable operator from carrying on any tier, the signal of any commercial television station or video programming service that is predominantly utilized for the transmission of sales presentations or program-length commercials.

Would that require the cable operator to apply a consistent standard? That is, if there were, let us say, three channels which came under the definition of "predominantly utilized for the transmission of sales presentations or program-length commercials," they would have to include all three? Or could the cable operator say I will carry two but not all three? Or one but not all three?

Mr. BREAUX. As long as the cable operator, under my amendment, has the right to carry a station or a broadcast signal that is predominantly a 24-hour-a-day commercial broadcast station, that does nothing but broadcast commercials, that cable operator has the right to decide to carry them or not carry them.

They would also, in my interpretation, have the right to decide which they would want to carry or which they would not want to carry.

Mr. GRAHAM. So the Senator is saying, in my hypothetical, if there were three stations that met the definition, the cable operator could decide that he would carry A and B but not C?

Mr. BREAUX. He could carry none of them, he could carry one of them, or he could carry all of them.

Mr. GRAHAM. If the theory is that there is something perverse about this type of broadcasting that does not warrant it being given the status of must-carry, why should the cable operator be able to make two decisions: First, whether he wants to carry any or all of that type of programming; and, then, second, the right to pick and choose among similar cable operators?

Mr. BREAUX. I think the theory behind the bill—and others may be able to speak to that—requiring must-carry for the networks, NBC, ABC, CBS, public television, or what have you, is that these programs on those stations meet the public interest, meet the public necessity, meet the standards by which a normal station is given a broadcast license: Serving the public interest, local community's interest, with a diversity of programming which includes everything that occurs in the local community, news, weather, sports, plus entertainment programming. It is a diversity coming from those type of networks and those type of signals.

If Congress can install a \$1.5 million Senate sound system so they'll be better heard on TV . . .

If Congress can install a new Senate sound system that costs more than one at a U-2 concert

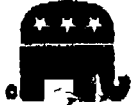
If Congress can install new marble floors in House elevators . .

If Congress can vote to spend \$25,000 just to study where to put a new House gymnasium

Billy Graham -- has 5 children (2 sons, 3 daughters); 19 grandkids; 4 great-grandkids

Re religious liberty flourishing in E. Europe:

- All over E. Europe churches and synagogues are being refurbished -- the churches are being repainted, their onion domes gilded.
- The Kazan, a cathedral in St. Petersburg, used to be called the All Union Museum of Religion and Atheism. Now it has been returned to a cathedral for thousands of worshippers.
- In Lithuania -- The main Catholic cathedral had been converted to a government archives building. Last fall, it was reconsecrated by the Catholic cardinal and now celebrates a new beginning as a popular place of worship.
- In June 1991, Quayle spoke on the steps of the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Sofia, Bulgaria to celebrate its reopening and reconsecration.
- All over E. Europe -- particularly in Romania, Hungary, the Ukraine -- young people were kept away from religion, religious history and what the government called religious propaganda. Now, young people are flocking to the churches to learn all they can about religion and are one of the largest groups enjoying their newfound religious liberty.



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Continuing and Initiating Other Programs (continued)

Senate Chamber Audio System.....\$ 1,500,000

The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration authorized the Architect of the Capitol to retain an audio engineering consultant to study improvements to the existing speech reinforcement system in the Senate Chamber from Contingent Expenses of the Senate. A concept study has been completed and a contract for the design of a replacement system will be completed in fiscal year 1991. The preliminary estimate by the consultants is \$1,200,000 for the equipment required. An additional amount of \$300,000 is estimated for temporary labor to install the system, which must take place while the existing system remains operational, until a period when the Senate is not in session. The project is intended to be completed in fiscal year 1992 but due to uncertainties in scheduling, funds are requested on a No Year basis. Approval of this funding request is pending from the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

LBTV Video Conferencing Program.....\$ 300,000

Section 305 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, 1991, requires that the AOC coordinate the planning for telecommunications networking within the Legislative Branch. As a component of this activity, the AOC, with proper approvals, is conducting a video teleconferencing "pilot" program at the General Accounting Office (GAO) for the Legislative Branch during fiscal year 1991.

The GAO has already begun to implement portions of this pilot program. This budget request is to consolidate and coordinate the expansion of the video teleconferencing pilot for the entire Legislative Branch to provide "basic" video teleconferencing capability to all entities within the Legislative Branch that wish to expand their telecommunications capability in this area.

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Last night you saw Barbara on television. I'll let her explain why family matters so. "At the end of your life," she's said, "you will never forget not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict, not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a child, a friend, or a parent." // No wonder America loves Barbara Bush. //

Barbara knows that kids, quoting Art Linkletter, say not only the funniest but most insightful things -- especially about religion. / ((Once a Sunday school teacher started talking about the story of Jonah and the Whale. She asked what the story showed. A small boy raised his hand. "I know," he said. "People make whales sick.")) //

Each of us turns to God daily to make lives well. We act through the third and greatest of God's gifts -- yes, prayer. /

If Congress can raise its pay in a midnight session / if Congress can install new lighting so their faces will be better lit on TV / if Congress can spend time debating Vanna White's appearance on the Home Shopping Network -- surely, Congress can allow our kids to thank Almighty God. / So if I can disturb your breakfast with one political observation, today I call on Congress to pass a Constitutional Amendment allowing voluntary prayer in our classrooms. Let's bring the Faith of our Fathers back to our schools. //

I have been President for three and a half years now.

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Remarks at the Dedication Ceremony for the Zachary and
Elizabeth Fisher House in Bethesda, Maryland

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Thank you, Secretary. What a beautiful day out here at Bethesda. Please be seated and thank you. Thank you, Secretary Garrett. And good morning, Admiral Lichtman. Thank you and all your associates for this warm welcome. I want to, of course, single out Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher for their generosity, not just for this, but for others to follow.

I want to, with the risk of embarrassment, say that coming in I congratulated Admiral Trost, our former CNO, for his vision in getting this program underway. And everybody jumped all over me and said, it's not Carl, it's Pauline. So, we salute her as well, and both of them for their vision.

It's a special day for Barbara and me, coming back here to Bethesda to see an exceptional group of people. Glad we don't have to stay this time. [Laughter] But it does give me an opportunity, seeing so many familiar faces -- with my tiny, minor problem in mind -- to just say thank you. For those who have not been inside this place as a patient, the care and the concern for everybody -- all the patients that I visited with telling me this -- is just unbelievable. And it's typical of hospitals, of course, all across this country, but we saw it firsthand. And I extend you all my heartfelt thanks. No fibrillation, just bringing it on out -- [Laughter] -- and would give you this report. Over the weekend, I played three hard sets of tennis, ran 2 miles, hit some golf balls. So, lest there be any doubts about the efficiency of Navy medicine, why, Admiral, I'm back 100 percent.

And true story and perhaps of not much interest, but I got this letter from a farmers' group during my recovery: "This wouldn't have happened if you'd eaten your broccoli" [Laughter] I would rather risk refribrillation, but that's my position. [Laughter] But there's -- a lot goes on at this medical center that's inspiring. I again commend the dedication of the doctors and the nurses, the corpsmen; all who make life so pleasant for people that are under stress and strain -- some of whom are just back from the Gulf, I might add, some of the professionals; and others who are still caring for some of the cases right here at the main hospital for those who really suffered, really got hurt in Desert Storm.

And so, today we celebrate something else that makes this place remarkable -- the opening of this Elizabeth and Zachary Fisher House, the gift of two longtime friends of ours. Barbara and I have known the Fishers for many, many years. I think it dates back, Zach, to 1971 when I was Ambassador at the U.N. But his building will provide lodging for military families who have come to visit their seriously ill or injured loved ones.

With pride I tell you that Barbara Bush has been very helpful in encouraging this kind of dwelling -- the Ronald McDonald Houses that so many

of you know about that are connected with the many other hospitals -- civilian hospitals. And she shares my joy in celebrating this one here.

Because a concerned couple cared, this house will become a home to families facing the triple blow of critical illness, financial pressures, and separation. And we had the pleasure of meeting two such families inside -- several such families inside. And I must say, to hear them talk about what this means to them says it all.

Listen to how the Fishers dedicate this house: "To our greatest national treasure, our military men and women and their loved ones." Millions were touched by the sacrifice of our troops, but the Fishers did something. They acted upon this. And I've spoken to a lot of people about our concept of Points of Light -- those who have given themselves to help others. And Elizabeth and Zach are brilliant Points of Light. They saw a need and then they moved in to fill it. They didn't wait for Congress. They didn't wait for a study or a committee hearing. They saw a problem, moved in and solved it.

This kind of dedication and ingenuity has made ours the strongest, and I think the most caring, nation in the world. This comfort home is one of seven furnished family retreats that the Fishers are donating to military hospitals across the country. They were inspired by a simple wonderful truth: The most important part of life is being with someone you love, helping someone you love, sharing life with someone you love.

It was a little over a year ago that Barbara spoke up at Wellesley about our philosophy -- I think our country's philosophy. So, let me -- possibly risking embarrassing her -- but let me share it with you again today. She said: "You will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict, or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child, or a parent."

And on behalf of the families who will find peace in this home and the ill or injured loved ones who will find comfort in their presence, I want to join the rest of you in thanking the Fishers. You really represent this wonderful concept in America. De Tocqueville noticed when he first came here, the propensity of one American to help another. You represent our best. And may I just say to our military men and women with us here today -- the Coast Guard, represented by Admiral Kime, the Navy and other services as well -- thank you for your service to our nation. And may this house bring you comfort in your time of need.

Thank you all very, very much.

Note: The President spoke at 9:25 a.m. outside the Fisher House. In his remarks, he referred to Lawrence Garrett III, Secretary of the Navy; David M. Lichtman, commander of the National Naval Medical Center; and J. William Kime, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard.

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When it comes to making the nation's laws, House Speaker Thomas S. Foley has gained national recognition as a mild-mannered intellectual with a worldly, yet cautious approach.

But when it comes to his stewardship of the Capitol, the Washington Democrat's actions have been decidedly turf-conscious and aggressive as he's surrounded himself with marble, expensive art and costly renovations.

"There is a sort of manifest destiny" to Foley's management, said one critical colleague who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

"His view of the Capitol ... is that this is not an office building," said Jeff Biggs, Foley's press secretary. "It amounts to a national monument, and he thinks it ought to reflect that trust. Current members are custodians for future generations."

After taking over from Jim Wright as leader of the House in 1989, Foley converted the existing speaker's offices and the adjacent hallways into a unified suite, complete with a shower room to accommodate his exercise regimen.

The elegant Rayburn Room next door was annexed when Foley had doors built to divide it from the public hallways.

Downstairs, a wall was built across the public room of the House restaurant, eliminating about two dozen seats to create a second speaker's dining room. Foley uses it for private meals and dispenses its use as a favor to colleagues.

Under Foley's direction, the restaurant also was redecorated - one room twice - and features padded wall coverings of blue sheen, more than \$ 40,000 in carpeting, and refurbished lighting and other features.

On the wall, Foley had placed an enormous oil painting by American artist Albert Bierstadt. Never mind that it's risky to keep the canvas - worth

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millions - in a dining room where it is subject to smoke, sweat and steam.

Back upstairs, Foley evicted the House Document Room from the Capitol to create a new suite of staff offices a few yards from his office. Where once lawmakers, journalists and others could get copies of bills only steps from the House chamber, they must now summon them from half a mile away.

The new double-decker staff suite, still under construction, includes a commodious full kitchen, which helped push the total cost to \$ 314,000, according to sources familiar with the bookkeeping.

Even now, colleagues are reticent to criticize the speaker. After all, many of his predecessors customized things to their tastes.

But for some, Foley seems to have crossed a line somewhere.

"It is a living museum, I understand that," said one Republican. "But this has been a little much."

Lawmakers on a commission that oversees historic preservation were appalled to learn last year that, without consultation, the speaker bought a \$ 72,500 Oriental rug for the Rayburn Room with money it intended for restoration and public facilities. The commission changed its rules to prevent a reoccurrence.

Just last week, Capitol workers, at Foley's behest, finished installing new marble floors in three elevators at a cost of \$ 20,000 or more. That money came from a contingent fund in the Architect of the Capitol's budget, and again was never cleared with colleagues who thought they should be consulted.

" Marble floors in our elevators, on top of bounced checks and unpaid restaurant bills, only reinforce the public's negative perception of Congress, " said California Rep. Jerry Lewis, senior Republican on the House Appropriations subcommittee that deals with Congress' own budget.

Lewis promises action on the House floor to stop what he contends are abuses.

Some critics grumble privately about the role in all this of the speaker's wife, Heather, who works unpaid as his chief of staff and personally oversees the renovation work.

But Biggs said Foley very definitely supports all the changes.

Regardless, it appears that Foley is exercising tendencies he had long before he became speaker. Members of the House Agriculture Committee can recall that when he was chairman, Foley crunched staff into a former bathroom while his dog Alice enjoyed her own room.

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HEADLINE: PERKS: SUBCOMMITTEE GETS WHITE HOUSE HEISMAN

BODY:

In a "rare display of defiance toward a congressional request, five presidential aides boycotted a hearing on President Bush's travel" by the House Post Office and Civil Service subcmte on Human Resources. WH spokesperson Judy Smith: "They're now, of course, trying to shift the focus off their own abuse a mismanagement." Smith added "that the subcommittee was 'engaging in a fishing expedition' to embarrass the president." Subcmte chair Rep. Paul Kanjorski (D-PA): "These are not hearings about (WH) perks, nor were they scheduled to deflect attention away from the Congress." Kanjorski scheduled another hearing for next week and "threatened to subpoena the president's aides if necessary" (McDonald, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 4/1). Kanjorski "contended that he had not been able to secure any figures on the cost of (WH) travel" beyond those in the proposed '93 budget. That budget lists yearly WH travel expenses at \$72M, and a single listing of \$29K for travel by Bush. Kanjorski "said that \$29,000 would pay for about 40 minutes of flight time on Air Force One, and that the actual cost of travel by Mr. Bush and the (WH) staff was" closer to \$130M. An anonymous WH official said Kanjorski's \$29,000 figure "actually represents per diem expenses for close aides who travel with Mr. Bush, not the cost of aircraft and limousines" (Wines, N.Y. TIME, 4/01).

POST OFFICE STILL PROBLEMATIC: A "surprise" audit of the House Post Office last week found "several accounting problems." House Administration Cmte chair Rep. Charlie Rose (D-NC): "This is a great embarrassment to the House that this situation should still exist." The 3/26-27 audit documented shortages of cash, one of \$600 and another of \$218, "according to a summary of preliminary audit findings obtained from a House Republican source." Dem leaders proposed "that the House Post Office be closed, with the postal service opening substations and the House creating an interoffice mailroom in its place." Among the 12 findings cited in the two-page summary were 100 money orders worth \$75,000 "stacked 'in an open vault with the keys in it' and personal funds ... commingled with postal money." A supervisor was "found to hold a \$580 voucher from a member's office with a note attached indicating, 'Do Not Process.'" An envelope containing \$395 was also found in the supervisor's office" (Cooper/Pianin, W. POST, 4/1). Employees of the post office "said in interviews that they took Federal Express packages to Dulles International Airport in the evening at the request of House members. In addition, employees of the House post office picked up campaign contributions and other mail delivered to post

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office boxes" (Pear, N.Y. TIMES, 4/1).

TV: ABC's Cokie Roberts: "The new audit at the House Post Office could not come at a worse time for House Democrats. They've been trying to focus voter attention on the perks and privileges enjoyed by the White House. Instead they keep getting plagued with problems of their own that won't go away" (3/31). NBC's John Cochran on GOP claims that Dems are trying "squirm the hook" on the perk issue: "Heavens no, insisted the Democrats who shrank from any mention of partisan politics" (3/31).

DEMS URGE HEATHER OUSTER: One of House Speaker Foley's (D-WA) "staunchest congressional allies suggested yesterday that Foley's wife, Heather, should step down from her job as his unpaid chief of staff." The unidentified Dem said "several senior Democrats, including powerful committee chairmen, agreed with him, but declined to identify them. The suggestion represents the first time that a member that close to Foley has indicated that the speaker's wife's activities are becoming a serious problem. ... This would be to placate the members. Her role and judgment are being called into question. ... It's always more difficult when its a spouse." Foley: "There's no question she's doing a splendid job, ... I'm totally satisfied." Members are questioning her judgment in ordering "costly marble floors in House elevators in a time when voters are showing anger over congressional spending and perks; in ordering that an office where citizens could pick up copies of pending bills be moved to a less convenient location; and in going to the offices of the House physician unaccompanied on a Saturday, where police found her after an alarm went off." Defenders contend she is facing criticism because "she has ruffled the feathers" of senior congressional Dems "who do not like a woman to have authority and do not approve of her casual way of dressing, which some see as 'unladylike'" (Hanson, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, 4/1).

FOLEY: W. POST's Gugliotta interviews Foley and writes the Speaker thought the House bank scandal "began as just a housekeeping problem ... a mess to be cleaned up and put in order." Foley: "My focus ... was on getting the problem corrected" (4/01). Dem House leaders "proposed an extensive package of changes in how the House conducts its nonlegislative affairs in what amounts to an effort by (Foley) to move beyond scandals in the House's bank and post office." The proposal presented to a bipartisan task force "would create a director of nonlegislative and financial services, abolish the postmaster, turn the House Post Office over to the U.S. Postal Service and end political patronage in some jobs." The plan adopts major GOPers proposals and, "according to one Democratic leadership aide," would give the Min Leader "veto power" in naming the new director" (Cooper, W. POST, 4/1).

CONGRESS, NEVER HIGH ON THE PUBLICS LIST: USA TODAY's director of polling Jim Norman: "Contrary to what you may think, the American people have not lost all that much confidence in Congress lately. They haven't had much confidence in years. During the past two decades, poll after poll has consistently confirmed people's low opinion of Congress. ... Congress ranked in the bottom third of institutions in Gallup polls taken in 1975, 1981 and 1991. In all three years, less than 20% of the

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people considered Congress' ethics above average. Fewer than half gave Congress a positive job rating in every one of 15 Gallup polls from 1974 to 1990. Congressional leaders have scored even lower than Congress itself. Fewer than one in five people have expressed 'a lot of confidence' in the leaders, according to more than a dozen polls conducted since Watergate's fallout in 1974" (4/1).

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HEADLINE: GOP Lawmakers Join Demos To Stymie Audit of 'Slush Fund'

BYLINE: Carolyn Lochhead, Chronicle Washington Bureau

DATELINE: Washington

BODY:

An attempt by the Gang of Seven freshman Republicans to get outside audits of what they call a \$ 45 million House 'slush fund' failed on a 262-to-149 House vote yesterday. Ten Republicans broke party ranks to vote with Democrats. The freshmen, including Californians Frank Riggs of Sonoma and John Doolittle of Roseville, charge the House Democratic leadership with using unspent funds appropriated to run Congress for purposes other than those originally intended.

Sacramento Democrat Vic Fazio, chairman of the legislative subcommittee of the House, which oversees the funds, has called the charges groundless and vigorously denied any inappropriate use of taxpayer money.

He acknowledged, however, that funds were used to renovate an office in the Capitol for the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee at the request of the architect of the Capitol. A report by the Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington think tank, said that Heather Foley, House Speaker Thomas Foley's wife and top aide, had requested the \$ 314,000 renovation, which includes a full kitchen.

Space was obtained by moving the House document office, which distributes copies of bills to the public, to an annex building.

MARBLE ELEVATORS

Other expenditures from the fund have paid for marble floors installed in three Capitol elevators at a cost of at least \$ 20,000, at Foley's request. Foley also had the speaker's offices and adjacent hallways converted to a unified suite, 'complete with a shower room to accommodate his exercise regimen.'

Riggs yesterday said Fazio wants to block an independent audit 'because he's one of a handful of individuals who exert control over these funds.' Riggs called Fazio 'the consummate professional politician, who is trying to muddy the waters in the hopes that this issue will go away.'

Doolittle said, 'In so many words, that's basically what they said about the House bank and House post office.' Doolittle vowed to continue the battle, perhaps by attempting to amend the upcoming appropriations bill for Congress.

The San Francisco Chronicle, MAY 21, 1992

Democrats say the freshman Republicans are trying to drum up publicity to further tarnish a Congress already plagued by the bank and post office scandals. The Gang of Seven's hope, they speculate, is that voters will throw even more incumbents out of office this November, most of them Democrats.

'NO-YEAR' ACCOUNT

The controversy involves a \$ 45 million 'contingency fund' that came into being in 1991, when Congress changed a rule to allow unspent legislative branch funds to be carried over indefinitely in a 'no year' account. Another change in 1989 allowed legislative operating funds to be transferred, or 'reprogrammed' among different accounts.

Government agencies ordinarily have to return unspent funds to the Treasury.

Fazio said Tuesday that \$ 20 million of the funds will probably be returned and that the rest is needed to pay bills carried over into the next fiscal year. He said some monies are needed for such contingencies as a leak in the Capitol roof.

He said the ranking minority member on the legislative subcommittee, San Bernardino Republican Jerry Lewis, the third-ranking Republican in the House, gives his approval on all transfers.

Lewis said yesterday that he has agreed on most transfers, except those he held up or took to House minority leader Robert Michel for comment. He added, however, that he is 'very concerned' about the 1991 changes 'in which suddenly funds were left to accumulate to the amount in excess of \$ 41 million.'

Lewis introduced an amendment two weeks ago to return to the Treasury \$ 41.7 million from the funds appropriated to run the House, but it was defeated in a voice vote along party lines. He said he offered the amendment because, 'Institutionally, I feel that language which causes money that's not expended' to remain available 'does open the door to a classic speaker's slush fund.'

Fazio emphasized that congressional finances are already audited by the General Accounting Office and that the figures are publicly available. But Steven Schwalm, author of the Heritage report, argues that the GAO audits show only total amounts expended with no details about who requested the transfers or what they paid for.

Schwalm and other analysts further contend that the GAO, which is financed and supervised by Congress, is not sufficiently independent for the task.

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NAME: HEATHER FOLEY

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HEADLINE: SCANDALS SHOVE SPEAKER'S WIFE INTO SPOTLIGHT;

CONGRESS: HEATHER FOLEY FOR YEARS HAS WIELDED CONSIDERABLE POWER BEHIND THE SCENES WHILE FIERCELY PROTECTING HER OWN PRIVACY.

BYLINE: By WILLIAM J. EATON, TIMES STAFF WRITER

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

She is an intensely private person in a public maelstrom, feeling unjustly accused but unwilling to strike back openly at her critics.

Much to her shock and surprise, Heather Foley has found herself caught up in the increasingly nasty debate over who deserves the blame for the political scandals surrounding the slipshod financial operations of the House bank and post office.

As the wife of Speaker Thomas S. Foley (D-Wash.) and his unpaid chief of staff for more than two decades, Heather Foley is familiar with the congressional corridors of power. But this is her first experience in the center of a raging controversy and she hates it.

"I don't expect to be patted on the back for working for nothing but I don't expect to get beaten up, either," one associate quoted her as saying. She refuses all interviews.

In a sense, the ordeal that Heather Foley is experiencing after 23 years of service symbolizes the increasing acrimony infecting Congress, which largely has abandoned what once were standards of comity that tended to prevent political disputes from becoming personal attacks.

Her critics describe Heather Foley, 51, as a brusque baroness of Capitol Hill, stifling embarrassing investigations and making unilateral decisions on House decor and policy issues without being held accountable to anyone.

Her friends describe her as an intelligent and dedicated woman who has played a key behind-the-scenes role in her husband's steady advance up the leadership ladder to the top position of Speaker, which he assumed in June, 1989.

In any case, Heather Foley is certain to remain in the spotlight until a federal grand jury and a bipartisan task force created by the House Administration Committee complete separate investigations of the House bank and post office scandals.

Los Angeles Times, April 19, 1992

Indeed, she has confided to close associates that she is "tortured" and "bewildered" by the array of accusations against her, which include personal criticism about her aversion to formal socializing and her preference for casual attire and grooming.

The daughter of a diplomatic family who grew up overseas in Pakistan and Greece, Heather Foley was graduated from Pembroke College in Providence, R.I., taught school in Cairo and was married to Foley in Sri Lanka. She received a law degree before going to work on Capitol Hill. The Foleys, childless, have devoted most of their adult lives to the House of Representatives.

While Foley won near-universal approval when he succeeded Jim Wright as Speaker after months of turmoil over ethics charges against the Texas Democrat, there has been muted grumbling about his wife's unusual role as his top staff aide. How could her judgment be challenged, the critics wondered, without offending the Speaker?

The muttering reached a crescendo in recent weeks as the bank and post office scandals provided an outlet for pent-up partisan anger over Democratic rule of the House for the last 38 years.

Without providing detailed supporting evidence, Republican lawmakers have charged that the Speaker's wife may have intervened to delay a police inquiry into theft and drug sales at the House post office last summer. The Speaker has called the accusation "outrageous." Even so, Heather Foley was called as a witness before the federal grand jury that is looking into allegations of a cover-up of post office crimes.

House Minority Leader Robert H. Michel (R-Ill.) has said that Heather Foley, as early as 1989, presented him with a list of names of lawmakers from both parties who had been running up frequent overdrafts at the House bank. Through her, Michel urged the Speaker to cut off credit to those who wrote checks without enough funds to cover them.

The advice was not taken, however, and the private bank continued the lenient policies that culminated in a national furor. Last week, the House Ethics Committee publicly identified more than 300 lawmakers who wrote one or more overdrafts on their checking accounts in a 39-month period. The bank routinely permitted House members to write checks that would not be covered until their next paycheck was deposited.

The Speaker has acknowledged that he did not crack down soon enough -- or hard enough -- on the bank or then-Sergeant-at-Arms Jack Russ for failing to carry out reforms. But he has deplored efforts to make his wife a scapegoat. "She's capable. She's hard working. She's honest. . . . She has done nothing wrong," he has said.

Long before the scandals broke, however, Heather Foley drew fire for controversial decisions involving renovation projects that she initiated with the cooperation of architect George M. White.

"Whatever Heather wants, Heather gets," has become a catch-phrase for critics of the Capitol face-lifts.

Los Angeles Times, April 19, 1992

The recent installation of marble floors in three House elevators at an estimated cost of \$6,000 apiece is an example of her influence.

Heather Foley also was the driving force behind redecoration of the House restaurant, relocation of the House documents room to a more distant site and installation of an enlarged bathroom and shower next to the Speaker's office. At her urging, the U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission, a privately funded group, acquired a \$72,000 Oriental rug for a ceremonial meeting room just off the House floor.

"There's no disclosure, no bids, no accountability and it seems to happen overnight," complained a Republican member of the House Administration Committee.

In her defense, friends said that Heather Foley and her husband regard the Capitol as a historical monument and defend the changes as appropriate to keep up the appearance of the building, which receives more than a million visitors a year.

The move of the House documents room, which provides copies of bills and committee reports for the press and public, was defended on grounds that the Senate had moved its documents room out of the Capitol to a nearby office building without any outcry.

In addition, her friends have said that she took the lead in increasing congressional staff contributions to a charitable fund drive, introduced a system of drug and alcohol counseling for staff members and championed the rights of women working in the Capitol.

Heather Foley's career started almost three decades ago when she arrived on Capitol Hill to work for the late Sen. Henry M. (Scoop) Jackson of Washington. The Foleys were married in 1968. After receiving her law degree from George Washington University the next year, Heather Foley began working for her husband as his office manager. She later was promoted to chief of staff.

Always something of a nonconformist, Heather Foley drew criticism for preferring peasant skirts and sandals to conventional attire. Since recently losing 50 pounds, however, she has begun wearing more fashionable clothes. Even so, she still wears little makeup and finds high heels too uncomfortable to tolerate. Her straight brown hair usually is brushed back.

"In some ways, she never got out of the '60s," said one woman colleague, who reported nothing but positive dealings with her.

Many of Heather Foley's admirers think she is merely a lightning rod for attacks on the Speaker's leadership during a time of intense partisanship and second-guessing.

"It's political, first, and it's sexist, second," declared Marylouise Oates, a novelist and former journalist who is a longtime friend of the Foleys. "This is Republican fire-bombing."

Other Capitol Hill observers said that her strong-willed determination to get things done and impatience with small talk has offended some Democrats as well as Republicans. Washingtonian magazine, for example, recently included Heather

Los Angeles Times, April 19, 1992

Foley in a list of "women men are afraid of." She was listed by Roll Call newspaper as one of the "Fabulous Fifty" staff aides who have the greatest influence in Congress.

Despite the growing controversy about her role, Heather Foley has refused to respond to her accusers, to grant interviews or to pose for photographs, contending that as a staff assistant who is not on the public payroll she has no obligation to do so.

And whatever her virtues or flaws, she appears likely to retain her stature as one of Capitol Hill's most powerful aides as long as the man that she calls "Thomas" occupies the Speaker's chair.

"This is really a very sweet love story," said a close woman friend. "Tom and Heather Foley love each other very much. You can see that and feel that when you spend any amount of time with them."

GRAPHIC: Photo, Speaker of the House Thomas S. Foley and his wife, Heather.

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HEADLINE: Bush Calls Pearl Harbor Anniversary Emotional, Time of Healing

BYLINE: By TOM RAUM, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii

KEYWORD: Pearl Harbor-Bush

BODY:

President Bush today led the nation in a somber tribute to the U.S. dead of World War II, recalling "the moment when the Pacific Ocean erupted in a storm of fire and blood."

At a daybreak address to about 4,000 Pearl Harbor survivors and their families, the president said, "We won the war and secured the peace because American men and women responded bravely and instinctively to their nation's call."

Bush, a World War II pilot shot down in the Pacific by Japanese artillery fire, delivered an emotional tribute to those who fought that war.

"Some of my closest buddies never came home," Bush told the gathering of Pearl Harbor survivors at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. "Perhaps because of this experience, I can better understand what you survivors are feeling today."

"For the defenders of Pearl, heroism came as naturally as breath," the president said later at a ceremony at the memorial to the sunken battleship Arizona.

Bush asked his audience to look at the waters of Pearl Harbor.

His voice choking with emotion, Bush said, "One day in what now seems another lifetime, it wrapped its arms around the finest sons that any nation could ever have and carried them to another, better world."

Bush and his wife, Barbara, dropped flowers into the water from the Arizona memorial. During a moment of silence, four F-15 fighters flew overhead in a "missing man" formation as one of the planes pulled away from the group.

Bush was observing the 50th anniversary of the devastating attack on the U.S. Pacific fleet in three separate speeches.

The Associated Press, December 7, 1991

Speaking to a large gathering at a naval pier, Bush noted that Japanese Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe this week expressed "deep remorse" over the suffering caused by Japan's decision to start the war. The president said it was "a thoughtful, a difficult expression, much appreciated by the people of the United States of America."

The president offered the nation's apologies to the 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent who were rounded up and put in camps during the war.

"Our cause was just and honorable, but not every American action was fully fair," Bush said.

Bush said that "these and other natural-born American citizens faced wartime internment. They committed no crime. They were sent to internment camps simply because their ancestors were Japanese."

Previously, the president had said he would not apologize for the atomic bombs that the United States dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki to end the war. But he indicated that expressing regret for the wartime internment was another matter.

In his speech at the cemetery, Bush said that U.S. soldiers who died in battle from Valley Forge, Pa. in the American Revolution to this year's war in Kuwait "have prepared the way for a world of unprecedented freedom and cooperation."

"Thank God you Pearl Harbor survivors are here today to see this come to pass," Bush said.

About 36,000 veterans and family members are buried in the hillside cemetery, 776 of them the victims of the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack.

Bush, who engaged in 58 combat missions during the war, was shot down on Sept. 2, 1944, on a bombing run on the island of Chichi Jima. Bleeding from a head wound, he drifted in a life raft for about four hours before being rescued by the submarine USS Finback.

"During every passage of my life, I've often thought of those who never returned," Bush said.

However, the president said that positive developments grew out of the greatest U.S. conflict of the century. "The American victors welcomed the new leaders of Japan, Germany and Italy into alliances that won the Cold War and helped prevent a third world war," Bush said.

The president participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the cemetery. As a warm breeze tousled his hair and flapped two U.S. flags flying at half-staff, the president said, "From this sacred ground ... we remember the moment when the Pacific Ocean erupted in a storm of fire and blood."

"We remember a morning when America - where some thought isolation meant security - awoke wounded and reeling, plunged into a desperate fight for world freedom," Bush said.

The Associated Press, December 7, 1991

Among those who greeted the president and first lady Barbara Bush when they arrived here Friday afternoon was Dale Nash, who served aboard the submarine Finback, which rescued Bush from the Pacific in 1944.

Bush was a 17-year-old student at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., when a classmate shouted that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor. He enlisted on June 12, 1942, his 18th birthday, and became one of the youngest pilots in the Navy.

The Navy awarded him the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Bush has had a hard time living down his remark to an American Legion convention in Louisville on Sept. 7, 1988, that it was Pearl Harbor Day - a remark for which Bush apologized even before he stopped speaking.

When he was jokingly asked at a business lunch in Ontario, Calif., if he and Barbara would accept an invitation to a couple's home for barbecue on the wedding anniversary the two couples have in common, Bush replied:

"If I can remember it. I'm the guy who couldn't remember when Pearl Harbor was."

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... religious than the United States of America. Seven in ten Americans believe in life after death; 8 in 10, that God works miracles. Nine in ten Americans pray. And more than 90 percent believe in God, to which I say, thank God. I wish it were 100 percent.

Now, I know this is an election year. And I don't know about Damascus, but this primary season we're seeing ...

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HEADLINE: Free at last, Bulgarians revive tradition

BYLINE: Svetla Bobeva

Christmas and Easter are the two most popular Christian holidays in Bulgaria, a predominantly Eastern Orthodox country. During the long years of Communist rule it was not safe to celebrate Christmas openly, and the young generations gradually lost the sense of tradition. But it is coming back again after the collapse of Communist ...

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BYLINE: SHIRO YONEYAMA

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... TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON, TEXAS THAT HE TELEPHONED SHULTZ WHO HE SAID 'ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSED MY CHOICE.'

BUSH BEGAN HIS FIRST DAY AS PRESIDENT-ELECT BY ATTENDING A SERVICE AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH WITH WIFE BARBARA AND HIS FAMILY.

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... [*S572] subjective judgment based on content. What will be next? This network does, in fact, spend a great deal of its time having people -- Vanna White, for example, is one of the stars of this network. She sells things on

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this program, and she has a big audience.

I have been advised at one time she was ...

... [*S572] for a question from the Senator from Louisiana.

Mr. BREAUX. How does the Senator interpret that anything in my amendment prohibits Vanna White from being on a broadcast TV station? She can go on a TV station and let them broadcast as many times as they want. I am not preventing Vanna White -- I never want to prevent Vanna from being on television.

Mr. REID. Well, the Senator would unintentionally be doing that because this television network that the ...

... [*S572] will not see it.

For example, TCI and Comcast, two very large cable operators, control their own version of a home shopping type program called QVC. This puts these large cable companies in direct competition with the Home Shopping Network. Of course, they do not want to carry it.

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Channel 14, a black station right here in Washington, carries Home Shopping. TCI will not carry channel 14 as a result. Therefore, this local station, predominantly owned by African-Americans, ...

... [*5572] whole program is about.

Now I personally am not much into watching those kinds of programs. I am not really much into watching these home shopping programs. I do not think I have ever watched one for more than a minute or two. But I can ...

... [*5572] presentation for a half-hour, hour, or 15 minutes, or I should be able, if I care to, Mr. President, to watch Home Shopping for as long as I want or as short a period of time as I want. There should not be an exception to this one network because of the type of programming it is.

Who are we going to go after next? Local stations need this revenue to [*5573] survive. The Home Shopping Network employs 6,000 people nationwide and is affiliated with about 80 stations beyond the 12 they own. In this economy, should we be legislating more people out of work? I think not. Home Shopping Network is a legitimate, a viable, and a good business.

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We should be creating jobs here in Congress, according to what we were told last night in the Chamber across the Hall. And I agree with what President Bush said. We should not be eliminating jobs.

The Home Shopping Network should be treated like any other broadcaster. They meet all the FCC criteria with regard to public service. They are a legitimate business, they provide ...

... [*5573] people want, and they deserve to be treated fairly.

People have a right to choose what they watch. If we do not provide must-carry for Home Shopping we will be limiting their choice without their consent. This, I think, is unfair. It is not right. And some would say it is unconscionable.

This amendment, Mr. President, should be ...

... [*5573] Record -- says they are very concerned that the scarce public resource that we are talking about, the public airways, is being used for full-time home shopping. "In exchange for the free use of this resource, broadcasters agree to serve as 'public trustees,' and promise to place the public's needs ...

... [*S573] interest because we are talking about the public airwaves.

I think the bottom line is that nothing in my amendment prohibits a home shopping type of program from being on the cable system. It just says the cable system does not have to require them to have space on that cable system.

Mr. ...

... [*S574] Florida one additional question. There is no dispute TCI and Comcast are large cable operators and control their own version of a home-shopping -type program with no limited hours. It is called QVC. Under this amendment, they could do anything they want to do, but yet this network would be discriminated ...

... [*S575] by the FCC and meeting all the FCC qualifications. The argument being made here today is that limited spectrum should not be taken up by home shopping services.

I could ask the same question, whether the 1,000th rerun of "Happy Days" should take up spectrum space. The must-carry ...

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HEADLINE: Actor auctions Oscar to pay for operation

... sightseeing in the Latvian capital. The queen visited neighbouring Estonia earlier this week, and will go to Lithuania today.

The evangelist Billy Graham, who first preached in Moscow in 1982 when it was still part of the Soviet Union, is returning in October for his first revival in the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The remains of the 18th-century Danish navigator ...

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HEADLINE: Faith and Reason: The need to show God is a democrat; Believers will turn away unless religious leaders can show that the implementation of their faith leads to freedom and democracy, writes Rabbi Dr Sidney Brichto.

BYLINE: By RABBI DR SIDNEY BRICHTO

... can only be achieved in partnership with God. It will happen when human beings take to heart the prophetic words of Micah: 'What does the Lord require of you, but to be just, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God.'

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SECTION: Domestic News

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HEADLINE: People in the News

BYLINE: Williams and Helmsley

DATELINE: LONDON

KEYWORD: People

BODY:

Rock superstar Michael Jackson arrived here Wednesday with Mickey and Minnie Mouse in tow.

He brought the Disney characters with him from France to accompany him on a visit to Queen Elizabeth's Children's Hospital, a spokesman said.

The star met up with the cartoon characters at Euro Disney in France and invited them to tag along to amuse the hospitalized children he planned to visit, said the spokesman, who wasn't identified.

On Tuesday, Jackson, here for the British leg of a world concert tour, won a High Court injunction to stop re-publication by the Daily Mirror of a photo taken of him in Munich last month.

His lawsuit alleged that the newspaper and photographer Ken Lennox violated an agreement not to sell any photographs taken during the performance and not to publish any photograph more than once.

Jackson is also suing the Mirror for libel over its reports that he has been left severely disfigured by plastic surgery.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A \$ 6 million lawsuit against comedian and actor Robin Williams, which accused him of giving herpes to a former lover, has been settled, a legal newspaper reported.

The San Francisco Daily Journal reported Wednesday that a confidential settlement was filed in San Francisco Superior Court on Tuesday, a week before the case was to go to trial.

Michelle Tish Carter, a former cocktail waitress at the Improv comedy club in Los Angeles, alleged that Williams gave her herpes before disclosing he had the disease. Williams, 41, claimed in a cross-complaint against Carter that the lawsuit was a ruse to extort money from him.

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Terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

Attorneys for Williams and Carter didn't immediately return calls seeking comment Wednesday.

NEW YORK (AP) - Jailed hotel queen Leona Helmsley could lose the crown jewel of her empire, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

In a move that may force Leona and Harry Helmsley to sell the Helmsley Palace Hotel, a court-appointed arbitration panel has named an outside receiver to oversee management of the property, The New York Times reported.

A group that put \$ 16.8 million into the hotel in 1981, accuse the Helmsleys of fraud and mismanagement. The investors include actor Paul Newman.

Mrs. Helmsley, 72, was convicted of fraud and tax evasion in 1989 and began serving a four-year sentence in April in a federal prison in Danbury, Conn.

"We want to sell it, and sell it quickly," Adam B. Gilbert, a lawyer for the Helmsleys, said of the Palace. The receiver, who oversees but does not manage the property, was appointed July 22, he said.

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) - Jerry Lewis says he plans to include five hours of country music stars performing from this booming Ozarks tourist town in his annual Labor Day Telethon.

The 1992 Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon, which is to air Sept. 6-7, will feature live and taped performances from the Mel Tillis Theater.

Branson is a "hotbed of great talent," Lewis said Tuesday via a television link from San Diego.

"When we advertise in 3,800 newspapers that we're going to have so many country stars, we'll have the biggest audience ever," Lewis said.

The telethon, which is based in Las Vegas, also will include stars appearing in Los Angeles and New York.

TULSA, Okla. (AP) - Oral Roberts' ministry says it's canceling the daily religious program by the televangelist's son Richard, but Oral Roberts' own weekly show will continue with the son as a co-host.

Tuesday's cancellation follows a lawsuit claiming the ministry owes a Christian satellite cable system in North Carolina nearly \$ 300,000 for broadcasting more than a year of "Richard Roberts" and the long-running "Miracles Today."

The cancellation of Richard Roberts' show is effective immediately, the ministry said.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Evangelist Billy Graham, who first preached in Moscow in 1982 when it was still part of the Soviet Union, is returning this fall for his first revival in the Commonwealth of Independent States.

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The Revival '92 crusade will take place Oct. 23-25 in Moscow's Olympic Stadium, according to the Minneapolis-based Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Nearly 200 clergy and lay leaders from across the former Soviet Union have begun holding evangelistic missions and classes to train people in Christian living, the association said Tuesday.

LONDON (AP) - The Prince and Princess of Wales celebrated their 11th anniversary on Wednesday in private, Buckingham Palace said.

"Neither of them has any public engagements today and we really don't know what their plans are," a palace spokeswoman said anonymously.

Charles, 43, spent the morning with his grandmother, the Queen Mother, touring the Sandringham Flower Show, 90 miles northeast of London.

He later returned to London, where Diana, 31, was believed to be spending the day at Kensington Palace, where they live, with their sons Prince William, 10 and Prince Harry, 7.

The marriage has been in the spotlight since publication of Andrew Morton's book "Diana: Her True Story," which claims Charles and Diana are unhappy together. Buckingham Palace has refused to comment on the book.

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Plank on Tax-Hike 'Mistake' Softened

SERIES: Occasional

BYLINE: E.J. Dionne Jr., Washington Post Staff Writer

DATELINE: HOUSTON, Aug. 11, 1992

BODY:

Conservatives today pushed the Republican platform further to the right to reflect their views on abortion and homosexuality.

The Republican Platform Committee ratified the party's strongly antiabortion plank, which includes a call for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion. It voted 84 to 16 against a motion to drop the abortion plank entirely. In a series of voice votes, the panel also rejected amendments to the plank.

Abortion rights supporters appear to lack the votes to bring the matter before the full convention here next week, but several of them said they still hope for some acknowledgment by the party of divergent views on the issue.

President Bush added to the debate when, in Washington today, he answered a television interviewer's hypothetical questions about how he would react to a granddaughter's decision to have an abortion by saying he would "stand by my child." Would the decision be hers, NBC interviewer Stone Phillips asked. "Well," Bush said, "who else's could it be?" [Details, Page A12.]

Despite the platform's strong antiabortion language, a Washington Post-ABC News survey of Republican delegates found that 55 percent of those questioned oppose a constitutional ban on abortion, while 28 percent favor it.

Conservative Phyllis Schlafly, head of the National Republican Coalition for Life, denounced delegate polls on abortion at a news conference here: "They all offered options to find out where you stand, but none of them offered the option of opposing abortion except to save the life of the mother." She said this is the position consistent with the plank adopted today.

A platform subcommittee that apparently angered some in the White House on Monday by labeling the 1990 tax increases signed by the president "a mistake" pulled back today -- although only slightly.

A special meeting of the economics subcommittee, called after consultations between its members and Bush campaign officials, agreed to strike the word "mistake" and instead call the tax increases "recessionary."

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The subcommittee also softened a commitment to repeal the 1990 tax increases. Instead of saying they "should be repealed," the panel said they "should ultimately be repealed."

Conservatives claimed victory in sustaining the rebuke to the tax increase. "I've gotten what I wanted here," said Rep. Robert S. Walker (Pa.). "The taxes wrecked the economy."

Rep. Vin Weber (Minn.), sponsor of the original language, acknowledged that some in the Bush campaign would have preferred to see the section dropped. It was included on Monday with the acquiescence of Bush's platform representative here, Charles Black, who believes Bush needs to step away from the 1990 tax increase and thought he could soften the language. Officials here said top Bush aides in Washington objected far more strongly to the language than Black did.

Weber said the tax-cutting philosophy embodied in the platform marked a major departure from administration policies. "It would be a profound change in economic policy," he said.

The shift of the platform toward the right was evident in amendments adopted today and in changes made Monday by platform subcommittees.

For example, to make clear the party's view on homosexuality, the committee today adopted an amendment expressing opposition to "any legislation or law that recognizes same sex marriages."

Another change reflected the objections of some conservative Christians on the committee to a passage that celebrated "our country's rich religious pluralism." They said the platform failed to mention the country's religious roots in Christianity and Judaism. So, on a 51 to 37 vote, the passage was amended to celebrate "our country's Judeo-Christian heritage and rich religious pluralism."

A subcommittee even substituted one quote from First Lady Barbara Bush for another one, to move the message in a pro-family direction. "In order to grow, you must choose a cause to serve larger than yourself" was dropped today for a statement celebrating motherhood: "At the end of your life you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a child, a friend or a parent."

The platform planks adopted today also endorsed "home-based schools," a cause dear to many religious conservatives, and echoed Vice President Quayle in declaring that "elements within the media, the entertainment industry, academia and the Democratic Party are waging a guerrilla war against American values."

Although the Bush campaign proposed some of the conservative language, the changes in the document reflect the strength of the religious right in the platform process. Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, the political arm of television evangelist Pat Robertson, said his group had 20 members and eight allies on the 107-member platform committee, enough to allow them to force a convention floor fight on any proposal they wished to push.

Reed argued that the conservative platform changes would help Bush by "hanging some red meat on the rather flaccid bones of the record of the last

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three years."

"The language on AIDS, education, abortion, homosexual rights, prayer in schools and taxes is all being strengthened so we can telegraph a message to the core constituency that this is their party and that we want their votes in November," Reed said.

But Tanya Melich, a delegate from New York and executive director of the New York Republican Family Committee, a liberal group, expressed the displeasure of a handful of dissenters here.

"I am appalled that no one on that platform committee got up and argued about artistic freedom, about the freedom to create, about the freedom to hold one's moral views or one's sexual preference," she said. "No one talked about the entertainment industry or academia having the right to their own view of the world. Certainly this stuff is worth discussion."

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BYLINE: DAVID BAUMAN; Gannett News Service

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BODY:

Republican Rep. Dick Zimmer of Delaware Township may be walking into a political fight when the GOP gathers for its national convention in Houston next week.

A staunch supporter of abortion rights, Zimmer - and other pro-choice GOP lawmakers from northern New Jersey - oppose a GOP platform plank that describes abortion as murder.

'I'm afraid the Republican Party is on the wrong side of history on this issue,' Zimmer said. 'Public opinion is generally on the pro-choice side. It certainly is opposed to a constitutional amendment banning abortion.'

Earlier this week in Houston, the GOP platform committee approved a plank that calls for a constitutional ban on abortion. It declares that 'the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed.'

By contrast, the platform approved by the Democrats at their July convention in New York City, endorses a woman's right to an abortion without exception and calls for public financing of abortions for poor women who cannot afford them otherwise.

Like Zimmer, Rep. Dean Gallo of Parsippany said President Bush's anti-abortion stance will cost votes in the presidential election, as well as in state and local races.

'I think it's a real mistake for him (Bush) to accept the platform line,' said Gallo. 'That's not going to help him with the swing vote.'

The platform committee 'should have done what we did in New Jersey and left abortion out of the platform,' he said.

Zimmer and Gallo belong to a group of Republicans who advocate the 'big tent' theory of accepting abortion-rights supporters into the party and the platform. They contend, citing statistics from surveys and polls of the 1988 convention delegates, that Republicans favoring abortion rights comprise a majority in the party.

Yet while they would like to see a change in the platform to a position more supportive of a variety of opinions on abortion, both Zimmer and Gallo said

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they were undecided over the course of action to pursue at the convention.

Some Republicans who favor abortion rights have threatened a floor fight to amend the platform. But Bush opposes abortion, and Zimmer noted: "An incumbent president gets the platform he wants."

In deference to that political reality, Zimmer said Bush should not change his position. "If he did, he'd be open to charges of flip-flopping," he said. "What we're asking is the party to allow other Republicans to follow their own consciences and not insist that we run on a rigid anti-abortion platform."

But Rep. Christopher Smith of Hamilton Township, chairman of the House Pro-Life Caucus, argued the party's stance against abortion is both morally and politically right.

"If being pro-abortion is the political asset they (abortion-rights advocates such as Zimmer and Gallo) say it is, then why have the Democrats lost every presidential election since 1968, except the post-Watergate election of Jimmy Carter?" Smith said.

As for the "big tent" position, Smith noted the GOP plans to give speaking roles at the convention to some prominent Republican supporters of abortion rights, including Labor Secretary Lynn Martin and Massachusetts Gov. William Weld.

In contrast, Smith recalled how Democratic Party leaders felt so strongly about abortion rights they refused to permit a speech by Pennsylvania Gov. Robert Casey, an outspoken abortion opponent.

"I don't want to see anyone run out of the party," Smith said. "But our party does stand for the preciousness and sacredness of people's lives. We are not going to try and be all things to all people."

Still another New Jersey Republican, Rep. Matthew Rinaldo of Union, echoed Gallo, saying he would prefer to see the GOP platform silent on the question of abortion. Rinaldo said he believes the issue will not determine the votes of most Americans.

"I do not expect abortion to be a major factor in the election," he said. "The overriding concerns this year are jobs and the economy. The importance of getting the economy moving again overshadows everything else."

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Mary Lou Retton, thank you for that introduction. Let me repeat what I said last week to the 1992 Summer Olympic team: Whether you won a gold, silver, or bronze medal, or simply gave your best, you're all heroes in the eyes of each American. //

My friend and running mate, Dan Quayle. What a wonderful job you have done as Vice-President. / Fellow Texans / Americans / fellow believers in "One Nation Under God." //

I am delighted to address the Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast on this great occasion. ((Breakfast speeches are always my favorite. / I figure it's the one meal where broccoli is never served.))

Let me first salute that marvelous choir. / Think of it. A 50-piece orchestra. 100 singers from the Houston Children's Choir. *Our adult choir* Members of 40 area congregations. 1,000 voices.

((Believe me, as one who works in the divisive world of politics, it's amazing to hear that many voices raised in unison.)) //

As you know, we meet on a special day. ((Tonight I give my acceptance speech. If it catches fire, it might give a whole new meaning to the story of the Burning Bush.)) /

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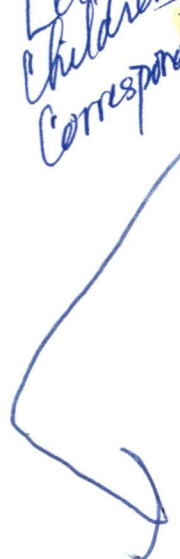
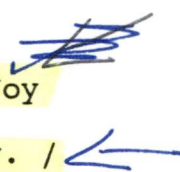
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRAYER BREAKFAST
HOUSTON, TEXAS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1992
8:00 A.M.

Mary Lou Retton, thank you for that introduction. Let me repeat what I said last week to the 1992 Summer Olympic team: Whether you won a gold, silver, or bronze medal, or simply gave your best, you're all heroes in the eyes of each American. //

I also want to salute my friend and running mate, Vice-President Dan Quayle. // Fellow Texans / Americans / fellow believers in "One Nation Under God." // I am delighted to address the Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast on this great occasion. ((Breakfast speeches are always my favorite. / I figure it's the one meal where broccoli is never served.))

Make 40 Let me first salute that marvelous choir. / Think of it. A 50-piece orchestra, ⁸⁵ 100 singers from the Houston Children's ~~Choir~~ *Chorus Adult choir* Members of 40 area congregations. ²⁰⁰ 1,000 voices.

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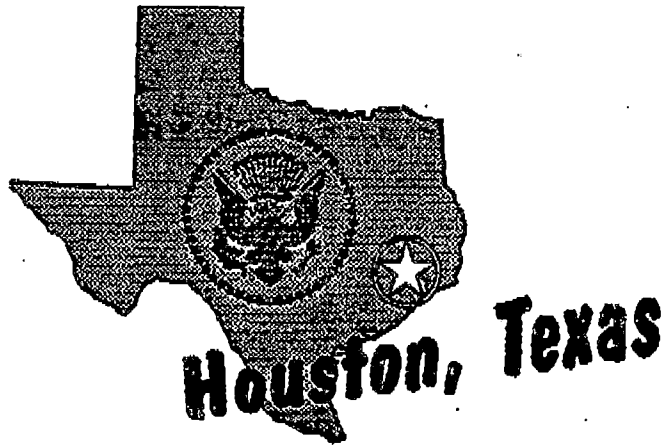
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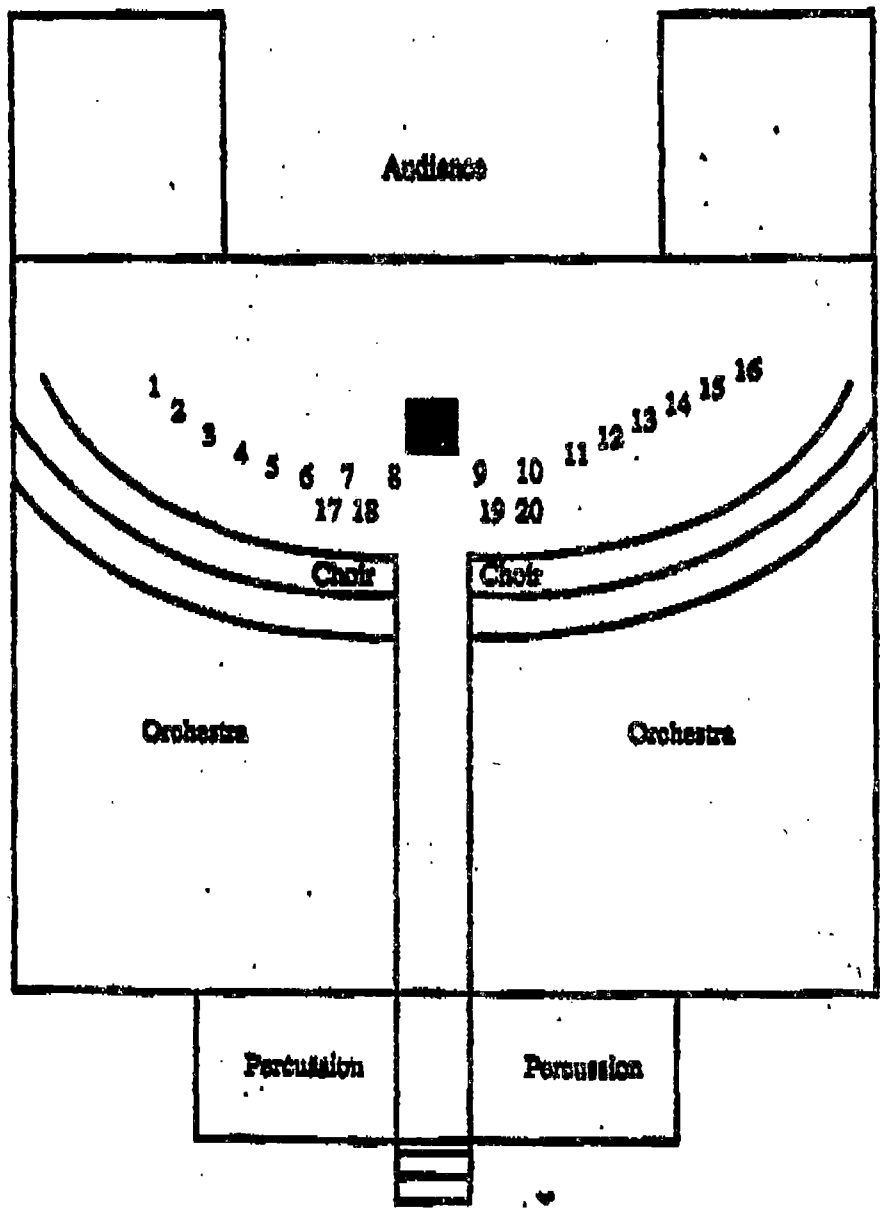
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HOUSTON, TEXAS
University of Houston
Prayer Breakfast
Thursday, August 20, 1992



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- 3. Harold Wierenthal
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- 6. Judge Jon Lindsay
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- 9. Mrs. Bush
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ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
Thursday, August 20, 1992
Hofheinz Pavillion

EVENT TIMELINE
As of August 14, 1992

- 7:45 a.m. Organ music to begin
8:00 a.m. Sacred Concert - Massed Choirs
"How Majestic is Your Name"
"He Is Worthy Praise"
"It is Well" (Solo) - Renee McLaurin
"Hine Ma Tov"
"Moses (Solo) - Beverly Terrell
"Hosanna" (Solo) - Eva Walters
"Almighty"
"He Never Failed Me Yet" (Solo) - Eva Walters
"Joshua Fits the Battle" (Solo) - Renee McLaurin
~~8:20~~ *POTUS ARRIVAL* "Great is the Lord"
8:38 Dias enters - remains standing
8:40 President and Mrs. Bush and Vice President and Mrs. Quayle enter to Hail to the Chief
8:42 Call to order - Ken Lay
8:45 Pledge to the flag - Judge Jon Lindsay
8:46 Invocation - Susan Baker
8:49 Choir "America" - Audience
8:52 Welcome - Mayor Bob Lanier
8:54 Scripture reading from Hebrew Bible - Harold Wiesenthal
8:57 Choir "YIGDAL" ("We Praise the Living God")
Children's Choir to enter
8:59 Prayer - Marc Shapiro (Audience will please stand)
9:00 Introduction of the Houston Children's Choir - Gigi Huang
9:01 Special Music by the Houston Children's Choir
9:06 Scripture reading from the New Testament - Judge Al Green
9:08 Choir "Amazing Grace"
9:13 Introduction of Vice President Quayle - Ninfa Laurenzo
9:15 Prayer given by Vice President Quayle
9:18 "I Bowed on My Knees" Choir and Solo - Alan Green
9:23 Introduction of President Bush - Mary Lou Retton
9:26 Remarks by President Bush
9:41 Choir "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
9:46 Closing Prayer - Astronaut Bob Springer
9:48 Dismissal to "Give God the Glory" Solo - Alan Green
9:52 Conclusion

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August 17, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAN MC GROARTY *DMG*
FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*
SUBJECT: HOUSTON PRAYER BREAKFAST

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, August 20, at 8:00 a.m., you will deliver remarks to approximately 10,000 people gathered for the Houston Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at Hofheinz Pavilion. You will be introduced by Mary Lou Retton.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks (12 minutes, prompter) focus on the powerful role religion plays in this country -- particularly, in your own life. Additionally, you assert a commitment to conscience when it comes to matters of life and support for voluntary prayer in the classroom.

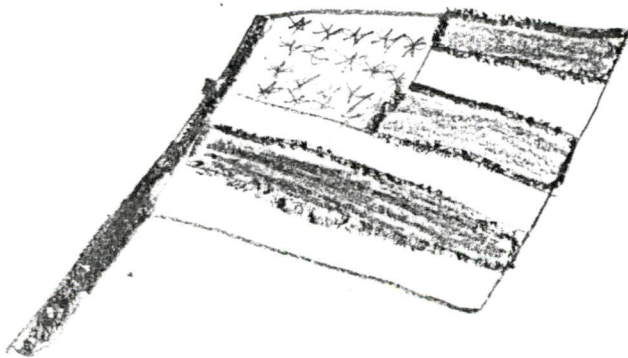
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Dear Mr. President,

I am praying for you and my 3rd grade class is to. I want to be President when I grow up. I hope the next President is just like you. I hope there are no more wars, because all the men that are fighting heard so we can have freedom. From: Leslie Jean Wickham Fuller

Our Flag

You may call it an old piece of bunting, you may call it an old tattered rag; but thousands have died in it's honor, and shed their best blood for the flag. ☺



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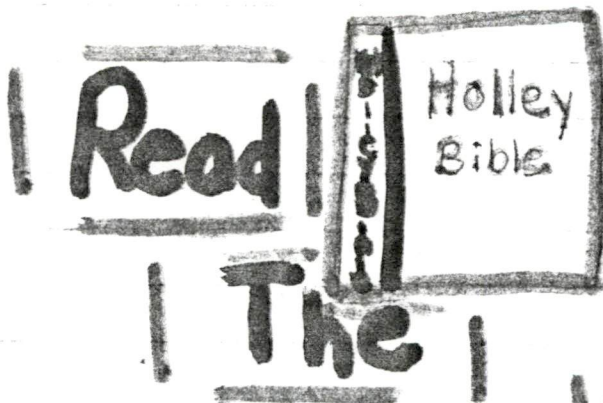
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Dear Mr. President

All of us have been praying for you. We hope you feel better when you are sick. Where very blessed that you help us in the world. Also God can be with you on your decisions. All what youll have to do is just ask him to help you in your life. I bet God is really pleased with you. Now I am going to tell you about my life. I am a parent and have had pain and I have been praying for you that you grow in Gods word more. Plus I need to work on it to. I hope you start reading the Bible more. And also make the right decisions.

Sincerely yours,
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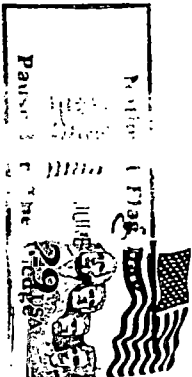


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