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McGroarty/Walters
August 19, 1992
3:00 p.m.
[gulfport]PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GULFPORT RALLY
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1992

Thank you all for this warm Mississippi welcome.

[Acknowledgements.] It's great to be back in Gulfport -- great to be back in Bush Country to kick-off our crusade to bring America back to the values that made us great -- and take America forward to its future. //

You know, last night someone asked me: "Mr. President, you've just won the nomination. What're you going to do next?"

And I said: "I'm going to Brazel's." //

I understand since my last visit, Biloxi has become something of the Monte Carlo of the Gulf Coast. Now I never was much of a gambler, but let me offer a little sporting advice: Don't bet against us in November. //

Last night, I began a conversation with the American people: Straight talk about the big issues that shape the world -- about the values close to home: I'm talking about jobs, about family and faith -- about neighborhoods free from crime -- about a world free from fear. //

Today, I want to talk to you about the sharp choice I intend to offer Americans this fall -- a choice between different agendas, different directions, and yes, a choice about the character of the man you want to lead your nation.

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If you listen to the other side tell it, you're for them if you're for change. But this election is not just about change - - because change has a flip-side ... called trust. When you get right down to it, this election will be like every other: When you pull that curtain closed and cast your vote November 3rd -- trust matters. //

When the phone rings in the middle of the night in the White House ... when a crisis comes half a world away ... the American people want to know that their leader has the experience, the background, the "guts" to do the right thing.

I'm proud of the changes we have made together. Proud of America's victory in the Cold War -- proud that in the past four years, more people have taken the first breath of freedom than at any time in human history. //

Liberals want to rewrite that history -- but we won't let that happen.

In the 70's, we wanted to build a stronger army -- the liberals hollowed it out.

In the 80's, we stood up against the Soviets, stood for equality in the nuclear arms race -- they wanted to freeze us in second place.

From Angola to Nicaragua and Afghanistan -- we said -- let's stand up for freedom -- they said "lets negotiate, deliberate, procrastinate."

Now the Cold War is over and they claim -- "hey, we were behind you all the way!" Yeah, way behind us. Their behavior

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reminds me of the old con man's advice to the new kid. He said son, "if you're being run out of town, just get ~~it~~ⁱⁿ front and make it look like a parade."

If we'd have listened to the liberals -- we'd still be living with the Berlin Wall, we'd still be worried about the Warsaw Pact, there'd still be Communists in the Kremlin threatening a world with war. //

My opponents say I spend too much time on foreign policy -- and let me say this in return.

I saw the chance to rid our children's dreams of the nuclear nightmare -- and I did. I seized the opportunity so that our kids and our grandkids will never have to climb under desks in nuclear drills as children once did. I will never apologize for one single minute spent to make this world a place of peace for our children. // But this I know: America's work in the world is far from over. The Soviet bear may be extinct -- but there are still plenty of wolves in the world. As long as I am President, no madman will get his finger on the nuclear trigger // As long as I am Commander in Chief, America will remain safe and strong.//

Let me say to the good people of Gulfport: I will not let Bill Clinton and his Capitol Hill crowd destroy America's defenses. //

Electing a leader who will keep America strong is trust in the traditional sense. But that's just part of the picture. Each election is a referendum on the future -- and what we want

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it to look like. I stake my claim on a simple philosophy: To lead a great nation ... you must first trust the people you lead.

Look at every big issue we face. You'll see a choice -- a choice between we who put our faith in everyday Americans, and the folks who put their faith in government.

And if you haven't heard by now what the "Government First" crowd has planned, let me give you just a couple details:

First -- they're calling for over \$200 billion dollars in new spending -- and another \$150 billion in new taxes.

Now, they're going to come back at me and say: "Wait one minute. We're the new breed. We're no Walter Mondale or Mike Dukakis."

Well now ... maybe they're right. //

I don't want to be unfair ... to Mr. Mondale or Mr. Dukakis. \$150 billion in new taxes is more than they the two of them ever dreamed of offering. //

Do you believe that the federal government is already big enough -- and taxes too high? Do you want fewer lawsuits, fewer regulations, and more opportunity for small businesses? Do you think that competition can help cure the ills that plague our schools, and bring the cost of health care down?

If you believe in these ideas -- then you believe in my ideas.

We trust the people -- not the government -- to create the jobs and get this economy moving again.

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We trust parents -- not the government -- to make the decisions that matter in life. //

We trust parents -- not the government -- to choose their children's schools: public, private or religious. //

We trust parents -- not the government -- to choose their children's child care. // When the other side says, "government knows best" -- I say: Parents know better. Parents know better than some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C.//

I've been criticized for having a global vision, but this to me is the defining challenge of the 90's. To take advantage of our victory around the world, to build a more secure nation here at home.

The American people must ask this question -- who do you trust to bring together foreign policy, security policy, and economic policy -- so that it can make a difference in your hometown -- your neighborhood -- your life?

The good people of this city know the answer. You're putting the "port" back in Gulfport. Positioning yourselves to turn the global competition to America's advantage.

You've already moved into ^{second} ~~third~~ place nationwide as a leading port for imported bananas. After hearing what Bill Clinton's got in mind in the way of new taxes, you may want to consider a banana embargo against Arkansas. // And if you think my opponent's tax plans are bananas, take a look at his 7 percent payroll tax to pay for the government take-over of health care.

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Well, count on it: We're going to help Congress curb its appetite. / We're going to freeze federal spending -- freeze it right now. And if Congress gets the urge to spend, to do a little late-night snacking at the pork barrel, I'll slam the lid shut with a veto.

We're going to help Congress cut the deficit. / I say: Give the people the power to dedicate 10 percent of their tax dollars directly to the deficit.

If Congress won't act -- then the people will. Won't that send a powerful message to Washington! //

I am going take my fight to every corner of this nation -- and I'm going to make the case not just to re-elect me -- but to give Congress back to the people. The House of Representatives has remained in the same control since Khrushchev ruled the Kremlin ... since Castro's coup in Cuba. But today, the status quo is under siege: The only way to break the deadlock in Washington is to clear out the deadwood on Capitol Hill. //

I know this race is long, and we are far behind. And yet I also believe -- deep in my heart that we will win. //

We will win because our ideas are stronger. We will win because we trust the people, not the government. We will win because we understand the American way.

Barbara and I want to thank you for your support -- and may God bless this great nation -- the United States of America.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 8/19/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON THURS., AUG. 20

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GULFPORT RALLY
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

SUBJECT: FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1992

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HORNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SKINNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MCBRIDE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SCOWCROFT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X MOORE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DARMAN <i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PETERSMEYER <i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRADY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PORTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BROMLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X PROVOST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CALIO <i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH <i>Commenting from Houston</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEMAREST <i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	YEUTTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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McGroarty

REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm 122, Ext. 2930 NO LATER THAN NOON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, with a copy to this office.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Called 11:00
12:00

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

FOR

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

AUGUST 21, 1992

EVENTS:

Bush/Quayle Rally
Victory '92 Fundraiser

DRESS:

Men - Business Suit
Women - Day Dress

CONTACTS:

Office of Presidential Advance
Ed Murnane - 202/456-7565

Trip Coordinator
Lori Rosso - 202/456-7565

Gulfport, Mississippi Signal
- 601-868-2301
- * 93-33000

ADVANCE:

Craig Ray	- LEAD	John Horne	- SITE
Greg Jenkins	- PRESS	Bobby Peede	- SITE
John Dolce	- USSS	Danny Cooper	- SITE
Michelle Johnson	- MIL. AIDE	Sherman Muths	- SITE
Dave Jetkiewicz	- WHCA	Margot McGenniss	- PRESS
Steve Deaux	- AFI		

WEATHER:

Partly Cloudy, Mid 80's

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

FOR

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

AUGUST 21, 1992

11:35 am
(C.D.T.)

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport, Gulfport, Mississippi and proceed to Motorcade.

Met by:

Mr. Eddie Briggs
Lieutenant Governor, Mississippi

Brigadier General Alben N. Hopkins
Assistant Adjutant General, Mississippi Army

Major General James Garner
Adjutant General, Mississippi National Guard

Lieutenant Colonel Gary R. Cazier
Base Commander, Combat Readiness Training Center

Mr. Charles Evers
Mississippi Job Training Partnership Act

Mr. Paul Harvey
Candidate, U.S. Congress, 5th District

Mr. Clyde Whitaker
Candidate, U.S. Congress, 1st District

Mr. Wiley Clarke
Gold Medal Winner Paralympics

Ms. Julie Miranda Hovis
Friend of Senator Trent Lott

Mr. Dick Scruggs
Brother-in-Law of Senator Trent Lott

Daily Point of Light Greeters:

Mr. Hugh Nichols
Principal, Alphabet Literacy System (PALS) and
51st Daily Point of Light

Mrs. Sue Nichols
Wife of Mr. Nichols

Ms. Nova LaCombe
Volunteer, Volunteers of Lakeview Shepherd Center
and 198th Daily Point of Light

Ms. Nancy Albert
Volunteer, Volunteers of Lakeview Shepherd Center
and 198th Daily Point of Light

Mr. Tim Green
General Manager, WRBH FM Radio Station and 257th
Daily Point of Light

Ms. Eileen Bagnetto
Volunteer, WRBH FM Radio Station and 257th Daily
Point of Light

Mr. Milton Cambre
Volunteer, Restoring Louisiana's Wetlands and
387th Daily Point of Light

Mrs. Kathleen Cambre
Wife of Mr. Milton Cambre

Miss Bonnie Bailey
Community Volunteer and 641st Daily Point of Light

Ms. Marie Bailey
Mother of Bonnie Bailey

Mr. James Joseph
Volunteer, Boxing Coach and Mentor to Inner-City
Youth and 679th Daily Point of Light

Mr. Marvin La Fargue
Volunteer with Mr. James Joseph and 679th Daily
Point of Light

Ms. Maria Papp
Volunteer, Volunteer Victim Advocates and 748th
Daily Point of Light

Ms. Loeë Sonnifer
Volunteer, Volunteer Victim Advocates and 748th
Daily Point of Light

Mr. Shelton Kennington
Volunteer, Community Involvement Team of Trustmark
National Bank and 760th Daily Point of Light

Mr. Dexter Barr
Volunteer, Community Involvement Team of Trustmark
National Bank and 760th Daily Point of Light

Miss Isis Johnson
Community Volunteer and 779th Daily Point
of Light

Ms. Claudette Jones
Grandmother of Isis Johnson

Ms. Audrey Wilhelm
Volunteer Supervisor, Rape Crisis Center and 851st
Daily Point of Light

Ms. Jayne Carson
Volunteer Counselor, Rape Crisis Center and 851st
Daily Point of Light

11:45 am

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush board Motorcade and
depart Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport en route
Jones Park.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS:

Lead	C. Ray
Spare	B. Farish Doctor
LIMO	THE PRESIDENT Mrs. Bush
Follow-Up	
Control	S. Skinner Gen. Scowcroft Mil. Aide
Support	M. Fitzwater E. Murnane

	P. Swift Official Photographer Medic
VP LIMO	Vice President Mrs. Quayle
VP Spare	
VP Follow Up	
VP Control	
VP Support	
WHCA	T. McBride
Camera I	J. Herrick
Staff & Guest Mini Bus	All Guests and Staff
Camera II	
Wire I	
Wire II	
Press Mini Bus	M. Busch

(Drive Time: 10 Minutes)

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Upon arrival at Jones Park, Guests and Staff will be escorted to Staff Viewing Area.

Please board Motorcade no later than **12:20 pm** for transport to Puckett Residence.

11:55 am

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Jones Park and proceed to Holding Room.

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11:56 am THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Holding Room and hold briefly.

11:57 am THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush depart Holding Room and proceed to Off-Stage Area.

11:58 am THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Off-Stage Area and hold briefly.

11:59 pm Mr. Ricky Skaggs, Entertainer, performs.

12:03 pm Vice President and Mrs. Quayle are announced onto Stage.

EVENT: BUSH/QUAYLE RALLY

OPEN PRESS

ON-STAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

REMARKS

ROPELINE

12:05 pm THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush are announced onto Stage by Vice President Quayle, proceed to Podium and remain Standing.

12:06 pm THE PRESIDENT makes Remarks.

12:25 pm THE PRESIDENT concludes Remarks and, accompanied by Mrs. Bush and Vice President and Mrs. Quayle, departs Stage and proceeds to Motorcade (via Rope Line).

NOTE: A Confederate Air Force fly-by will occur immediately after THE PRESIDENT's Remarks.

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush proceed along Rope Line followed by Vice President and Mrs. Quayle. En route Motorcade, THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush, with Vice President and Mrs. Quayle, will pause at Gazebo to wave goodbye.

12:30 pm

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush board Motorcade and depart Jones Park en route Puckett Residence.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS:

Same as on Arrival.

(Drive Time: 3 Minutes)

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Upon arrival at Puckett Residence Guests and Staff will be escorted to Staff Holding Area.

Please board Motorcade no later than **1:00 pm** for transport to Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport.

12:33 pm

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Puckett Residence and proceed to Guest Room.

Met by:

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Puckett (Camille)

NOTE: The Vice President and Mrs. Quayle assume separate schedule at this time.

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12:35 pm THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Guest Room for Private Time.

(PRIVATE TIME: 10 MINUTES)

12:45 pm THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush depart Guest Room and proceed to Living Room.

EVENT: VICTORY '92 FUNDRAISER

CLOSED PRESS

TALKING POINTS

12:48 pm THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Living Room and begin participation in Victory '92 Fundraiser.

NOTE: Vice President and Mrs. Quayle will re-join THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush at this time.

1:05 pm THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush conclude participation in Fundraiser and, accompanied by Vice President and Mrs. Quayle, depart Living Room and proceed to Motorcade.

1:10 pm THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush board Motorcade and depart Puckett Residence en route Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS:

Same as on Arrival.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

1:15 pm

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport and proceed to board Air Force One.

1:20 pm
(C.D.T.)

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush depart Gulfport, Mississippi en route Springfield, Missouri.

(Flying Time: 1 Hour 50 Minutes)
(Time Change: None)
(Interchange: Yes)
(Food Service: Lunch)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF


PAUL BATEMAN
TONY BENEDI
PHILLIP BRADY
ANN BROCK
MICHAEL BUSCH
SANDY BUSHUE
NICK CALIO
SUE CORNICK
BILLY DALE
DAVID DEMAREST
BILL FARISH
CAM FINDLAY
LAURIE FIRESTONE
MARLIN FITZWATER
CLAYTON FONG
JOHN GAUGHAN
BOYDEN GRAY
EDE HOLIDAY
CONSTANCE HORNER
TOM HUFFORD
RON KAUFMAN
BOBBIE KILBERG
CECE KREMER

WILLIAM KRISTOL
MICHAEL LUCAS
CHRISTINA MARTIN
TIM MCBRIDE
DAN MCGROARTY
LAURA MELILLO
HENSON MOORE
JANE MOORE
ROGER PORTER
PATTY PRESOCK
SUSAN PORTER ROSE
STEVEN PROVOST
BRENT SCOWCROFT
DORRANCE SMITH
KATHY SUPER
PEGGY SWIFT
DAVID VALDEZ
CLAYTON YEUTTER
ROSE ZAMARIA
USSS/PPD OPS
WHCA OPS
MEDICAL UNIT
AIRLIFT OPS
WHTV

THROUGH:

TIMOTHY J. MCBRIDE
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

FROM:

ED MURNANE 
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVANCE

SUBJECT:

TRIP OF THE PRESIDENT TO HOUSTON, TEXAS;
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI; BRANSON, MISSOURI;
WOODSTOCK, GEORGIA; HOOVER, ALABAMA; DALLAS,
TEXAS; AND SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, ON
AUGUST 21 - 23, 1992

For your use and planning purposes, the attached is a preliminary outline schedule for the Trip of the President to Houston, Texas; Gulfport, Mississippi; Branson, Missouri; Woodstock, Georgia; Hoover, Alabama; Dallas, Texas; and Springfield, Illinois, on August 21 - 23, 1992.

Please keep in mind the following information has not been finally approved and is subject to change.

Attachments

PRELIMINARY OUTLINE SCHEDULE

August 21 - 23, 1992

Friday, August 21, 1992

Revised 8/14 5:00 pm EDT

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

- 5:00 am** **Baggage Call.** Please place all unlocked baggage outside your room at this time.
- 7:40 am** **Guests and Staff attending events at Hyatt Regency Hotel should board Motorcade at this time for transport to Hyatt Hotel.**
- 8:45 am** **Guests and Staff not attending events at Hyatt Regency Hotel should board Vans at this time for transport to Ellington Field.**

7:45 am **MOTORCADE departs Houstonian Hotel en route Hyatt Regency Hotel.**

(Drive Time: 10 Minutes)

7:55 am **MOTORCADE arrives Hyatt Regency Hotel.**

- * ATTEND REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING**
 - Open Pres
 - Brief Remarks
 - (8:00 am - 8:25 am)

- * TEAM 100 MEETING**
 - Closed Press
 - Brief Remarks
 - (8:30 am - 8:45 am)

- * REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION STAFF THANK-YOU**
 - Open Press
 - Informal Remarks
 - (8:50 am - 9:10 am)

- * PRIVATE TIME: 10 MINUTES**
 - (9:15 am - 9:25 am)

9:30 am MOTORCADE departs Hyatt Regency Hotel en route Ellington Field.

(Drive Time: 30 Minutes)

10:00 am MOTORCADE arrives Ellington Field.

10:05 am AIR FORCE ONE departs Houston, Texas en route Gulfport, Mississippi.
(C.D.T.)

(Flying Time: 1 Hour 30 Minutes)
(Time Change: None)
(Interchange: Yes)

11:35 am AIR FORCE ONE arrives Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport, Gulfport, Mississippi.
(C.D.T.)

11:45 am MOTORCADE departs Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport en route Jones Park.

(Drive Time: 10 Minutes)

11:55 am MOTORCADE arrives Jones Park.

- * B/Q RALLY
 - Open Press
 - Remarks
 - (12:00 pm - 12:25 pm)
- * PRIVATE TIME: 10 MINUTES
(12:30 pm - 12:40 pm)
- * VICTORY '92 FUNDRAISER
 - Closed Press
 - Mix and Mingle
 - 50 - 70 Attendees
 - (12:45 pm - 1:05 pm)

1:10 pm MOTORCADE departs Jones Park en route Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport.

(Drive Time: 10 Minutes)

1:20 pm MOTORCADE arrives Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport.

1:25 pm AIR FORCE ONE departs Gulfport, Mississippi
(C.D.T.) en route Springfield, Missouri.
(Flying Time: 1 Hour 50 Minutes)
(Time Change: None)
(Interchange: Yes)

3:15 pm AIR FORCE ONE arrives Springfield Regional
(C.D.T.) Airport, Springfield, Missouri.

* VICTORY '92 FUNDRAISER
- Closed Press
- Mix and Mingle
- 50 - 70 Attendees
(3:25 pm - 3:50 pm)

3:55 pm MARINE ONE departs Springfield Regional
Airport en route Branson Landing Zone.
(Flying Time: 25 Minutes)

4:20 pm MARINE ONE arrives Branson Landing Zone.

4:25 pm MOTORCADE departs Branson Landing Zone en route
Silver Dollar City Rally Site.
(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

4:30 pm MOTORCADE arrives Silver Dollar City Rally Site.

* B/Q RALLY
- Open Press
- Remarks
(4:35 pm - 5:00 pm)

5:05 pm MOTORCADE departs Silver Dollar City Rally Site en
route Palace Inn.
(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

5:10 pm MOTORCADE arrives Palace Inn.

 * PRIVATE TIME: 2 HOURS 10 MINUTES
 (5:10 pm - 7:20 pm)

7:20 pm MOTORCADE departs Palace Inn en route
Americana Theatre.

 (Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

7:25 pm MOTORCADE arrives Americana Theatre.

 * PRIVATE RECEPTION
 - Closed Press
 - Mix and Mingle
 - 30 - 50 Attendees
 (7:30 pm - 7:50 pm)

 * VIEW PERFORMANCE
 - Expanded Pool
 (8:00 pm - 9:30 pm)

9:35 pm MOTORCADE departs Americana Theatre
en route Palace Inn.

 (Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

9:40 pm MOTORCADE arrives Palace Inn.

RON Branson, Missouri

Saturday, August 22, 1992

9:00 am MOTORCADE departs Palace Inn en route
Branson Landing Zone.

 (Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

9:05 am MOTORCADE arrives Branson Landing Zone.

9:10 am MARINE ONE departs Branson Landing Zone en route
Springfield Regional Airport.
(Flying Time: 25 Minutes)

9:35 am MARINE ONE arrives Springfield Regional Airport.

9:45 am AIR FORCE ONE departs Springfield, Missouri en
(C.D.T.) route Atlanta, Georgia.
(Flying Time: 1 Hour 30 Minutes)
(Time Change: Ahead 1 Hour)
(Interchange: No)

12:15 pm AIR FORCE ONE arrives Dobbins Air Force Base,
(E.D.T.) Atlanta, Georgia.

12:25 pm MOTORCADE departs Dobbins Air Force Base
en route Woodstock, Georgia.
(Drive Time: 20 Minutes)

12:45 pm MOTORCADE arrives Woodstock Site, Woodstock,
Georgia.
* B/Q RALLY
- Open Press
- Remarks
(12:50 pm - 1:15 pm)
* PRIVATE TIME: 20 MINUTES
(1:20 pm - 1:40 pm)

1:45 pm MOTORCADE departs Woodstock, Georgia en route
Dobbins Air Force Base.
(Drive Time: 20 Minutes)

2:05 pm MOTORCADE arrives Dobbins Air Force Base.

2:10 pm AIR FORCE ONE departs Atlanta, Georgia
(E.D.T.) en route Birmingham, Alabama.

(Flying Time: 1 Hour)
(Time Change: Back 1 Hour)
(Interchange: Yes)

2:10 pm AIR FORCE ONE arrives Birmingham Municipal
(C.D.T.) Airport, Birmingham, Alabama.

2:20 pm MOTORCADE departs Birmingham Municipal Airport
en route Galleria Riverchase Shopping Mall.

(Drive Time: 25 Minutes)

2:45 pm MOTORCADE arrives Galleria Riverchase Shopping
Mall.

* B/Q RALLY
- Open Press
- Remarks
(2:50 pm - 3:15 pm)

3:20 pm MOTORCADE departs Galleria Riverchase Shopping
Mall en route Wynfrey Hotel.

(Drive Time: 3 Minutes)

3:23 pm MOTORCADE arrives Wynfrey Hotel.

* PRIVATE TIME: 10 MINUTES
(3:25 pm - 3:35 pm)

* VICTORY '92 FUNDRAISER
- Closed Press
- 100 Clicks
- Informal Remarks
(3:40 pm - 4:05 pm)

4:10 pm MOTORCADE departs Wynfrey Hotel en route
Birmingham Municipal Airport.

(Drive Time: 25 Minutes)

4:35 pm MOTORCADE arrives Birmingham Municipal Airport.

4:40 pm AIR FORCE ONE departs Birmingham, Alabama
(C.D.T.) en route Dallas, Texas.

(Flying Time: 1 Hour 30 Minutes)
(Time Change: None)
(Interchange: No)

6:10 pm AIR FORCE ONE arrives Dallas Love Field, Dallas,
(C.D.T.) Texas.

6:20 pm MOTORCADE departs Dallas Love Field en route Hyatt
Regency Hotel.

(Drive Time: 20 Minutes)

6:40 pm MOTORCADE arrives Hyatt Regency Hotel.

* PRIVATE TIME: 1 HOUR 5 MINUTES
(6:40 pm - 7:45 pm)

7:45 pm MOTORCADE departs Hyatt Regency Hotel
en route Dallas Convention Center.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

7:50 pm MOTORCADE arrives Dallas Convention Center.

* ADDRESS NATIONAL AFFAIRS BRIEFING
- Open Press
- Remarks
- Teleprompter
(8:00 pm - 8:30 pm)

8:35 pm MOTORCADE departs Dallas Convention Center
en route Hyatt Regency Hotel.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

8:40 pm MOTORCADE arrives Hyatt Regency Hotel.

RON Dallas, Texas

- * ADDRESS SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY
 - Open Press
 - Remarks
 - 3,000 Attendees
 - (12:30 pm - 12:55 pm)

1:00 pm MOTORCADE departs Coliseum en route
Department of Agriculture Building.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

1:05 pm MOTORCADE arrives Department of Agriculture
Building.

- * VICTORY '92 FUNDRAISER
 - Closed Press
 - Mix and Mingle
 - 50 - 70 Attendees
 - (1:10 pm - 1:30 pm)

1:35 pm MOTORCADE departs Department of Agriculture
Building, State Fairgrounds en route Springfield
Capital Airport.

(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

1:50 pm MOTORCADE arrives Springfield Capital
Airport.

1:55 pm AIR FORCE ONE departs Springfield, Illinois
(C.D.T.) en route Andrews Air Force Base.

(Flying Time: 1 Hour 40 Minutes)
(Time Change: Ahead 1 Hour)
(Interchange: No)

4:35 pm AIR FORCE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force
(E.D.T.) Base.

4:45 pm MARINE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base en route
White House.

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

4:55 pm

MARINE ONE arrives White House.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 8/19/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ^{09 AUG 20 11:43} NOON THURS., AUG. 20

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GULFPORT RALLY
SUBJECT: GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1992

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REMARKS:
Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGrorty, Rm 122, Ext. 2930 NO LATER THAN NOON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, with a copy to this office.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:
*Called 11:00
12:00*

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

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McGroarty/Walters
August 19, 1992
3:00 p.m.
[gulfport]PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GULFPORT RALLY
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1992

Thank you all for this warm Mississippi welcome.

[Acknowledgements.] It's great to be back in Gulfport -- great to be back in Bush Country to kick-off our crusade to bring America back to the values that made us great -- and take America forward to its future. //

You know, last night someone asked me: "Mr. President, you've just won the nomination. What're you going to do next?"

And I said: "I'm going to Brazel's." //

I understand since my last visit, Biloxi has become something of the Monte Carlo of the Gulf Coast. Now I never was much of a gambler, but let me offer a little sporting advice: Don't bet against us in November. //

Last night, I began a conversation with the American people: Straight talk about the big issues that shape the world -- about the values close to home: I'm talking about jobs, about family and faith -- about neighborhoods free from crime -- about a world ^{at peace} free from fear. // _{and (Kolb)}

Today, I want to talk to you about the sharp choice I intend to offer Americans this fall -- a choice between different agendas, different directions, and yes, a choice about the character of the man you want to lead your nation.

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If you listen to the other side tell it, you're for them if you're for change. But this election is not just about change - - because change has a flip-side ... called trust. When you get right down to it, this election will be like every other: When you ^{close} ~~pull~~ that curtain ~~closed~~ and cast your vote November 3rd -- trust matters. //

When the phone rings in the middle of the night in the White House ... when a crisis comes half a world away ... the American people want to know that their leader has the experience, the background, ^{the judgment and} the "guts" to do the right thing.

I'm proud of the changes we have made together. Proud of America's victory in the Cold War -- proud that in the past four years, more people have taken the first breath of freedom than at any time in human history. //

Liberals want to rewrite that history -- but we won't let that happen.

In the 70's, we wanted to build a stronger army -- the liberals hollowed it out.

In the 80's, we stood up against the Soviets, stood for equality in the nuclear arms race -- they wanted to freeze us in second place.

From Angola to Nicaragua and Afghanistan -- we said -- let's stand up for freedom -- they said "lets negotiate, deliberate, procrastinate."

Now the Cold War is over and they claim -- "hey, we were behind you all the way!" Yeah, way behind us. Their behavior

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reminds me of the old con man's advice to the new kid. He said son, "if you're being run out of town, just get ^{it} front and make it look like a parade."

If we'd have listened to the liberals -- we'd still be living with the Berlin Wall, we'd still be worried about the Warsaw Pact, there'd still be Communists in the Kremlin threatening a world with war. ^{(*) (KOLB - see below)}

My opponents say I spend too much time on foreign policy -- and let me say this in return.

I saw the chance to rid our children's dreams of the nuclear nightmare -- and I did. I seized the opportunity so that our kids and our grandkids will never have to climb under desks in nuclear drills as children once did. I will never apologize for one single minute spent to make this world a place of peace for our children. //

But this I know: America's work in the world is far from over. The Soviet bear may be extinct -- but there are still plenty of wolves in the world. As long as I am President, ^{we will work to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction} ~~no madman will get his finger on the nuclear trigger~~ ^{and will remain ready to deal with those who would contemplate using them.} (NSC)
// As long as I am Commander in Chief, America will remain safe

and strong.//

Let me say to the good people of Gulfport: I will not let Bill Clinton and his Capitol Hill crowd destroy America's defenses. //

Electing a leader who will keep America strong is trust in the traditional sense. But that's just part of the picture.

Each election is a referendum on the future -- and what we want

^(*) Well, we didn't listen to them, and today the Berlin Wall is on sale in a thousand souvenir shops. The Warsaw Pact is dissolved, and Russia has joined the IMF. And the old communists in the Kremlin are right where Ronald Reagan and I said they'd be: on the ash heap of history.

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it to look like. I stake my claim on a simple philosophy: To lead a great nation ... you must first trust the people you lead.

(NSC) Look at every big issue we face. You'll see a choice -- a choice between ~~us~~ ^{US} who put ~~our~~ ^{our} faith in everyday Americans, and ~~the folks~~ ^{those} who put their faith in government.

And if you haven't heard by now what the "Government First" crowd has planned, let me give you just a couple details:

First -- they're calling for over \$200 billion dollars in new spending -- and another \$150 billion in new taxes.

Now, they're going to come back at me and say: "Wait one minute. We're the new breed. We're no Walter Mondale or Mike Dukakis."

Well now ... maybe they're right. //

I don't want to be unfair ... to Mr. Mondale or Mr. Dukakis. \$150 billion in new taxes is more than they the two of them ever dreamed of offering. //

Do you believe that the federal government is already big enough -- and taxes too high? Do you want fewer lawsuits, fewer regulations, and more opportunity for small businesses? Do you think that competition can help cure the ills that plague our schools, and bring the cost of health care down? (KSLB)

If you believe in these ideas -- then you believe in my ideas. - the New American Revolution - and will use our government to encourage/empower not stifle progress.

(NSC) We trust the people -- not the government -- to create the jobs and get this economy moving again.

We trust parents -- not the government -- to make the decisions that matter in life. //

We trust parents -- not the government -- to choose their children's schools: public, private or religious. //

We trust parents -- not the government -- to choose their children's child care. // When the other side says, "government knows best" -- I say: Parents know better. Parents know better than some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C.//

Need to say how will use gov't he leads to empower the people (NSC)

I've been criticized for having a global vision, but this to me is the defining challenge of the 90's. To take advantage of our victory around the world, to build a more secure nation here at home.

The American people must ask this question -- who do you trust to bring together foreign policy, security policy, and economic policy -- so that it can make a difference in your hometown -- your neighborhood -- your life?

The good people of this city know the answer. You're putting the "port" back in Gulfport. Positioning yourselves to turn the global competition to America's advantage.

You've ~~already moved~~ ^{about to move} into ~~third~~ ^{second} place nationwide as a leading port for imported bananas. After hearing what Bill Clinton's got in mind in the way of new taxes, you may want to consider a banana embargo against Arkansas. // And if you think my opponent's tax plans are bananas, take a look at his 7 percent payroll tax to pay for the government take-over of health care.

EW

"yuck" (NSC)

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Well, count on it: We're going to help Congress curb its appetite. / We're going to freeze federal spending -- freeze it right now. And if Congress gets the urge to spend, to do a little late-night snacking at the pork barrel, I'll slam the lid shut with a veto.

We're going to help Congress cut the deficit. / I say: Give the people the power to dedicate 10 percent of their tax dollars directly to the deficit.

If Congress won't act -- then the people will. Won't that send a powerful message to Washington! //

I am going take my fight to every corner of this nation -- and I'm going to make the case not just to re-elect me -- but to give Congress back to the people. The House of Representatives has remained in the same control since Khrushchev ruled the Kremlin ... since Castro's coup in Cuba. But today, the status quo is under siege: The only way to break the deadlock in Washington is to clear out the deadwood on Capitol Hill. //

I know this race is long, ^{(and there are hills to climb} (and we are far behind.) And yet I (NSC) also believe -- deep in my heart that we will win. //

We will win because our ideas are stronger. We will win because we trust the people, not the government. We will win because we understand the American way.

Barbara and I want to thank you for your support -- and may God bless this great nation -- the United States of America.

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August 17, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE PROVOST
DAN MC GROARTY

FROM: MICHELE NIX 
SUBJECT: BRANSON, MISSOURI RALLY

Branson (pop. 3,700) is nestled in the Ozark Mountains and is dubbed "America's Music Show Capital." Some outsiders have called it the "Country Music Capital of the World" -- though Branson thinks that's embellishing just a touch. Singers like Andy Williams and others have made their way into Branson -- so country music is no longer the town's only offering. The city hosts almost 5 million visitors a year, who spend \$1.5 billion. Branson does not like being called an "overnight success," since it started its trek to fame some 35 years ago.

The recession has not hit Branson hard at all. Its congressman, Rep. Mel Hancock (R), usually tells people that Branson decided not to participate in the recession this year. The congressman and many of the town officials are aware that POTUS has done much to promote tourism, especially by taping commercials for use abroad. They see this visit as a great commercial for Branson -- to attract people within this country. Almost everyone in the town is employed by one of the theatres, theme parks, eateries, local shops or area resorts.

Branson is a down home country town, but with very sophisticated live entertainment -- it's grits and glitz, all rolled into one. Branson folk are very proud of their small town. This is the kind of town where "family values" refers to both high morals and cheap prices. The shows are wholesome and inexpensive. The tourists call themselves low rollers, compared to high rollers of Vegas.

This is a town where traditional Americans live -- and where people are proud of their rural routes and have a mistrust for the big cities -- especially cities like St. Louis and Kansas City, even to some extent, Springfield. Could be great opportunity to play up "the Washington insider" language.

Silver Dollar City is the most popular attraction in Branson -- a turn-of-the-century theme park, with the slogan "You've Got a Great Past Ahead of You." (Maybe we could turn this around -- Sounds like the perfect slogan for the Democratic Party/ticket.)

The park is still owned by the Herschend family, who opened it some 30 years ago.

Branson's history dates back to a 1907 historical novel -- The Shepherd of the Hills, by Harold Bell Wright. The Chamber of Commerce says the novel is the fourth most widely read novel in publishing -- and was so popular in the early 1900s that people began coming from far away to visit the town that Wright wrote about. They came at a time when there was only one motel -- so most people slept on the motel lawn. Statues of the characters of this novel stand at Inspiration Point, a site at Silver Dollar City. There's also a Shepherd of the Hills music theater. (I'm getting a copy of the novel today or tomorrow, so I'll find out more about the book then.)

There are 30 theaters in Branson, 27 indoor and 3 amphitheaters, all in all seating approx. 56,000 people -- 10,000 more than does all of Broadway. Those singers with their own theaters include: Ray Stevens, Christy Lane, Box Car Willie, Jim Stafford, Mickey Gilley, Moe Bandy, Sons of the Pioneers, Foggy River Boys. Newly built theaters or soon to be finished: Johnny Cash, Andy Williams, Willie Nelson, Gatlin Brothers, Mel Tillis, Loretta Lynn, Glen Campbell, Louise Mandrell, Osmond Brothers. Those who sing regularly in other celeb theaters: Waylan Jennings, Crystal Gale, Barbara Mandrell, Randy Travis, Conway Twitty. The Grand Palace, the largest theater, just opened in May.

COLOR MENTIONS FOR HUMOR OR FOLKSY LANGUAGE

- Branson High School: Mascot -- Pirates (the in-the-know folksy reference is the Branson Bucks [buccaneers]). Their team recently placed second in AAA state competition (which made the town very proud).
- Dick's Five and Dime; Branson Cafe (both off Hwy. 76)
- Beverly Hillbillies: shot a few episodes at Silver Dollar City in the 60s. Their truck sits in the museum at the College of the Ozarks. The filming attracted many fans, which encouraged the opening of theaters to give the incoming tourists more to do -- and one thing led to another, the entertainment capital was launched. By the late 80s, the billions were pouring in.
- The Wednesday All-Star Hillbilly Golf Game: weekly golf game of the stars. Moe Bandy and others play every Wed. at 8:30 a.m. Sixteen-year-old Eric Presley is the best of the players. Everybody wants Eric in their foursome. (The Presley Family own and perform in their own theater.)
- Go-Cart tracks (VERY popular entertainment for family, especially kids): The Track, Hound Dog Holler, ThunderRoad.

- Baldknobbers -- family-owned theater; a bald knobber is the name for a low mountain in the Ozarks. Also, the "Baldknobbers" was a name for an Ozark vigilante group at the turn of the century. The Baldknobbers do country corn skits, accompanied by music. Most popular cast member is named Droopy Drawers.
- Shoji Tabuchi: a country fiddler (POTUS has heard him before); Shoji showed up in the 60s with only \$500, fractured English, and a fiddle. Now, he has one of the most popular shows -- always ending every show with the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner."
- The Presley's: another family-owned theater (no relation).
- Kewpie Doll: its creator, Rose O'Neil, is from Branson
- Religion: Very church-going people, mainly Protestant, some Baptists, and Assemblies of God. Assemblies of God headquarters is in nearby Springfield.
- Saying grace: Not unusual to see restaurant goers saying grace at the table.
- The Singing Dentist: David Struble [STREW-ble], a local dentist sings country music and is a very popular act.
- College of the Ozarks: nearby college. This is a work-based college, where almost all students work in the library or school museum or some such job, to help pay their tuition.
- Living among the stars: Townspeople are used to seeing fellow residents like Mel Tillis in the supermarket or Jim Stafford at a local town meeting (he sits on town's Board of Directors).
- Traffic is the biggest, if not the only, problem in Branson. Since POTUS will be helicoptering into town, there may be a joke here about his doing so to avoid the traffic on Hwy. 76.
- Fishing is another favorite in Branson. Johnny Morris' Bass Pro Shop and his Big Cedar Lodge are popular tourist stops. Johnny Morris has fished with POTUS before.
- Jim Stafford quote re boomtown Branson -- "The gold rush is here."
- Hwy. 76 -- the main drag, also referred to as "the Broadway of Country Music."
- Hillbilly Heaven -- nickname for Branson
- KOMC-KRZK -- country music station in Branson (people recite all 8 letters, though first is AM, second is FM)

- 5th Annual Oldtime Fiddle Contest -- takes place Saturday, the 22nd. About 25-30 fiddlers will compete in Old Downtown Branson. (COC tells me that a reference to "Old Downtown Branson" will make a lot of people happy, since they cherish the town's beginnings.)
- Desert Storm -- Branson was a strong supporter of the President during the Gulf War. Re Bosnia: Bill Clinton is showing his incompetency by pushing to move quickly, too quickly. He's willing to put our sons and daughters in harm's way before finding out what's going on. This is where inexperience is costly. "There's a difference between being a commander and playing commando."

August 17, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE PROVOST
DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: MICHELE NIX 

SUBJECT: COUNTRY MUSIC SONG TITLES

Here are some country music titles that we could use for the Southern, down-home sites -- particularly the Branson event, where many of the singers mentioned below have theaters. A few of these titles are a little harsh, but I threw them in just for fun.


- "When the Tingle Becomes a Chill" Loretta Lynn (Bush supporter)
-- when people realize what Clinton is all about
- "One Dream Per Customer" Gatlin Brothers
-- Re Dems trying to separate foreign policy from the economy, that you have to be focused on one or the other; we know that both go hand in hand
- "Who Did They Think He Was" Conway Twitty
-- Re Who was that masked man? Clinton: Liberal in sheep's clothing; Gore: Liberal in veep's clothing
- "Under Your Spell Again" Buck Owens
-- duped moderates to Clinton and Gore's liberal voodoo (doo doo)
- "My Heart Skips a Beat" Buck Owens
- "Cryin' Time" Buck Owens
-- get ready Democrats, here we come
- "Your Squaw is on the Warpath" Loretta Lynn
-- Hillary, Hillary, Hillary
- "Don't Let Her Know" Buck Owens
-- I bet you can guess this one
- "Heart of Glass" Buck Owens
-- what Clinton/Dems have
- "Every Time I Think It's Over" Conway Twitty

- "Card Carryin' Fool" Randy Travis
-- every Democrat (ha ha)
- "Pass it on Down" Alabama
-- re children burdened with Dems fiscal folly. "When I asked them to give me a balanced budget amendment, they just covered their ears and sang "No, pass it on down, pass it on down."
- "Nowhere Bound" Diamond Rio
-- Dems/Liberals, humorous reference to "Democrats" bus tour, i.e., where they are headed
- "Tryin' to Reason with Hurricane Season" Jimmy Buffet
-- working with Dems/Congress, working with Congress on economic plan, balanced budget, etc.
- "You're going Back to Your Old Ways Again" Hank Thompson
-- Clinton/Gore heading back to liberalism
- "When the People Find Out" Steve Earle
-- where their taxpayer dollars are going, etc.
- "Diggin' Up Bones" Randy Travis
-- what Dems are doing -- digging up failed programs of the past (no meat on them)
- "Heartbreak Ridge and New Hope Road" Gatlin Brothers
-- difference between where Dems and Republicans want to take you
- "One Day at a Time" Christy Lane
- "Americana" Moe Bandy (President's theme song in '88)
- "New Way to Fly" Garth Brooks
-- Re Dems are reworking programs of the past; meanwhile Republicans are forging anew
- "It Takes a Believer" Desert Rose Band
- "No Stoppin' Us Now" Randy Travis
-- Re Republican Party, Party of the People,
- "Here's Hopin'" Gene Autrey
- "Please Stay Tuned" Roy Rogers and Randy Travis
-- expectations of the coming election; American people should stay tuned to GB for another four years.
- "Here Today, Here Tomorrow" B. DiPiero, J. Sherill and G. Fox
-- re George Bush in '88, George Bush in '92
- "When My Ship Comes In" Clint Black

- "I've Got a Good Thing Going" Garth Brooks
-- What Clinton says behind closed doors -- duping moderates into believing he's not a liberal
- "A Little Less Talk and a lot More Action" Hank Williams, Jr.
-- re Congress/Dems
- "Tippy Toeing Around" The Harden Brothers
-- Clinton's tendency to support whoever will support him at the time; wishy-washy politics
- "Nobody's Home" Clint Black
-- Clinton/Gore's/Dem's response to people when they come looking for kept promises

17 AUGUST 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE PROVOST
DAN MC GROARTY

FROM: J. BUNTON 
SUBJECT: WOODSTOCK, GA.

THEME: town has changed, but values haven't
VPOTUS QUAYLE visited Woodstock on 88 campaign trail
Newt Gingrich is the Rep.

-- good to be here in Cherokee County, land of the free --
home of the Braves, the Chiefs and the Eagles [mascots of area
high schools] If mention one -- should mention all.

-- "[the old days in Woodstock] summer evenings when friends
would come over and sit on the front porch, talk rocking back
and forth in the Brumby rockers, listen to bugs and sing about
what Heaven was like" // used to be a time when "[you] lived
within walking distance of the church and the post office, the
bank and the grocery."

Huge Braves fans -- Atlanta only 30 minutes away
Woodstock incorporated in 1897 -- centennial in five years

Train "Depot" is center of town / Main Street -- train track
runs down a ridge through center of town -- rolling country in
piedmont of Appalachians // L and N [Louisville and Nashville]
Railroad ran through town; a freight train passes through 2 times
a day now

Town having growing pains: pop. in 1980 was 2,700 / today est. at
4,600 // pop. trippled since 1970. {30188 [Woodstock's] one of
fastest growing zip codes in county/state} -- residents think of
"Old Woodstock" and "New Woodstock" -- gentrification -- bedroom
community of Atlanta // 60% of population leaves town to go to
work -- old timers hate to see it happen. Traffic big problem -
- facing the phenomenon of rush hour, 10 years ago used to be 2
traffic lights now there are 6 or 8 // "Traffic lights blink at
both ends of the block of what was once-upon-a-time ALL of
downtown Woodstock." Town got electric power lines in 1926 and
telephone service in 1907.

EMPLOYMENT: no hiring, no firing so to speak according to mayor
-- things aren't all rosy -- not all bad -- but getting better -
- Republican reprise -- "people are hurting...."

Old railroad town, cotton growing town, poultry industry is one
of the largest employers -- so is Lockheed located 10 miles away
in Marietta // Lockheed [originally Bell Aircraft near Dobbins
AFB] will assemble the F-22. In 1990 Lockheed announced it would
move assembly plant from Burbank, CA to Marietta -- eliminating
about 7,000 CA jobs. F-22 in prototype phase. Air Force hopes to

take delivery of the first of 648 F-22s in 2002. VPOTUS visited Lockheed in Feb. 92.

DRUGSTORY: Dean's Store [used to be town drugstore with soda fountain and pot belly stove] now site of daily Old Timers gathering place for about 12 "good ole boys" -- meet, chew tobacco, sometimes play checkers, from 9-10 everyday except Sunday of course -- discuss the affairs of the world [wander in and wander out and wonder about] matters of local national and world politics adjourn at 10 a.m. head to Jerry Crane's Restaurant for morning coffee and biscuits -- one 90 year-old man brings his 70 year-old son.....owner of the store is a Democrat [smile when you say that] People used to pay their electricity, water and phone bills at the drugstore

HOME OF: Dean Rusk - Rhodes Scholar and former Sec. of State; Eugene Booth a Rhodes Scholar and atomic scientist; Orlando Wilson -- of professional fishing fame -- gave Potus rods and reels last year; Danny Nelson -- actor in "Fried Green Tomatoes"

FOR FUN: Fishing on Lake Altoona is popular -- Bass and Crappie - local churches have Church Picnics at the lake // for second year now town held annual July 4th parade honored war vets from WW2, Vietnam and Desert Storm // hold fall festival in October

'96 OLYMPICS: in Atlanta -- softball venue will be in Marietta // Woodstock's own XXXXXX Kyaker and XXXXXX marathoner are training for the 96 games town has changed but the values haven't "Somebody has let out Georgia's best-kept secret -- Woodstock" -- Librarian Juanita Hughes

They have Rotary Club, Jaycees, Lions Club and VFW Post, Dixie Speedway [dirt track]

SOUTHERNISMS: -- I'll be all over it like Georgia kudzu -- [I'll veto that] faster than a Bass after a Hulapopper -- "Bourgeois Bubbas" -- his elevator doesn't go all the way to the top -- tougher than a cast-iron skillet -- fish or cut bait -- in tall cotton [means the big time] -- good enough to make a little dog break a big chain

QUOTES: "More common sense can be induced by observation of the diversity of human beings in a small town than can be learned in academia." -- Louis B. Wright

"I just owe almost everything to my father [and] it's passionately interesting for me that the things that I learned in a small town, in a very modest home, are just the things that I believe have won the election." -- Margaret Thatcher Feb 86

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 17, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE PROVOST

FROM:

ED WALTERS 

SUBJECT:

LOCAL COLOR FOR GULFPORT, MS

Brief political history: Gulfport is a small port city in Mississippi's Fifth District represented in Congress by conservative Democratic Rep. Gene Taylor and two Republican Senators, Trent Lott and Thad Cochran. The city is very conservative, and demographically mostly white; it is also Bush country. The district voted Republican twice against fellow Southerner Jimmy Carter and gave Nixon 87% in 1972 (highest in the nation); the Gulfport area was second only to Kinnebankport nationally in support of President Bush in 1988. Although almost all state officials are Democrats, Gulfport Mayor Ken Combs is a big Bush backer.

President's previous visits: The President has been to Gulfport twice: he held a campaign event in Jones Park in 1988 and attended a fundraiser for unsuccessful House candidate Tom Anderson in the parking lot of the Gulf Coast Coliseum in 1989. The Vice President also spoke to a crowd of 4,000 in Jones Park before Super Tuesday this year.

Context: There are some neat federal projects going on in Gulfport. First, Gulfport just began a joint state and local effort to deepen its channels to the port. Main reason: to make the port ready for foreign trade. Gulfport is making the transition to the world economy promised by NAFTA. Gulfport just passed Los Angeles to become the nation's second-largest banana port, and they are gunning for Wilmington, DE to become #1. A group of local pols and business leaders recently went on a trade mission to Latin America, and will begin new trade with them soon (We're putting the "port" back in Gulfport // After reading about my opponent's plan for \$150 billion in new taxes, I think you need to reduce your banana exports to Arkansas // You think that's bananas, you should see my opponent's 7% health tax).

The city also recently got a HUD Urban Development Action Grant, basically a loan for business development. They are building a new mall, the Gulfport Retail Mall, just north of the city to stimulate economic growth.

Mississippi State University is also working on some interesting projects in the area. To make the lagging coastal seafood industry more competitive, the university is studying shrimp, redfish, and oyster farming (growing them in controlled

environment rather than harnessing from the gulf). All of these projects are important to diversify the coastal economy, create jobs, and spur growth.

In March, the city voted to allow gambling on the coast. Since then, two casinos have opened in Biloxi, and one is scheduled to open in Gulfport soon. (I never was much of a gambler, but if I may offer a little sporting advice: don't bet against us in November).

The next town over is Pascagoula, home of the Litton shipyards. Many people from Gulfport work in the yards, where Aegis class cruisers are built. It is also home to the Stennis Space Program, where space shuttle engines are test fired.

Local Color:

Schools: Gulfport High ("the school of champions") Admirals - one of the state's best basketball and track schools (the only ones running harder than me this year is the Gulfport High track team), Coach Bert Jenkins has made the basketball program great. St. John's (private Catholic school) Eagles (sports teams noted for getting trounced).

William Carey College has a campus in Gulfport, and the city is home to the Jefferson Davis Campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Hangouts: Brazel's (Bruh-ZELZ) Bill Brazel owns and cooks at this little eatery on the beach. Bill's awful proud of the landscaping he does himself as well (The only person busier than me this campaign season is Bill Brazel - does his own landscaping, owns his own restaurant, and does all the cooking too.) Country Nights is a new country music honky tonk in downtown Gulfport.

Gulfport was struck by Hurricane Camile 23 years ago, and the town recently helped Charleston and Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo. Electricians and engineers from the Seabees Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport were on the way 26 hours after the storm hit. (POTUS recognized the city for their efforts in his 1989 speech).

Just off the coast of Gulfport is a barrier island called Ship Island. It's a white-sand beach with good fishing. (Maybe next time Jim Baker and I go fishing, we'll have to come down to Ship Island).

Industry/Companies/Businesses

- B.F. Goodrich was a pretty big employer in Shelton, until 1975, when an arsonist blew it sky-high, and blew up the area's economy with it. Things haven't been quite the same ever since.
- United Technologies' various subsidiaries made Air Force jets and the Army's Sikorsky helicopters. General Dynamic's Electric Boat Shipyard in New London made the Navy's nuclear submarines. Textron-Lycoming (in the Valley) makes the M-1 tank engine.

Ansonia Town Makeup

- Working-class
- Large Polish population (2d largest in CT, next to New Britain, CT)
- Large Italian population

Connecticut State Points of Interest

- Pez candy is manufactured in Orange, CT
- Pepperidge Farm bread is made in Norwalk, CT
- The famous Wiffle Ball is made in Shelton, CT
- Eli Whitney (a Yalie) invented not only the cotton gin, but also rifles with interchangeable parts.
- P.T. Barnum is from Bridgeport, CT


Connecticut politics

- POTUS's father was a Connecticut Senator
- The audience will be from the 3d and 5th Congressional Districts
- The Third District is represented by Rosa DeLauro(D)
- The Fifth District is represented by Gary Franks(R), a free-market conservative. The Almanac of American Politics reports that of the 25 black voting members of Congress, Franks was the only one to vote for the Gulf War resolution.

NOTE: Unfortunately, this trip has not yet been officially approved, so I was not able to contact other key people (i.e. head of VFW, head of Warsaw Park, Polish leaders, church leaders). Once I have been given the go-ahead to do so, you will receive another memo -- probably Tuesday afternoon.

Monday, August 17, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE PROVOST
DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: CAROL AARHUS 
SUBJECT: CONNECTICUT COLOR, PART ONE

It is my understanding that the speech will be delivered to Chamber of Commerce types from Ansonia and surrounding communities, which lumped together, is more commonly referred to as "The Valley". Below are some "color" points:

Warsaw Park

- The speech will take place in a hall called Warsaw Park, which is run by St. Joseph's Church. Warsaw Park has hosted bingo games, square dancing contests, ballroom dancing, wedding receptions, and the like. There have also been carnivals held on the lawn surrounding the building. Two days before the speech (on the 22nd), Warsaw Park will be hosting a dance. Warsaw Park is in a residential area of town.
- A picnic lunch is expected to be the bill of fare for the day. The Chamber of Commerce is looking at a fried chicken box lunch, or some kind of sandwich combo.

Sports

- The two big rivals in the area are the Derby High School Red Raiders and the Ansonia High School Chargers. (School starts August 31) As for national teams, loyalty is pretty much divided between the Yankees, Mets, and Red Sox. As for football, overwhelming support goes to the Giants.

Ansonia Town History

- The town of Ansonia was founded in the latter part of the 1600s. It was formerly a mill town, working-class, specializing in brass and copper products. Much of that has gone the way of the dinosaur, although Ansonia Copper and Brass is still in business.

TRENT LOTT

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- Also included some important
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The results are in . . .



Senator Lott's 1992 Mississippi Questionnaire

1. In view of the changing world situation, Congress may be making cuts in defense spending. Would you prefer the savings to be used for reducing the federal deficit or increasing domestic spending?

Deficit	85.1%
Domestic Spending	14.9%

2. Do you support a Constitutional Amendment that would require Congress to balance the federal budget?

Yes	89.0%
No	11.0%

3. Do you support giving parents the option to choose which schools that their children will attend?

Yes	84.6%
No	15.4%

4. Do you support a cut in the capital gains tax to stimulate investment and to spur growth in the economy?

Yes	73.4%
No	26.6%

5. Do you support restoring the tax exemption for Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)?

Yes	87.3%
No	12.7%

6. Should the United States give direct financial aid to the republics of the former Soviet Union?

Yes	28.5%
No	71.5%

7. Do you support a free trade agreement between the United States and Mexico that would lower tariffs and ease trade barriers between the countries?

Yes	59.9%
No	40.1%

8. Do you support term limits for members of Congress?

Yes	73.7%
No	26.3%

9. Do you support taxpayer-financing of political campaigns for Congress?

Yes	14.4%
No	85.6%

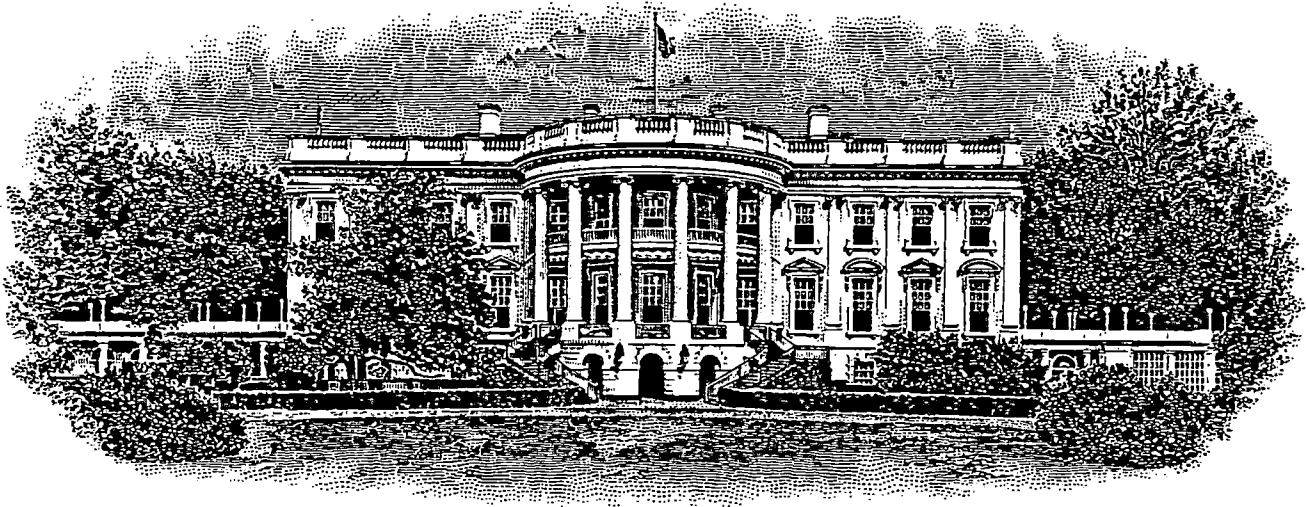
10. Would you support a national health care program, even if it would require an increase in your taxes?

Yes	50.5%
No	49.5%

I wanted to begin our Campaign in an area of the country that knows the value of effective Republican leadership.

The State of Mississippi provides an excellent example Two of our finest U.S. Senators - Thurmond and Trent Lott Newly elected Governor and Lt. Governor - Kuykendall and Eddie Briggs. Many newly elected state legislators And right here in Harrison County Republican Sheriff Joe Price and Gulfport Mayor Ken Combs.

I salute the people of the State of Mississippi for their wisdom and vision in the choice of their elected leadership.



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[gulfport]PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GULFPORT RALLY
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1992

Thank you all for this warm Mississippi welcome.

[Acknowledgements.] It's great to be back in Gulfport -- great to be back in Bush Country to kick-off our crusade to bring America back to the values that made us great -- and take America forward to its future. //

You know, last night someone asked me: "Mr. President, you've just won the nomination. What're you going to do next?"

And I said: "I'm going to Brazel's." //

I understand since my last visit, Biloxi has become something of the Monte Carlo of the Gulf Coast. Now I never was much of a gambler, but let me offer a little sporting advice: Don't bet against us in November. //

Last night, I began a conversation with the American people: Straight talk about the big issues that shape the world -- about the values close to home: I'm talking about jobs, about family and faith -- about neighborhoods free from crime -- about a world at peace free from fear. //

Today, I want to talk to you about the sharp choice I intend to offer Americans this fall -- a choice between different agendas, different directions, and yes, a choice about the character of the man you want to lead your nation.

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(Kolb)

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If you listen to the other side tell it, you're for them if you're for change. But this election is not just about change - - because change has a flip-side ... called trust. When you get right down to it, this election will be like every other: When you ~~pull~~ ^{close} that curtain ~~closed~~ and cast your vote November 3rd -- trust matters. //

When the phone rings in the middle of the night in the White House ... when a crisis comes half a world away ... the American people want to know that their leader has the experience, the background, ^{the judgment and} the "guts" to do the right thing.

I'm proud of the changes we have made together. Proud of America's victory in the Cold War -- proud that in the past four years, more people have taken the first breath of freedom than at any time in human history. //

Liberals want to rewrite that history -- but we won't let that happen.

In the 70's, we wanted to build a stronger army -- the liberals hollowed it out.

In the 80's, we stood up against the Soviets, stood for equality in the nuclear arms race -- they wanted to freeze us in second place.

From Angola to Nicaragua and Afghanistan -- we said -- let's stand up for freedom -- they said "lets negotiate, deliberate, procrastinate."

Now the Cold War is over and they claim -- "hey, we were behind you all the way!" Yeah, way behind us. Their behavior

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reminds me of the old con man's advice to the new kid. He said son, "if you're being run out of town, just get ^{it} front and make it look like a parade."

If we'd have listened to the liberals -- we'd still be living with the Berlin Wall, we'd still be worried about the Warsaw Pact, there'd still be Communists in the Kremlin threatening a world with war. *(*) (KOLB - see below)*

My opponents say I spend too much time on foreign policy -- and let me say this in return.

I saw the chance to rid our children's dreams of the nuclear nightmare -- and I did. I seized the opportunity so that our kids and our grandkids will never have to climb under desks in nuclear drills as children once did. I will never apologize for one single minute spent to make this world a place of peace for our children. //

But this I know: America's work in the world is far from over. The Soviet bear may be extinct -- but there are still plenty of wolves in the world. As long as I am President, we will work to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction ~~no madman will get his finger on the nuclear trigger~~ *and will remain ready to deal with those who would contemplate using them.* (NSC)
// As long as I am Commander in Chief, America will remain safe

and strong.//

Let me say to the good people of Gulfport: I will not let Bill Clinton and his Capitol Hill crowd destroy America's defenses. //

Electing a leader who will keep America strong is trust in the traditional sense. But that's just part of the picture.

Each election is a referendum on the future -- and what we want

() Well, we didn't listen to them, and today the Berlin Wall is on sale in a thousand souvenir shops. The Warsaw Pact is dissolved, and Russia has joined the IMF. And the old communists in the Kremlin are right where Ronald Reagan and I said they'd be: on the ash heap of history.*

it to look like. I stake my claim on a simple philosophy: To lead a great nation ... you must first trust the people you lead.

(NSC)

Look at every big issue we face. You'll see a choice -- a choice between ~~us~~ ^{US} who put ~~our~~ ^{our} faith in everyday Americans, and ~~the folks~~ ^{those} who put their faith in government.

And if you haven't heard by now what the "Government First" crowd has planned, let me give you just a couple details:

First -- they're calling for over \$200 billion dollars in new spending -- and another \$150 billion in new taxes.

Now, they're going to come back at me and say: "Wait one minute. We're the new breed. We're no Walter Mondale or Mike Dukakis."

Well now ... maybe they're right. //

I don't want to be unfair ... to Mr. Mondale or Mr. Dukakis. \$150 billion in new taxes is more than they the two of them ever dreamed of offering. //

Do you believe that the federal government is already big enough -- and taxes too high? Do you want fewer lawsuits, fewer regulations, and more opportunity for small businesses ^{that generate jobs} Do you think that competition can help cure the ills that plague our schools, and bring the cost of health care down? (KSLB)

(NSC)

If you believe in these ideas -- then you believe in my ideas. - the New American Revolution - and will use our government to encourage/empower not stifle progress. We trust the people -- not the government -- to create the jobs and get this economy moving again.

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We trust parents -- not the government -- to make the decisions that matter in life. //

We trust parents -- not the government -- to choose their children's schools: public, private or religious. //

We trust parents -- not the government -- to choose their children's child care. // When the other side says, "government knows best" -- I say: Parents know better. Parents know better than some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C.//

I've been criticized for having a global vision, but this to me is the defining challenge of the 90's. To take advantage of our victory around the world, to build a more secure nation here at home.

The American people must ask this question -- who do you trust to bring together foreign policy, security policy, and economic policy -- so that it can make a difference in your hometown -- your neighborhood -- your life?

The good people of this city know the answer. You're putting the "port" back in Gulfport. Positioning yourselves to turn the global competition to America's advantage.

You've ~~already moved~~ ^{about to move} into ~~third~~ ^{second} place nationwide as a leading port for imported bananas. After hearing what Bill Clinton's got in mind in the way of new taxes, you may want to consider a banana embargo against Arkansas. // And if you think my opponent's tax plans are bananas, take a look at his 7 percent payroll tax to pay for the government take-over of health care.

Need to say how will use gov't he leads to empower the people.
(NSC)

(Handwritten initials)

"yuck"
(NSC)

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Well, count on it: We're going to help Congress curb its appetite. / We're going to freeze federal spending -- freeze it right now. And if Congress gets the urge to spend, to do a little late-night snacking at the pork barrel, I'll slam the lid shut with a veto.

We're going to help Congress cut the deficit. / I say: Give the people the power to dedicate 10 percent of their tax dollars directly to the deficit.

If Congress won't act -- then the people will. Won't that send a powerful message to Washington! //

I am going take my fight to every corner of this nation -- and I'm going to make the case not just to re-elect me -- but to give Congress back to the people. The House of Representatives has remained in the same control since Khrushchev ruled the Kremlin ... since Castro's coup in Cuba. But today, the status quo is under siege: The only way to break the deadlock in Washington is to clear out the deadwood on Capitol Hill. //

I know this race is long, ^{(and there are hills to climb} (and we are far behind.) And yet I (NSC) also believe -- deep in my heart that we will win. //

We will win because our ideas are stronger. We will win because we trust the people, not the government. We will win because we understand the American way.

Barbara and I want to thank you for your support -- and may God bless this great nation -- the United States of America.

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In honor of National Volunteer Week, the President today recognized the employee volunteers of the Community Involvement Team (C.I.T.) of Trustmark National Bank of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as the 760th Daily Point of Light for the Nation. Team members strengthen their community and help those in need by engaging in a remarkable variety of voluntary service activities.

Established in 1987, the Community Involvement Team links more than 80 percent of the bank's 98 employees to service opportunities throughout Hattiesburg. Ten or more Team members volunteer with the Pine Belt Boys and Girls Club, where they befriend and tutor over 300 youth, ages 5 through 18, from low-income families.

Team members also befriend residents of the Wesley Manor Retirement Community, transporting them to and from appointments and escorting them on errands. Volunteers also help organize an annual Christmas Party and a Valentines Day Sweethearts Ball.

The Community Involvement Team has been a mainstay of the Christian Services Soup Kitchen, which opened in 1987. After refurbishing a room for the kitchen's opening, C.I.T. members ran the program until more community volunteers became involved. A number of them still volunteer six hours a week.

Team members are also involved in the Right Choice Program. This six week program provides positive adult role models and lasting friendships for troubled youth. Four members of the Team have been involved, including the President of the Bank.

The President salutes the employee volunteers of the Community Involvement Team of Trustmark National Bank of Hattiesburg for exemplifying his belief that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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August 16, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR SPEECHWRITERS

FROM: STEVEN D. PROVOST
Assistant to the President
for Speechwriting

RE: Common Themes

We continue to find the need for facts, anecdotes, analogies, metaphors, quotes, etc. to help express some pretty basic themes that will be used repeatedly the next three months. Take a look at Secretary Baker's farewell address, I have the feeling it's going to be our vision bible. Let's see how we can help express the themes in it to Joe and Jane 12-liter.

1. The Economy:

Is the economy, "like a patient with a fever, and their doctor wants to chop off the head?" Is it, "a runner with a hamstring, and they propose amputation?" We need to put our economic challenges in perspective. The good news -- interest rate, inflation, -- with the challenges-- i.e. how to compete in the global economy.

2. International Economy Matters:

Focus groups show that voters agree with the proposition that the guy who solved our foreign policy challenges should be the one who leads us in an international economy. The problem is most people don't understand what's happening in the international economy and how it effects them. First prize to anyone who can find an anecdote of a worker laid off from a declining company which sold products in the U.S. only, then rehired and retrained by a global company. We need to explain international economic changes using stories and examples people understand.

3. Congress -- Enemy Number One:

Let's start keeping files of what's wrong with Congress. One out of every ten staffers makes over \$100,000, etc. etc. etc. Need to explain the breakdown in Congress in laymen's terms.

I encourage all of you to get to work on these three this week and to be on the constant lookout for stuff we can use as you are reading.

August 16, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR SPEECHWRITERS/RESEARCHERS

FROM: STEVEN D. PROVOST
Assistant to the President
for Speechwriting

RE: Upcoming Speeches

Here's a synopsis of the speeches that will be delivered the week after the convention. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. The only constant is change, so I'll provide more information as it becomes available.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday rally remarks will all be "stump" summaries of the acceptance speech. The one exception is the National Affairs Briefing with the Evangelicals (Curt Smith) which should cover the social issues of concern to that audience.

After the weekend, we will devote all the next week's events to the economy, both explaining the President's new proposals and attacking the Clinton-Gore economic platform.

If time allows, each speech should begin with the same litany, covering specific points we want to drive home.

1. The President is the only candidate who has run a business. (Example: "The simple fact is, there is only one candidate for President who has lived a life beyond government, and known a call above political ambition. Bill Clinton has never created a single job -- since the day he graduated from law school, every paycheck he has earned has come out of the taxpayer's pocket. I built a company -- met a payroll. Keep that in mind when you consider who you trust to get this economy moving faster.")
2. A concise philosophical indictment of the Clinton economic strategy on two counts. First, he is a liberal in moderates' clothing. (Example: "Governor Clinton says he favors enterprise, but proposes the largest tax increase in history. He says he wants smaller government, but of the thousands of federal programs -- proposes only cutting the vaunted honey bee subsidy. He says he is for fiscal

responsibility -- but came out against a balanced budget amendment. Bill Clinton is the "Karaoke candidate" -- he'll sing any tune he thinks will get him elected") Second, Clinton-Gore are "patrons of the past," wanting to protect old jobs. We are "architects of the future," wanting to create new jobs in a high-tech, information-based, knowledge-driven world economy.

3. A concise statement of the President's economic philosophy, drawing the link between his success in foreign affairs and the challenge of competing in a global economy.
(Example: In the past four years, more people have breathed the first breath of freedom than in any time in human history. America's leadership -- your leadership -- made it happen. We've cornered the markets on American concepts, now let's get to work on creating good jobs by exporting American commodities. Today, one out of 13 Americans owe their jobs to foreign trade, and over the past five years, one-third of our economic growth has come from selling products outside our border. This is our future. We've sold the world on our freedom -- now let's sell them farm machinery. We've covered the world with democracy -- let's introduce them to Diet Pepsi. They love liberty -- maybe they'll try our Levis. How do we compete? At a time when all the world is going our way, it doesn't make much sense to go back their way, with big government and high taxes. I offer a program of smaller government, with more incentives for people to create jobs, save and produce. I offer radical, conservative alternatives to improve the fundamentals of our economy: our schools, our welfare system, our research and development capabilities, and our cities.
4. Then go into the specific news of the day. This part of the speech should be factual, loaded with substance, both on the President's proposals and the Clinton criticism. Our speeches continue to be criticized, somewhat fairly, for relying too heavily on rhetoric, not enough on facts, anecdotes, quotes, etc. Having said that, you should let your creativity flow and identify the one "soundbite" that captures the essence of the day's story. If the substance of the issue requires a full 10-12 minutes to explain, skip the stuff above, and we'll fold it into an economic "stump" message later in the day.
5. All speeches must include a pitch for voters to elect a "responsible" Congress (not Republican, this is impractical) that is willing to try new ideas and not tied to special interests.

Here are the speeches, by day.

Monday, August 24: New Jersey and Connecticut: (McGroarty)

This day is devoted to explaining the President's new job training initiatives (for both at-risk young people and displaced workers) which may be touched upon briefly in acceptance speech.

The New Jersey event is at Lincoln Technical Institute. It should start with background on the economy, then explain the job training initiatives in some detail and context. Tom Scully has all the details, the main (and somewhat academic) points of distinction with Clinton are a) Clinton wants to tax workers to pay for their own retraining (there is a pattern here) and b) Clinton's plan to gut the defense budget would throw a million Americans out of work immediately, making more retraining necessary.

The Connecticut event is a lunchtime rally, with members of service clubs. The President should give the basic economic stump message, as outlined above, with special attention to Clinton's defense cuts (need to figure out exactly what Connecticut industries will be effected), Clinton's effect on small business, and then, finally, a condensed description of the job training initiatives discussed that morning. As much as possible, we want the story of the day to be the New Jersey event.

Tuesday, August 25: American Legion (Smith) and Michigan Event (Provost)

A decision will be made Tuesday morning on American Legion. One of three speeches are possible. The basic "We won the Cold War/Veteran's pander" (ala VFW) a pure "foreign policy of the future" address or a speech that tries to drive home the connection between foreign policy and domestic economic policy. The key factor will be whether we decide to have the news of the day come out of the afternoon event in Michigan.

The Michigan event is a main street rally in Canton, Michigan, a town in Western Wayne County outside of Detroit. Clinton will have spoken at the Detroit Economic Club the Friday before and met with the CEO's of the big auto companies. His bus tour will be starting the next day from the same area.

At this outside event, the President should open with the same abbreviated stump speech he gave the day before in Connecticut, then devote specific attention to criticizing the Clinton-Gore ticket for public statements that the automobile is evil and should be abolished, and advocating higher CAFE standards and a gas tax. The President should paint a picture of the havoc this would wreak with the already weak Michigan economy.

Thursday, August 27th: Missouri, Cincinnati, Findley, Ohio.
(Ferguson)

The news event of the day is the Missouri event. The President will appear at a TBD plant that is an American subsidiary of a foreign company. The speech should outline the President's free trade philosophy and agenda, then make the case that Governor Clinton is a closet protectionist, who doesn't understand the world economy. Specific criticism should be levied at Clinton's proposal to tax foreign investment, and the President should list the plants and jobs that would threaten in key states. Andy should call Dan Crippen with the campaign for help in researching the true impact of Clinton's proposals and developing a fact sheet to accompany the speech.

The noon rally in Cincinnati will be outside, off cards. The President should deliver the basic economic stump speech he delivered in Connecticut, with a specific insert on trade, summarizing the speech of the morning (with local anecdotes). We will use the same speech for Findlay, Ohio that evening.

Friday, August 28th: Louisiana:

This event has just been added, so I'm not sure of appropriate topic. Tuesday morning we will decide topic and make the assignment.

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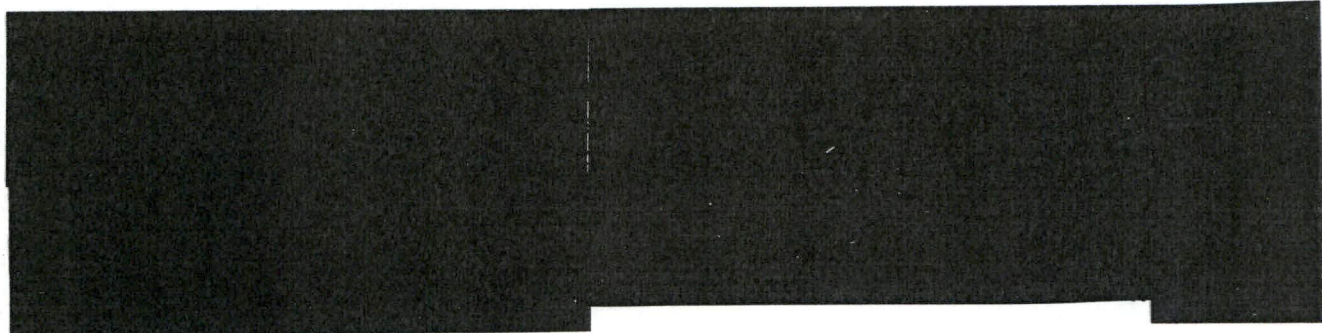
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BACKGROUND:

The Gulfport area has been used for campaign events in the past. President Reagan addressed a crowd of 50,000 in 1984. In 1988 Vice President Bush held a campaign event in Jones Park. As President in 1989, he attended a fundraiser for Tom Anderson who was running for Congress in a special election. This event was held in the parking lot of the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. This year Vice President Quayle spoke to a crowd of 4000 in Jones Park's Rice Pavilion just prior to Super Tuesday.

Even though some Mississippi party officials will be attending the convention, the local feedback of being able to turn out a large crowd is quite enthusiastic. There are three Republican counties in the surrounding Gulfport area. The Fifth Congressional District accounted for the highest percent vote for the President in 1988, more than any other district, other than that of Kennebunkport.

In Gulfport itself, Mayor Ken Combs would be proud to host to event and is willing to pull out all the stops to ensure its success. School will be in session and the Mayor is confident that he could let the schools out for the visit. In addition, the Sheriff, three of the five councilmen, and many prominent businessmen in Gulfport are supporters of the President.



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OTHER SITES VISITED:

Mississippi Coast Coliseum: Possible rain site. Holds approximately 10,000, indoor setting, located in Biloxi. Because it is indoors, it would be difficult to depict the President's being in the deep South. There is also a Miss Teen USA Presentation Show for the 21st.

Robert L. Rice Pavilion: Located adjacent to Jones Park, low ceilings, holds approximately 4,000. Possible site for press filing center or first aid/refreshment area.

City Hall: Great visual - a Southern building, white columns, front steps. Not enough room for a large crowd in street.

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Grass Lawn: Old Southern home where events are held. Too many trees in yard, poor parking access, looks too much like a plantation setting.

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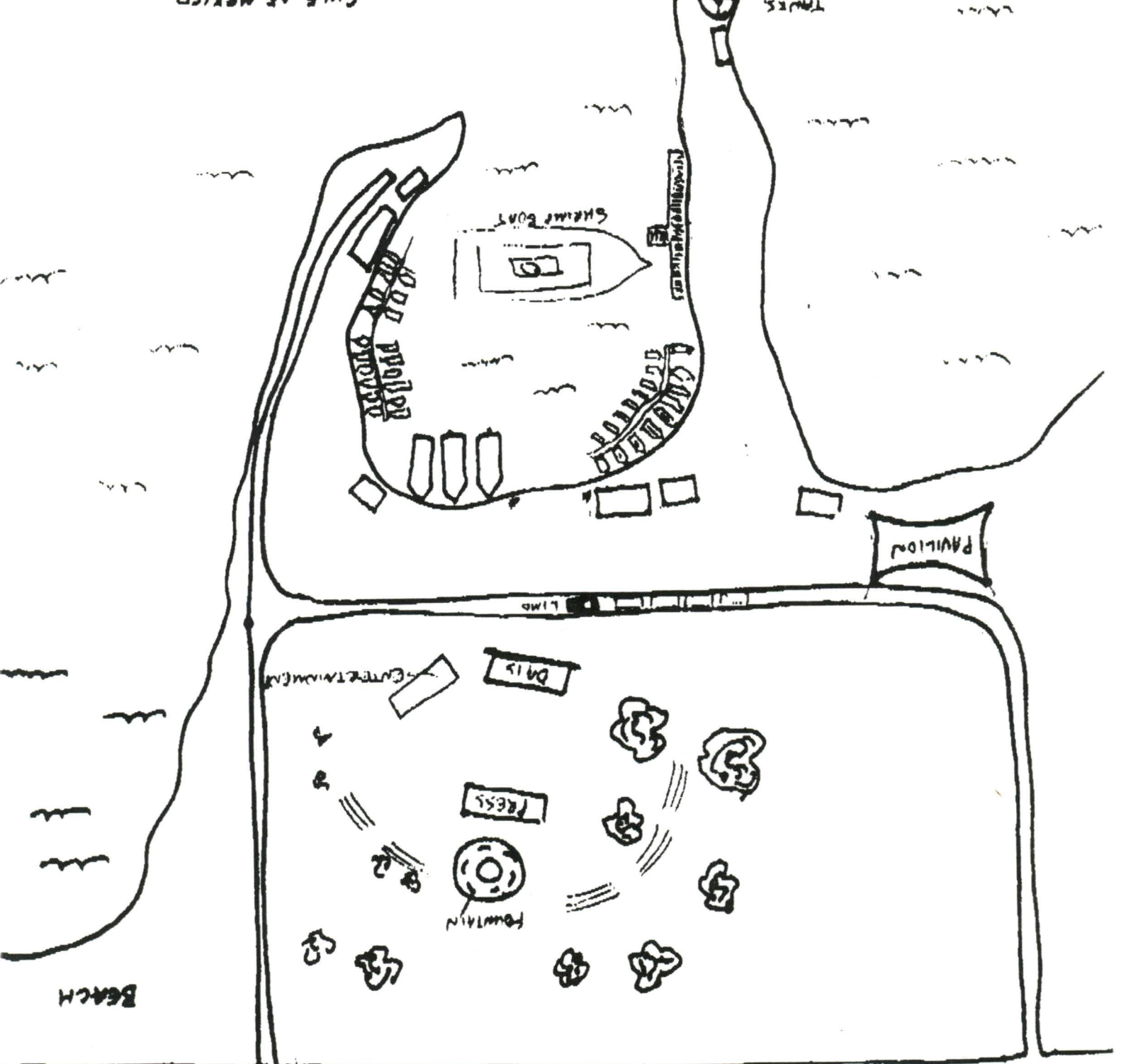
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Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 17, 1992

The President today recognized the Volunteer Victim Advocates of Mobile, Alabama, as the 748th Daily Point of Light for the Nation. The volunteers offer comfort, friendship, and support to victims of violent crimes, primarily children, as they go through the judicial process.

Created in 1989 by Martha Salter of the District Attorney's office and Patrick Guyton of the Mobile Children's Advocacy Center, the Volunteer Victim Advocate group now has nine volunteers, seven of whom have been with the program from the start. Volunteers are carefully selected and receive extensive training from the Circuit Judge, District Attorney, and law enforcement officials. The advocates work out of the Mobile Children's Advocacy Center, a converted house that provides a non-threatening environment for child victims to meet with law enforcement officials and counselors.

Once the Assistant District Attorney assigns an advocate to a case, the volunteer meets with the child and guardian at the Children's Center to prepare them for the rigors of the trial procedure. The advocate and the child meet daily, touring the courthouse, talking with the judges and court personnel, and developing a special friendship that helps the child cope with the emotional stress and trauma of the trial. The advocate accompanies the child throughout the court process, a commitment which may entail 30 to 60 hours a month for up to four months. Because victims receive psychological counseling at the Advocacy Center, the advocate's main job is to be a "special friend" to the victim.

Volunteer Victim Advocates is the first program of its kind in Alabama and served over 100 children and their families last year.

The President salutes Volunteer Victim Advocates for exemplifying his belief that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

August 4, 1992

The President today recognized the volunteer counselors of the Rape Crisis Center of Mobile, Alabama, as the 851st Daily Point of Light for the Nation. The volunteers provide emotional support to women who have been sexually assaulted.

The Rape Crisis Center, founded in 1977, mobilizes 55 volunteers to counsel and provide support for rape victims and to educate the community about the critical issue of sexual assault. Roughly half the volunteers are survivors of rape, family members, or friends of rape victims. Ten were themselves assisted by the center.

Volunteer counselors must attend an intensive, 16-hour training workshop covering counseling skills, medical and legal procedures, and other related issues. They receive supplementary training and refresher courses once a month.

At least one volunteer is on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all year. The Center receives a variety of calls, including requests for immediate assistance. The volunteer on call often accompanies the victim to the hospital, offering emotional support during the medical examination and treatment. The volunteer then follows up at least twice with each victim and her family, referring them to professional counseling and other resources, as well as providing moral support for the victim during the court process.

Volunteers and trained counselors facilitate a support group once a week to discuss the concerns and feelings of the victims. Three times a month, they offer public awareness seminars for police and medical personnel, universities, and other community groups. Every Thursday, volunteers are available at the local clinic to provide assistance to victims who return for medical check-ups.

The President salutes the volunteer counselors of the Rape Crisis Center for exemplifying his belief that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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January 26, 1990

The President today named the Principle of the Alphabet Literacy System (PALS) of New Orleans, Louisiana as his fifty-first daily "Point of Light." With the sponsorship and support of the Entergy Corporation, this program promotes literacy by providing comprehensive educational programs within communities.

PALS helps functionally illiterate adults. An interactive computer system, PALS allows up to sixteen people at a time to learn how to read, with the promise of advancing three grade levels in just twenty weeks. The Entergy Corporation has installed four permanent systems: two in Louisiana, one in Mississippi, and one in Arkansas. Classes are also held in a newly-created mobile unit which travels from city to city, increasing literacy rates with every stop.

The President praises the PALS learning initiative for its work to promote literacy. The PALS program serves as an outstanding example of a business actively taking responsibility for helping to meet community needs.

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July 18, 1990

The President today named the volunteers of Lakeview Shepherd Center, of New Orleans, Louisiana, as the one hundred ninety-eighth "Daily Point of Light." The Lakeview Shepherd Center offers a helping hand to senior citizens.

Founded in 1975, the Lakeview Shepherd Center provides the elderly with practical support and recreational activities. Three hundred volunteers, over 75% of whom are themselves 60 and older, participate in a variety of programs. Seniors are given an opportunity to assist their peers in some programs and receive assistance from others in return.

Volunteers of the Wheels-That-Care program provide rides to medical appointments for senior citizens. Those who assist with the Meals-On-Wheels program deliver a hot lunch five days a week to homebound senior citizens. The volunteers also visit hospitalized and homebound senior citizens and assist them with grocery shopping, household chores, and minor household repairs.

The President salutes the volunteers of Lakeview Shepherd Center as the one hundred ninety-eighth "Daily Point of Light." Daily Point of Light recognition is intended to call every individual, group, and organization in America to claim society's problems as their own by taking direct and consequential action; to identify, enlarge, and multiply successful initiatives, like the Lakeview Shepherd Center; and to discover, encourage, and develop new leaders in community service, reflecting the President's conviction that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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September 25, 1990

The President today named WRBH 88.3 FM Radio, of New Orleans, Louisiana, as the 257th "Daily Point of Light." WRBH Radio, owned and operated by the Radio for the Blind and Print Handicapped Inc., ensures that those who are blind can enjoy news, articles, and literature.

Founded in 1982, WRBH Radio operates seven days a week, 21 hours a day, broadcasting readings of daily newspapers, employment and classified advertisements, medical articles about the visually impaired, writings by the visually impaired, bestsellers, children's books, and fictional and non-fictional literature. More than 200 volunteers, many of whom are visually impaired, rotate shifts, reading on the radio, writing the newsletter, and assisting with administrative duties.

The President salutes WRBH 88.3 FM Radio as the 257th "Daily Point of Light." Daily Point of Light recognition is intended to call every individual, group, and organization in America to claim society's problems as their own by taking direct and consequential action; to identify, enlarge, and multiply successful initiatives, like WRBH Radio; and to discover, encourage, and develop new leaders in community service, reflecting the President's conviction that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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December 21, 1990

The President today named the volunteers of the Lafitte Garden Club, of New Orleans, Louisiana, as the 334th "Daily Point of Light." The volunteers of the Lafitte Garden Club are reclaiming their neighborhood from drugs and crime.

In 1987, three residents of a housing development decided to rid their community of drug dealing and other crimes. They founded the Lafitte Garden Club to improve the appearance of their deteriorating neighborhood, thereby deterring drug dealers and criminals from loitering in the surrounding area. The Lafitte Garden Club, composed of 12 residents of the housing development, plants trees and flowers throughout the development, demonstrating that the residents care about the community and drug dealers are not welcome.

Since the program's inception, the members have expanded their efforts. With the support of Officer Ducette of the New Orleans Police Department, the members of the club started the "Broom Patrol." Community members always carry a broom and a whistle,

using the broom to clean litter and blowing the whistle to summon the help of other community members when there is need. In addition, the Lafitte Garden Club has recruited the help of the young residents of the neighborhood, asking them to pick up cans, bottles, and newspapers in the streets. The club recycles the trash and uses the proceeds to send the youngsters to summer camp and to purchase baseball bats and gloves for a neighborhood team. In the last three years, crime has decreased tremendously, and families now have pride in their neighborhood.

The President salutes the volunteers of the Lafitte Garden Club as the 334th "Daily Point of Light." Daily Point of Light recognition is intended to call every individual, group, and organization in America to claim society's problems as their own by taking direct and consequential action; to identify, enlarge, and multiply successful initiatives, like the efforts of the volunteers of the Lafitte Garden Club; and to discover, encourage, and develop new leaders in community service, reflecting the President's conviction that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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February 22, 1991

The President today named Milton L. Cambre of Norco, Louisiana, as the 387th "Daily Point of Light." Mr. Cambre, 55, shows a deep appreciation for nature in his dedication to the restoration and preservation of wetlands.

Since the early 1970s, Mr. Cambre has voluntarily taken steps to restore the Louisiana wetlands, one of the state's most treasured resources and its first line of defense against hurricanes. He has led efforts to halt erosion caused by natural and man-made developments, earning him appointments as chairman of the Coastal Zone Advisory Committee and St. Charles Parish's representative to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation.

Almost every day, Mr. Cambre takes his boat out into the marshes to inspect, replant, test soil, and devise methods of preventing salt water intrusion. As a special project, he has utilized leftover Christmas trees, placing them along the shores to catch the sediment sliding into the marsh. He also escorts groups into the marsh, such as Boy Scouts or teenagers from juvenile detention homes, to help maintain the marshes, completing tasks such as replanting oyster grass along the shores. In addition, Mr. Cambre educates local residents, both children and adults, by speaking to school and environmental groups about the need to preserve the wetlands.

The President salutes Milton Cambre as the 387th "Daily Point of Light." Daily Point of Light recognition is intended to call every individual, group, and organization in America to claim society's problems as their own by taking direct and consequential action; to identify, enlarge, and multiply successful initiatives, like the efforts of Mr. Cambre; and to discover, encourage, and develop new leaders in community service, reflecting the President's conviction that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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December 13, 1991

The President today recognized Bonnie Bailey of Terrytown, Louisiana, as the 641st Daily Point of Light for the Nation. Miss Bailey, a 12 year old student at Arden-Cahill Academy, has made helping others a central part of her life.

Miss Bailey's dedication to community service stems from a foundation of strong values and concern for others. Described by her teachers as "warm" and "compassionate," her natural willingness to help those in need has brought hope and happiness to a wide variety of local community members. At age 9, she began a special initiative to bring holiday cheer to her community by packaging and delivering food and decorations to the elderly during Halloween, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Miss Bailey has also worked with the volunteer coordinator at her church, assisting senior citizens who need help with meals. Together with her mother, she befriended an elderly couple and cooked dinner for them each Tuesday and Thursday evening. Her goodwill, combined with her sense of humor, renewed the spirits of this special couple.

At school, Miss Bailey sets an example of serving the community for her peers to follow. During a recent canned food drive for the homeless and hungry, she went door to door to collect more cans than any other student. At the Math-a-Thon she raised over 300 dollars to benefit a local charity. On her eleventh birthday, she sent flowers and candy to a dying man, saying he needed presents more than she.

The President salutes Bonnie Bailey for exemplifying his belief that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life, must include serving others."

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January 28, 1992

The President today recognized James Joseph of New Orleans, Louisiana as the 679th Daily Point of Light for the Nation. Mr. Joseph, a father figure to many inner-city New Orleans youth, provides positive social and recreational outlets to keep them off the streets.

Through his commitment, determination, and love of sport, Mr. Joseph, 40, has devoted nearly twenty years of his life to the upbringing of his young men and women. With worn-out boxing gloves and an old, dusty gym, "Coach" Joseph not only teaches the youth the fundamentals of boxing but, most importantly, lessons in life that they use to overcome the threat of crime and drugs.

A welder by profession, Mr. Joseph has used his personal and financial resources to ensure that 300 youth receive the training and equipment needed to become good boxers. Many of his boys have attained high rankings in amateur boxing circles and travel with him on weekends to competitions around the state. These young individuals develop into capable, competitive fighters by putting in long hours of practice and by learning to discipline their minds and bodies. The positive attitudes they develop help them, not only in the ring, but also in school, at home, and in the community.

Convinced that action by concerned individuals is the only way to solve society's problems, Mr. Joseph spends more than forty-five hours a week spearheading a local effort to get kids off the streets and into an environment where they stand a better chance of getting ahead. Whether it entails making a trip to the local school to visit a teacher, a young man's house to speak to a parent, or a church to chat with the clergy, Mr. Joseph goes beyond the call of duty to keep his kids on a focused and motivated path to a successful life. Through his devotion to these adolescents and to his community, this "pied-piper" has given a second chance to many whom he has saved from the streets of New Orleans.

The President salutes James Joseph for exemplifying his belief that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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May 22, 1992

The President today recognized Isis Johnson of New Orleans, Louisiana, as the 779th Daily Point of Light for the Nation. Isis provides a sense of well-being to her neighbors in need.

Inspired several years ago by a news account on famine in Ethiopia, Isis, now age seven, began collecting food for hungry families in her community. At the age of four, she began going door to door to obtain food, which she delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution. Private donations for her effort were supplemented by the support of local grocery stores, such as A&P and Winn-Dixie. A&P donated food and other general goods, while Winn-Dixie allowed her to ask for non-perishable food donations for her cause outside their store.

Isis' efforts to help homeless families, senior citizens, and the long-term unemployed occur on a year-round basis, but are especially concentrated around Christmas, Easter, and other special holidays. In 1991, after two years of delivering food to the Salvation Army for distribution, Isis decided to distribute the food from her grandmother's home, which has become a small warehouse of food and clothing. The community was made aware of her efforts through newspaper, radio, and television announcements.

Last Christmas, Isis distributed 500 food boxes made up from over 4,000 cans of food she collected, as well as 541 pounds of chicken contributed by her church and other donated goods. Since then, she has expanded her outreach activities beyond food collection to include gathering clothes as well. Isis disbursed clothes to local families in desperate need of clothing. Isis serves as an example of how one individual, no matter what their age, can make a significant difference in the lives of those in need.

The President salutes Isis Johnson for exemplifying his belief that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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HEADLINE: VIETNAMESE LEAVING BILOXI AND THE CITY FEELS A LOSS

BYLINE: By LEE MAY, TIMES STAFF WRITER

DATELINE: BILOXI, Miss.

BODY:

When they arrived on the Gulf Coast a decade ago to take up fishing, Indochinese refugees found bitter resentment among many natives here.

Now the immigrants are beginning to leave amid hard times in the fishing industry. And many of their neighbors are sorry to see them go.

The exodus ironically comes as tensions between the newcomers and native-born fishermen had sunk beneath the surface of life in this Gulf of Mexico town of 49,000 people.

Violent clashes were common when the Southeast Asians -- mostly Vietnamese -- began arriving in the late 1970s. Shotgun-wielding Americans claimed the immigrants broke with accepted practices and overfished the waters. Several of the refugees' boats were burned, and two American fishermen were shot to death in one gulf confrontation.

The competition exacerbated racial tensions. Like immigrants from Yugoslavia before them, the Vietnamese launched into the seafood business with a vengeance, buying boats, working long hours, often taking jobs that others would not touch. They formed a clannish community of 5,000, with 90% of the workers involved in fishing or seafood processing.

Now escalating operating costs and plummeting prices have torpedoed the fishing industry here, and the Vietnamese are going elsewhere.

They will be leaving a place they had begun to feel was home, where Americans had gone through a change of heart.

Carroll Kovacevich, plant manager of a wholesale seafood company, remembers once having big problems with Vietnamese workers he supervised. "I would find them stealing shrimp, and things like that," he said. "We had some violent times with them.

"Looking back and seeing the conditions they came from, I understand. Now, we've become good friends." Kovacevich said.

Kovacevich and others were won over by the Vietnamese immigrants' hard work, their dedication to family, their education and their practice of paying their bills on time. "They got out and busted their butts," he said, "and gained a

lot of respect."

For example, he cited his mother's neighborhood, in the east end of town, as one area that the Vietnamese "came in and rejuvenated. They were like a shot in the arm."

Many people around here worry that losing members of the Vietnamese community will drain the Gulf Coast of needed cultural diversity and educational excellence.

Mike Olivier, executive director of the Harrison County Development Commission, cited the "successful settlement" of Vietnamese, adding that "many have done very well in the school system. You don't want to lose that element in any community."

"They've turned out to be our brightest students," said Cliff Kirkland, director of marketing and media for the city. "They've applied themselves in the classroom as well as they did on the sea."

Jude Lupinetti, director of bilingual education for the Biloxi school system, said that since the bilingual program began in 1987, several Vietnamese students in coastal Mississippi have been valedictorians of their high school classes. "There is a feeling (among non-Vietnamese) that they have earned their place in the society," she said.

In recent years, Vietnamese and native fishermen stood shoulder to shoulder, railing against foreign competition, which experts cite as a principal affliction of the industry. They also joined forces to complain about federal regulations requiring "turtle excluder devices" that allow endangered sea turtles to escape from shrimp trawls and the increasingly stringent environmental regulations that have led to increased operating costs.

The federal Health and Human Services Department's Office of Refugee Resettlement reports that 925,000 Southeast Asians have been resettled in this country, with California's 365,000 leading all states.

No one knows how many of the immigrants have left the Biloxi area because of the fishing industry's problems, but experts say the numbers are growing, and predictable.

"Money talks, especially when you have children," said Loan Vu, program director at the Catholic Social Services migration and refugee center. "If you can't find a job here, you're going someplace where you can find one."

The problems of the seafood industry affect native-born fishermen, too, but the refugees are especially hard hit because many do not have marketable skills beyond fishing. The older Vietnamese also are hindered by lack of proficiency in English, although language is less of a problem among their sons and daughters.

Many of the refugees who have contacted the refugee center say they are going to other Sun Belt states, including North Carolina, Georgia and California.

Thi Le, a 38-year-old shrimper, told a visitor, through an interpreter, that he was getting ready to head for North Carolina, where he hopes the

shrimping is better. He said he will leave his wife and 18-month-old child behind, "and if the going is good, they will join me."

Le said he came here four years ago from Vietnam because he has relatives here and would prefer to stay, but "there are no real jobs for me. North Carolina offers me more opportunities."

Vietnamese fishermen are leaving nearby Gulfport, Miss., too. In Washington, Tanya Dang, program director of the Catholic Charities refugee service center, recently assisted two brothers from Gulfport, Minh and Tuan Nguyen, 24 and 26, respectively.

Dang quoted the brothers, who had worked as shrimpers, as saying they left the coast because they "had nothing to do."

Not all Biloxians are sorry to see the Vietnamese go, of course. Linda Jumonville, who owns an electrical supplies business, acknowledged that the newcomers have been "good customers," but she said: "I feel it would be more fair for our own people to be out on the water catching fish."

But no matter who is catching fish these days, they aren't making much money.

While Biloxians used to boast of living in the "seafood capital of the world," their chief catch, shrimp, has become a worldwide commodity. According to David Burrage, a marine resources specialist with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, the nation's entire annual harvest of 500 million pounds accounts for only 25% of Americans' shrimp consumption each year. The rest, much of it pond-grown, comes from countries like China, Ecuador and Thailand, where production costs are lower than those in this country.

The huge increase in the world supply of shrimp has dropped prices drastically, even as costs for fuel, ice, insurance and supplies keep rising. The price of large shrimp fell from more than \$7 a pound in 1988 to \$4.40 last year.

What to do to bring back the industry and the Vietnamese as well?

There is talk of pushing hard in Congress for tariffs on imported shrimp, and some angry supporters of U.S. shrimpers even suggest forcing restaurants to notify customers that they are serving foreign-grown shrimp. But few people think either proposal has much of a chance of enactment. Some boosters around here would like to see Gulf Coast businessmen grow shrimp in ponds the way their counterparts in the Delta grow catfish.

In Jackson, the state capital, Phoebe Clark, the state refugee coordinator, said a \$105,000 program aims to provide job training, education and English lessons for Vietnamese refugees. But even that small sum is further stretched by transient fishermen from neighboring states who "come through and stay three months, six months to a year" and use the programs.

If Clark makes the situation seem bleak, she gets no argument from Vietnamese fishermen here.

Down on Bayview Drive, which winds along the harbor, where battered shrimp boats bob in the water next to seafood processing plants, many boat owners and their crews spend these days preparing their craft for shrimping, which will begin in the next few weeks.

Joseph Bui, 33, taking time out from replacing ladders and a boom on his blue-and-white boat, the South Seas, explained how business has taken a dive in recent years. "Four years ago," he said, "business was fine. Two years ago, just fair. Last year was bad. I really don't know how long I can continue."

Bui said that if he is forced out of the business, he would resort to carpentry, although selling his boat would be a problem. Some Vietnamese, like other fishermen here, are unable to pay loans and have lost their boats to the repossessioners.

Vu said some who leave shrimping and Biloxi are beginning to find jobs as diverse as working in factories, driving taxis and working in gambling casinos. Tuan Nguyen, who left Gulfport for the nation's capital, already has landed a restaurant job.

Vu talks matter-of-factly about the pattern of leaving, a pattern as old as American immigration itself. "First, the son goes," she said, "then the brother goes, then the parents go because they want to stick together."

The pattern emerges here just as Biloxians were beginning to feel comfortable with the latest newcomers.

Eddie Geiser, a lumber salesman, said: "You can go over to their houses, and trust them like everybody else. Some come by here and want you to join in weddings and things. I'd probably go to something if I had the time."

Vu said that Biloxi, which, to be sure, has some Vietnamese who do quite well without the shrimp industry, will always have a Vietnamese population. "But how large that is, it's hard to say, unless the shrimping industry picks up again."

Staff researcher Edith Stanley contributed to this story.

GRAPHIC: Photo, Joseph Bui, a Vietnamese fisherman, says the downturn in the Gulf Coast fishing industry may force him into a living as a carpenter. ; Photo, Dry Times: A decade ago, when Indochinese refugees arrived on the Gulf Coast to take up fishing, many found resentment from native-born fisherman. But now, as hard times hit the industry and the former refugees are beginning to leave, many are sorry to see them go. Natives of the Mississippi town of Biloxi used to boast of living in the "seafood capital of the world," but their chief catch, shrimp, is now harvested across the globe. The huge increase has forced prices down, according to experts such as marine resources specialist David Burrage, left. ALAN WHITMAN / For The Times

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The water is still warm and the crowds are gone. Fall can be the best time to still savor life at many beach towns.

"If I had my druthers, fall is one of the nicer times," says Jack Schellenger, a lifeguard in Cape May, N.J., for the last 37 years. "It's not as humid, it's beautiful ... on the beach, it's peaceful ... with nobody there to bother you."

And, it can be cheaper.

Here are some beach towns where the enjoyment doesn't end with Labor Day. Accommodations are for double occupancy per night.

- Cape May, N.J. At the beach, the average water temperature in October lingers at about 70 degrees. The town, designated a National Historic Landmark, boasts more than 600 restored Victorian structures. The Victorian Sampler tours on Saturdays offer visits to five inns and a trolley shuttle (cost: \$ 10, half-price for children). Call the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts for tour information, 609-884-5404.

Cape May is also a haven for quaint bed and breakfasts. Rates: bed and breakfasts, \$ 60 to \$ 200; motels, \$ 48 to \$ 83. Call the Cape May Chamber of Commerce, 609-884-5508.

- Galveston, Texas. Along the 32-mile sand beach, water temperatures on the Gulf of Mexico hover at 70 degrees. After enjoying the beach, tour a series of Victorian mansions or take a trolley to the Strand historic district with its restored 19th-century ironfront commercial buildings. Also in the area: the Texas Seaport Museum and the Grand 1894 Opera House. Motels range from \$ 35 to \$ 60, condominiums and bed and breakfasts are \$ 55 to \$ 135. Call the Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, 800-351-4237 (in Texas, call 800-351-4236).

- Gulfport, Miss. At the beaches on the 26-mile Gulf of Mexico coast, daytime temperature averages 78 degrees in the fall. Ferries sail 12 miles to the white sand beaches of Ship Island through Oct. 27. Cast from the beach for redfish, mullet and Spanish mackerel. In nearby Biloxi are Jefferson Davis' home and the Confederate Museum. The area also has 16 golf courses. Motels range from \$ 35 to \$ 55. Call the Mississippi Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau, 601-896-6699.

- Hilton Head, S.C. Seashells are more plentiful here in the fall, making a search for them a good beach pastime. Average water temperatures range from 80 degrees in September to 63 degrees in November. Activities available include interpretative beach walks led by the Hilton Head Museum, golf, tennis and cycling. Lodging rates: villas, \$ 70 to \$ 350; motels, \$ 31 to \$ 90; hotels, \$ 80 to \$ 165. Call the Hilton Head Island Chamber of Commerce, 803- 785-3673.

- Nags Head, N.C. In October and November the bluefish runs are so good that the fish beach themselves. Beginners can learn windsurfing, and hang gliding is available at Jockey's Ridge State Park. Rates: hotels and motels, \$ 35 to \$ 200. Call Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce, 919-441-8144.

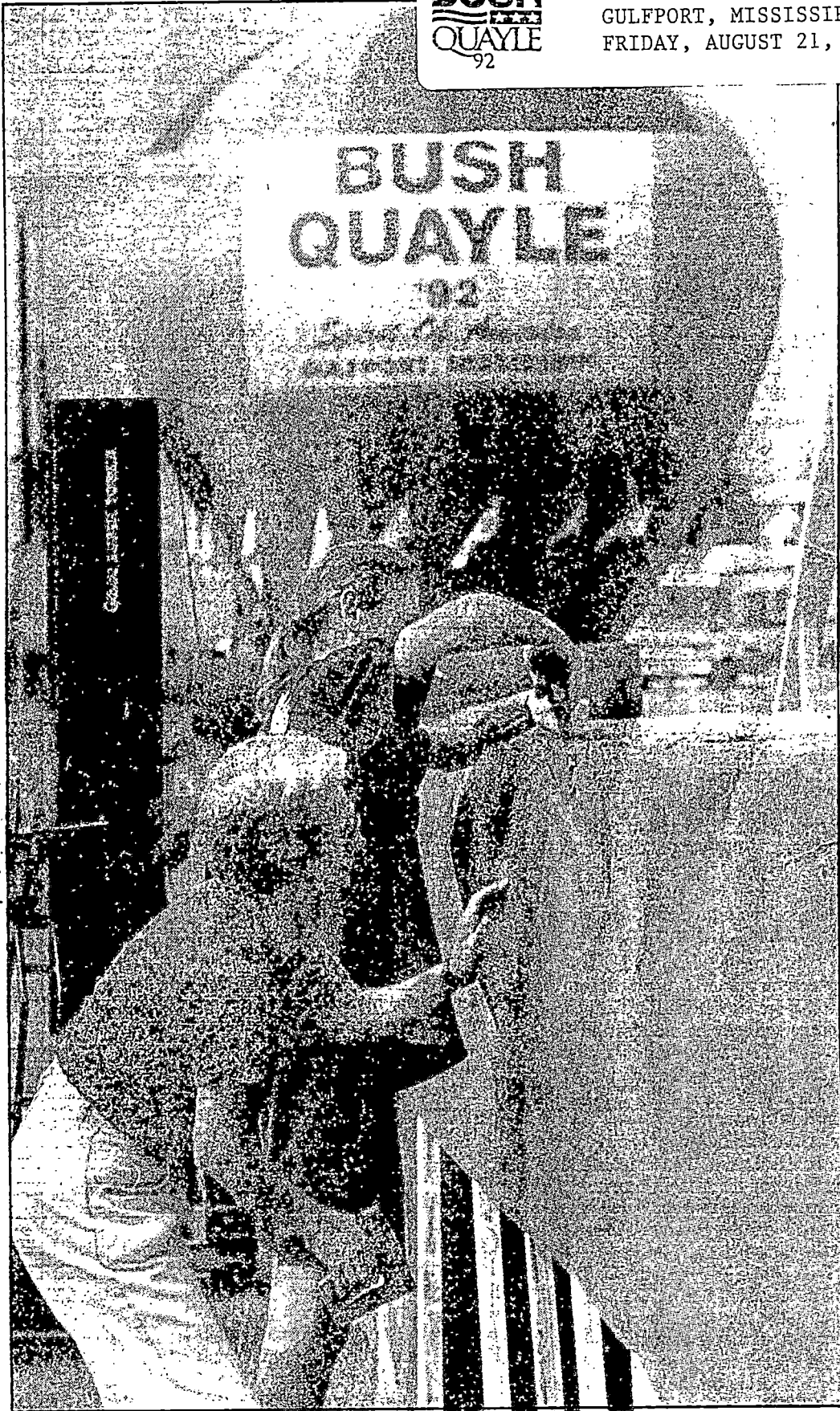
- Virginia Beach, Va. The gulf stream keeps these waters warm through mid-October. The average water temperature for September is 72 degrees; in October, it drops to about 67 degrees. A concrete boardwalk is perfect for biking and the Virginia Marine Science Museum is nearby. Williamsburg and Busch Gardens amusement park are an hour away. Accommodations: hotels, \$ 70 to \$ 90. Call Virginia Beach Tourism Information, 800-822-3224.

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Connie Kemp, foreground, of Jackson and J.D. Allen of Biloxi, employees of Convention Display Service Inc. of Jackson, put up satin backing for bunting Thursday at Jones Park in Gulfport. President Bush, Vice President Quayle and their wives begin the post-convention campaign today with a rally at Jones Park.

EDITORIALS

Coast welcomes Bush-Quayle team to our region

The Neshoba County Fair may well be Mississippi's biggest political happening for state politicians in an election year, but for this morning, the Bush-Quayle campaign kickoff at Jones Park in Gulfport certainly tops the fair.

The visit, the first for President George Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle — and their wives — since the two officials received the party's nomination last night, flashes the national spotlight squarely on our area.

Yes, it's a political whistle-stop designed to drum up support for the ticket, rather than an official visit. Nevertheless, it is an honor for Mississippi and the Coast to be the site of the campaign's beginning.

Proud residents of the Coast wish the two highest officials in the land could spend more time in our area. They could check on things at Keesler Technical Training Center, the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Stennis Space Center, the VA Centers, and the Navy Home; to mention some of the government installations here. With a little more time, they could visit some of the many historical attractions along the Coast.

For this visit, though, Bush and Quayle *are* the attractions. They're on friendly political ground. Four years ago, they swept Harrison County by a better than 2-1 margin. They may have slipped in popularity in pre-convention polls, but they'll be rebounding after last night's convention climax.

Joint visit a first for Coast

By TAMMIE CESSNA LANGFORD
THE SUN HERALD

■ President Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle will make political history in Mississippi today when they appear on the same stage stumping with their wives in a collective bid to keep control of the White House.

It is rare for the president and vice president to campaign together at the same location, and this appearance of the two together will be a first for the Coast.

"Bush and Quayle are not staying together after this. He's going to Missouri and Quayle is going back to Washington," said Jim Compton, Harrison County's GOP chairman. "I think it's definitely an historic event."

The campaign stop will be the first for Bush and Quayle after the GOP convention in Houston that ended Thursday with the team accepting the party's nomination.

Why Mississippi and why the Coast?

"The Coast is pretty well known as a Republican stronghold, and I think they just like us," said Republican Charles Stringer of Long Beach. "They've always had a tremendous amount of support here."

Stringer met Bush in 1989 when the president campaigned for 5th District congressional candidate Tom

Anderson.

"He told me then that when he was in the oil business in Texas that he would cut off at Bay St. Louis and come down Highway 90 so he could come through this country," Stringer said. "That's one thing that might have influenced him."

Having a Republican governor of Mississippi also may have something to do with the decision to start the Bush-Quayle White House bid here, Stringer said.

Former Harrison County Republican Executive Committee chairman Bob Ingram agreed with Stringer.

"I think the reason he came here is it's close on his way back and Mississippi has always been one of his big supporting states," Ingram said. "He wanted to touch base here. I'm just awful proud that he's coming."

Compton credits the visit to a Republican stronghold that former President Reagan and Bush have had in

the region.

"For Reagan and Bush the presidential strength was in the South," Compton said. "They're not going to write the South off."

While supporters awaited Bush's arrival, rally organizers spent Thursday building platforms, making sound checks on public address systems, ordering extra chairs and putting red, white and blue bunting in place to get ready for the 8:30 a.m. gate opening.

"It's going great," said rally organizer Curt Hebert, a Republican appointee to the state Public Service Commission. "We expect a minimum of 20,000 people. I think it's going to be a beautiful day, temperatures in the mid-80s and overcast."

Part of the last-minute preparations included parking Dole tractor trailers in front of the small-craft harbor to block access to boats and water and the installation of three large balloons — one of Uncle Sam — that welcome Bush and Quayle.

Outside of Jones Park on the median of U.S. 90, signs were erected that welcomed Bush. Quayle's name was missing.

Hebert said Thursday afternoon that work at the park would continue through the night until every roped-off area is completed, every portable toilet is in place, every platform nailed, all electricity is running and the decoration is complete.

"We'll be here as long as it takes," Hebert said.

Bush/Quayle off and running

By **CHARLES GREEN**
and **ELLEN WARREN**
KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

■ HOUSTON — Hoping to regain the shaken confidence of Americans, President Bush on Thursday night accepted the Republican nomination with a call for across-the-board tax cuts and a spirited defense of his international leadership.

With polls showing him gaining ground on Democrat Bill Clinton, Bush capped the four-day GOP convention by defending his first-term record, blaming the Democratic Congress for blocking his domestic proposals and deriding Clinton in mocking terms.

"What about the leader of the Arkansas National Guard — the man who hopes to be commander-in-chief? Well, while I bit the bullet, he bit his nails," said Bush, referring to Clinton's indecision about going to war against Iraq.

"Sounds to me like his policy can be summed up by a road sign he's probably seen on his bus tour, 'Slippery When Wet.'"

Bush sounded the same theme in attacking Clinton's sometimes changing positions on domestic issues: "He's been spotted in more places than Elvis Presley."

Depicting himself as a steady, experienced leader, Bush declared: "We must be a military superpower, an economic superpower, and an export superpower."

"In this election, you'll hear two visions of how to do this. Theirs is to look inward, and protect what we already have. Ours is to look forward — to open new markets, prepare our people to compete, to restore the social fabric, to save and invest so we can win."



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Despite the lofty rhetoric, there were few new proposals in Bush's speech and even fewer details. In essence, Bush asked Americans to support the economic policies he has already put forward and trust him to lead America in the post Cold War era.

His tax proposal, for instance, would not be offered until next year — after the election. He did not specify how much he wanted to reduce taxes, saying only that it would be worked out with Congress.

Bush did stipulate that the tax cuts would have to be paid for by reductions in spending so as not to increase the budget deficit.

Bush campaign chairman Robert Teeter said the details of the plan would not be offered earlier because there was no hope of getting it through the current Congress. "I see no evidence that the public wants to know what (tax cut) numbers you're going to do," Teeter said.

Bush also unveiled a proposal to reduce the deficit by allowing taxpayers to check off a box on their income tax returns that would permit 10 percent of their taxes to go towards paying off the nearly \$4 trillion national debt. The checkoff would have to be accompanied by an agreement by Congress that for every dollar set aside to reduce the debt, government spending would be cut by an equal amount.

One economist, Lawrence Chimer-

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ine of DRI/McGraw Hill, said the checkoff plan "sounds like a gimmick" which will do no good unless the president is able to identify specific areas to cut spending.

Some Republican conservatives had asked Bush to unveil a sweeping new economic program, but the president settled for more modest steps and no immediate changes in his policies.

Bush admitted that his 1990 decision to renege on his "no new taxes" pledge of the 1988 campaign was a mistake, but said he would be far less likely than Clinton to raise taxes in the future.

Republicans hoped Bush's speech, coupled with their non-stop bashing of Clinton this week, would put the president within striking distance of Clinton as the presidential campaign

enters its final stage.

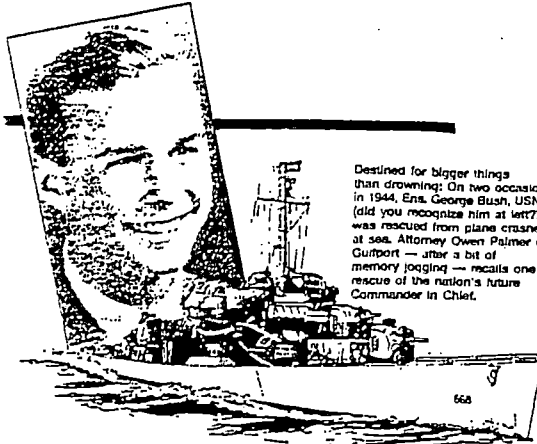
Polls released Thursday showed Bush picking up steam even before he accepted the Republican presidential nomination.

A national survey taken Tuesday and Wednesday by CBS News showed Clinton ahead of Bush by 51-40 percent. The 11-point margin contrasted with an 18-point advantage Clinton enjoyed last week.

Bush's speech was preceded by an alternately defiant and self-deprecating address by Vice President Dan Quayle, who presented a stark contrast between Bush and Clinton, and Republicans and Democrats.

"For more than a month, the media have been telling us that Bill Clinton and Al Gore are 'moderates.' Well, if they're moderates, I'm a world champion speller," Quayle said to thunderous applause.

"I stand before you, and before the American people, unbowed, unbroken and ready to keep fighting for our beliefs," Quayle proclaimed.



Destined for bigger things than drowning: On two occasions in 1944, Ens. George Bush, USNR, (did you recognize him at left?) was rescued from plane crashes at sea. Attorney Owen Palmer of Gulfport — after a bit of memory jogging — recalls one rescue of the nation's future Commander in Chief.

1944 at-sea rescue was a waypoint in course of history

By OWEN PALMER
 SPECIAL TO THE SUN HERALD

The date was June 19, 1944; location, the Philippine Sea; the occasion, preparation for America's invasion of Japanese strongholds in the Marianas chain. The day is fondly remembered by the Navy as the first day of the "Marianas Turkey Shoot."

Fighters and bombers from the CVs and CVLs of Task Force 58 were enjoying unbelievable success against Japanese air, sea and land forces. The support ships, including battleships, cruisers and destroyers, were providing a screen for the carriers. The USS C.K. Bronson, DD668, was directing the destroyer screen for TG 58.3. The Bronson, in addition to providing anti-aircraft protection, had multiple assignments, including rescue of pilots and crews who ditched or had to abandon their aircraft.

On June 19, the Bronson rescued a pilot and two crewmen from a ditched TBM, attached to the USS San Jacinto. From its commissioning in 1943 until its return to the East Coast in 1946, the Bronson rescued scores of downed pilots; the events of June 19, 1944, were just another routine experience (Commander Gifford Scull, Captain of the Bronson at that time, did receive a commendation ribbon for his skill in searches and rescues during this particular engagement).

Bob Schmidt, a valued member of the Bronson complement of some 330 officers and crewmen, recently was reading President George Bush's autobiography, "Looking Forward." When he reached page 33, he was amazed to read the following passage:

"Delaney, Nadeau, and I had been together since VT-51 was first attached to the San Jacinto. . . .

"We'd flown missions over Wake Island, Palau, Guam and Saipan, and survived a fair number of close calls, including a ditching operation when our plane sprang a leak while still carrying four depth charges intended for enemy subs. How do you put a TBM Avenger into the water with four 500-pound bombs in its belly? Very carefully, with adrenaline running, a prayer on your lips, and your fingers crossed.

"... I trimmed the nose of the plane as high as possible without risking a stall. We landed tailfirst and were able to scramble onto the wing, inflate our safety raft, and start paddling, just as the plane went down.

"We felt lucky. Within seconds we felt even luckier, when the plane's torpedoes detonated after their safety devices gave way to undersea pressure. Then, about thirty minutes later, came a happy ending: *the destroyer USS Bronson sighted our raft and picked us up.*" (Italics added)

Veterans of the Bronson were well aware of the president's rescue by the USS Finback in September 1944; but none of us had specific recollection of the events of June 19, 1944. The book by President Bush was the stimulant to verifying the role of the Bronson in this particular rescue. Fortunately, the National Archives maintains logs of most of the ships that served in the U.S. Navy. Entries from the log of the USS Clarence K. Bronson for June 19-22, 1944, were obtained. Pertinent excerpts gave details of the rescue, as viewed from the deck of the Bronson:

Monday 19 June 1944:

1201 observed three torpedo planes to attack from astern formation and all were shot down by AA fire from screen. 1214 Raid 9 reported bearing 263°(T), 20 miles. Friendly fighters intercepting. 1215-1237 numerous small groups of enemy planes closing from westward and all intercepted by friendly fighters. 1309 friendly TBM from USS San Jacinto crashed in water landing alongside due to faulty oil line. 1310 stationed rescue party and picked up crew: Ens. Bush, USNR, pilot and two crewmen: Nadeau, L.W. AOM 2/c, Delaney, J.L. ARM 3/c.

R.L. Patterson
Lieut. USNR

If the usual routine were followed, Ensign Bush and his two crew members were given dry uniforms, enjoyed our limited cuisine, and assigned to space aboard the Bronson to relax and sleep until an opportunity presented itself to transfer them to the San Jacinto or another carrier.

No transfer was possible on June 20 or during the early watches on June 21. Log entries reflected intense action for more than 48 hours:

Wednesday 21 June 1944

00-04 Steaming with Task Force 58 . . . investigating lights and rafts in water attempting rescue of downed aviators who landed in the water due to fuel shortage after raid upon Jap fleet. 0120 USS San Jacinto reported "cries for help" on her port beam and saw a life raft with a survivor. USS Bronson investigated and recovered Ens. E.G. Wendorf USNR (VF) pilot from USS Lexington, from rubber life raft.

R.L. Patterson
Lieut. USNR

By noon on June 21, the destroyers badly needed refueling; and hostile action had abated sufficiently to permit the destroyers to go alongside the carriers for that purpose. Two log entries described the final chapter of this very brief encounter with the future president of the United States:

Wednesday 21 June 1944

12-16 Steaming as before. 1333 formation changed course to 280°T, speed 12 knots for fueling. . . . 1539 Alongside USS Lexington and secured tow line. 1544 commenced receiving fuel. 1551 transferred by breeches buoy method the following personnel to USS Lexington: Ens. E.G. Wendorf, USNR USS Lexington VF pilot, Ens. Bush, USNR VT pilot and Delaney, V.L. ARM 3/c and Nadeau; L.W. AOM 2/c, USS San Jacinto FFT.

R.L. Patterson
Lieut. USNR

16-20 Steaming as before. 1706 completed fueling. received 94,290 gallons of fuel oil. 1709 steaming to take station #6 with guide bearing 162°(t) 1720 on station. 1735 took station #4, guide bearing 198°(t). 1745 steaming to take station #7, guide bearing 018°(t). 1825 on station. 1950 left station to investigate green dye marker reported by USS Cleveland, on her starboard quarter.

Owen T. Palmer, Jr.
Lt. (jg) USNR

As noted from these log entries, I was waiting on the bridge to relieve Lt. Patterson from the watch when the transfer was effected. Unfortunately, I cannot remember whether we managed to dunk Ensign Bush when he made the rather bumpy transfer by breeches buoy from the Bronson to the USS Lexington.

A special invitation was extended to President Bush to attend the biannual reunion of surviving Bronson personnel from both World War II and the Korean War (the Bronson was taken out of mothballs to serve in Korea). Following is an excerpt from President Bush's letter:

"During wartime, the loyalty of service members to each other can mean the difference between life and death. So it was in my case. After making a forced landing in the Pacific, my TBM crewmates Jack Delaney and Leo Nadeau and I were never so glad as when we saw the Bronson pull up alongside to take us aboard. I am indebted to each of you."

After their rescue by the Bronson, Ensign Bush and his two crewmen resumed combat missions against the Japanese in the Bonins. On Sept. 2, 1944, planes from the San Jacinto were scheduled to fly a mission to knock out enemy airstrips and communications. The gunnery officer of Ensign Bush's squadron, Ted White, requested that he replace Leo Nadeau as AOM on Bush's TBM. It was on that day that Bush's plane was hit by enemy fire and the pilot and his crew found it necessary to abandon the plane and rely on their parachutes. Neither White nor Jack Delaney, the other crewman, survived. Thus, by two rather bizarre turns of events, Ensign Bush and Leo Nadeau survived two missions that almost ended in disaster for the future president and one of his crewmen. — — —

■ Gulfport attorney Owen T. Palmer served aboard the USS C.K. Bronson from its commissioning in June 1943 and was the ship's executive officer when released from active duty in January 1946.

Bush's visit doesn't close schools

By **LITTICE BACON**
THE SUN HERALD

■ Sorry, students. Unless your parents say otherwise, there will be school today.

Coast school officials have not closed the schoolhouse doors, but parents can take their children to the political rally in Jones Park, officials said. Students will be responsible for any work missed.

With parental permission, social studies students from Gulfport

schools will go by bus to the rally, Gulfport Superintendent of Education Ray Strebeck said.

The field trip drew criticism from The Mississippi Association of Educators, a 13,000-member teacher's union.

The organization's president said Gov. Kirk Fordice "encouraged" the school to send students or close district schools for the day. "We think there was some direct encouragement from the governor," said Joyce Arceneaux, president of MAE.

Arceneaux released a statement Thursday criticizing the governor for "planning to use public school children and school buses for President George Bush's political campaign rally."

Fordice could not be reached for comment Thursday, but Strebeck said the rumors were not true.

"I've had no communications with (Gov. Fordice)," he said, "I was surprised to learn that someone has said that."

"It's a legitimate social studies field

trip," he said. "It's not every day they get to see the president or go to a political rally."

Strebeck said the outing is strictly voluntary and teachers asked to take the students to the rally. About 20 buses will be used to transport the students in grades 6 to 12 to the park, he said.

Other Coast band students and cheerleaders will also be on hand to welcome President Bush and vice president Dan Quayle to the Coast today.

A vote for one convention

HOUSTON — Taking a bold step forward for change, the Republicans nominated George Bush and Dan Quayle Thursday night in a spectacular ceremony culminating in fireworks, laser beams, music, cheering, whooping, stomping, flag-waving, sign-thrusting, slogan-chanting, conga lines, Family Values, an air strike against Baghdad and the dropping from the Astrodome ceiling of 250,000 red, white and blue life-size inflatable women.

I may have some of these details wrong because I was not technically in the Astrodome when this ceremony occurred. I was in a Houston establishment, the legal and printable name of which is Richard Heads' Bar and Restaurant. Hanging from the ceilings and walls is one of the world's largest privately owned collections of unoccupied brassieres.

Also there are numerous signs and bumper stickers, one of which, in my opinion, sums up the essence of humanity's needs and aspirations. It says: "I NEED MORE MONEY AND POWER AND LESS (bad word) FROM YOU PEOPLE."

Richard Heads' is just down the street from a place called The Cadillac. If you ever go there, do NOT order the "special." OK? Because if you do, a woman wearing a cowboy outfit will put you in a chair and blindfold you and tie your hands behind your back and grab your hair and shake your head violently and then

DAVE BARRY



In Houston

take bottles from her holsters and pour them into your mouth and shake your head some more and then smack your forehead while you try to swallow.

Anyway, now that both the Republicans and the Democrats are done nominating people, I think it's time we took a look at the venerable and historic institution of the presidential convention and asked ourselves if there is any way that it can be made less stupid.

My main suggestion is that, instead of holding two separate conventions — which is a major waste of our nation's precious balloon resources — the parties should hold one combined convention.

This would be easy, because both parties' conventions contain exactly the same elements, performing exactly the same functions:

► You have your politicians — the people who run the country, who have always run the country and who always WILL run the country — getting up on the podium and angrily demanding change.

► You have your delegates, putting on dorky hats and eating as many as eight brunches in a single morning, then lumbering out onto the convention floor to form a vast carbohydrate-bloated herd, providing a visual backdrop for TV, holding up signs that somebody else has painted for them, shouting chants that somebody has told them to chant, not really listening to most of the speeches but trained to cheer wildly at certain key words:

SPEAKER: Blah blah blah blah and so I say, my fellow Republicans or Democrats, that it's time for a CHANGE.

DELEGATES:
MOOOOOOOOOOO.

So it makes sense to hold a single, joint Democratic-Republican convention, the only problem being that, when the opposing nominees and their families gather on stage at the end, there could be some friction, and we'd run the risk of exposing the nation to an unseemly display such as Tipper Gore and Marilyn Quayle rolling around the floor whapping each other with their pumps.

So we should definitely do it.

■ Dave Barry is a humor columnist for The Miami Herald.

Rolling up their sleeves

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President Bush and Vice President Quayle greet the crowd from a gazebo adjacent to the stage at Jones Park in Gulfport on Friday. The president and vice president

were on the Coast to deliver the first campaign speech since the Republican National Convention. HERB WELCH/THE SUN HERALD

Bush visit sparks 5th District flare-up

By C.R. HARPER
THE SUN HERALD

■ The president's Gulfport visit caused the first flare-up between two 5th District candidates for the U.S. Congress and an angry call for public debates.

After the Jones Park rally, in which President Bush fleetingly endorsed Republican candidate Paul Harvey as part of his anti-Congress message, a spokesman for incumbent Democrat Gene Taylor accused Bush of trying to "force" Harvey on South Mississippi voters.

"This is reminiscent of the 1989 campaign when Bush attempted to force (unsuccessful Republican candidate) Tom Anderson upon the voters of South Mississippi," said Taylor spokesman Russell Moore. "It didn't work when he was at 80 percent in polls, and it

won't work when he's 40 percent in the polls."

Harvey, who has said he feared any link to Bush might be compared to Anderson, said there was no comparison to 1989.

"The president came in . . . specifically for Tom Anderson," Harvey said. "That's the big difference from this campaign."

Also unlike Anderson, who shared the stage with Bush, Harvey watched the speech from the middle of the crowd.

In fact, despite his venom toward the Democrats in Congress, Bush only fleetingly mentioned Paul Harvey's Republican challenge to South Mississippi's Democratic congressman.

In his acceptance speech at the Republican Convention on Thursday, Bush promised to single out some Democratic congressmen who have blocked his plans, but

didn't mention Taylor during the rally.

Bush gave even less attention to the campaign by 1st District Republican congressional candidate Clyde Whitaker, who attended the rally.

Harvey accused Taylor's campaign of negative campaigning and mudslinging and called for a debate next week, and future debates in each county courthouse in the 5th District.

"We'll set (the debates) up," Harvey said. "I'll give him a schedule and if he can't abide by it, then I'll go there and stand alone and talk to some folks."

Moore said he was unable to reach Taylor for his reaction Friday night, but Moore said, "I can see no evidence of anything negative in this than to point out the facts and to campaign."

Moore said Taylor is already working to set up television debates with Harvey.



HERB WELCH/THE SUN HERALD

A large crowd gathers Friday at Jones Park in Gulfport to hear President Bush and Vice President Quayle kick off their campaign to retain their positions for four more years.

National press calls Gulfport a good place to start

By **C.R. HARPER**
THE SUN HERALD

■ An enthusiastic Gulfport crowd and an attractive setting gave President Bush the show he needed to demonstrate strong post-convention support, members of the national media said Friday.

Though Bush said he made Gulfport his first visit after Houston because it "has sound family values and tradition and believes in a strong America," he also came for his numerous supporters and the sunny weather.

"It was the classic kickoff rally," said Dirck Halstead, White House photographer for Time

Magazine. "These rallies are primarily for TV, and this had all the elements; this is a great place for rallies."

Inside a press van after the rally, NBC's Jim Miklaszewski, Newsweek's Clara Bingham and the Wall Street Journal's John Harwood all agreed that the crowd was big and enthusiastic.

But they also agreed that crowd estimates of 20,000 or 15,000 that they received from police were inflated, as is usually the case at political rallies. They estimated between 5,000 and 10,000 people showed up.

John Cochran, who covers the White House for NBC News, said he thought Gulfport was an ideally

chosen setting.

"You can pretty much count on good weather down here, and you've got a lot of conservative folks," said Cochran, a native Alabamian who was heading from Gulfport to Birmingham. "I think it made a lot of sense both politically and logistically."

White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater looked pleased with the public's performance.

"They lived up to every expectation," Fitzwater said. "They were big in numbers, big in enthusiasm and big in hospitality."

■ Sun Herald Staff Writer John Porretto contributed to this report.



DAVID PURDY/THE SUN HERALD

President Bush presses the flesh after his speech.

Off to a hot start

*Heat, humidity, politics
make for a sizzling rally*

A STAFF REPORT

■ The crowd that turned out for the Bush-Quayle rally in Gulfport had everything you'd expect at a summer campaign stop: banners, bickering and beads of sweat.

The banners were sometimes the cause of the bickering.

A few dozen supporters of the Democratic ticket brought Clinton-Gore placards to the pro-Republican rally, and some overzealous Bush backers told them their signs were not allowed. Secret Service agents set things straight.

"It's just another dirty trick," said Bill Sanford, a Clinton supporter from Lamar County. "Signs with stakes are not allowed. Regular signs without stakes are allowed."

Once they were admitted, the Clinton-Gore supporters were outnumbered in a crowd estimated at anywhere from 5,000 to 20,000.

"We didn't come to disrupt," said Clinton supporter Kathy Rowe of Ocean Springs. "We've gotten some real ugly and rude comments. We've had people snatch our signs and tear them up."

Shontel Alexander of Biloxi, another Clinton sign carrier, said she was assaulted. "One lady held onto me and scratched me," she said.

The incidents were so few, however, that most reporters from the national press noticed only the lack of trouble. "Where are the protests?" said one.

The 90-degree heat and high humidity were the trouble for most people, including President Bush, who was visibly soaked with sweat halfway through his speech.

Nearly 200 people had to be treated at the First Aid tent, while most others sought ways to cope: Some folded their Bush-Quayle placards into makeshift fans. Others found relief at a fire hydrant that was uncapped to offer tepid water to the weary. Reporters fresh from the air-conditioned Houston Astrodome used plates to scoop ice water from a cooler after all the cups were gone.

"It was hot," said 62-year-old Aron Bounds from Purvis, who fashioned a hat out of a campaign poster.

Bounds had pushed near the stage but backed away when the heat and crush of the crowd became unbearable.

"Six or seven passed out and they had to ice them down," he said.

■ Sun Herald Staff Writers Patrick Peterson, Tammie Cessna Langford and City Editor Charles Busby contributed to this report.

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President Bush holds aloft 4-month-old Jordan McKenzie Taylor. Jordan is the daughter of Gary and Angela Taylor of Long Beach.

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Soup kitchen director gets lunchtime surprise

By JOHN PORRETTO
 THE SUN HERALD

■ As President Bush spoke to thousands during the noon hour Friday at Gulfport's Jones Park, Judy Wilson served about a hundred people at a nearby soup kitchen.

The chance of the two crossing paths seemed to be a million to one.

At least until an elderly woman fainted in the street not far from the campaign rally. When Bush aides and sheriff's deputies rushed to help her, she told them she wanted to go to Feed My Sheep.

When they got there, they met Wilson, the soup kitchen's director, and the next thing Wilson knew, the aides were whisking her off to Jones Park. In a matter of moments, she was talking to the president.

"This has been an exciting day for me," Wilson said. "When I got home, I told my daughter and she said, 'No way.' I told her, 'Yes, it's true.'"

Feed My Sheep, which is run

through private donations, serves about 310 noontime meals each day at First Christian Church.

When the deputies and aides arrived with the woman who had fainted, the Bush staff was curious about the soup kitchen and began to ask questions, Wilson said.

After Wilson filled them in, they invited her to the rally to get some information on the president's "Daily Points of Light" program, which recognizes individuals and groups who serve others.

"I thought I was going over to fill out some papers," she said.

When she arrived, she was escorted to White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, who was standing with others from the president's staff near the platform where their boss was saying goodbye to the crowd.

That's when the unexpected happened.

"Marlin Fitzwater asked me if I wanted to meet the president," Wilson said. "I told him I would love to

meet the president. What American wouldn't?"

Fitzwater grabbed Wilson's elbow and began leading her toward Bush, who was making his way toward an air-conditioned trailer.

"He was just wringing wet," she said. "The poor man was white and perspiration was dripping off him. I tried to be facetious and told Fitzwater, 'You know, this will probably be the most exciting thing I do all day.'"

After the introduction, "the president shook my hand and told me that we were doing a nice thing" at Feed My Sheep, Wilson said.

"I told him it was a nice thing that he was doing. It was kind of a mutual admiration thing for a minute. I wished him luck in November."

Before leaving, Wilson had her picture taken with the president. She said the experience may have changed her choice for president.

"If I wasn't voting for (Bush) before, I probably will now."



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Judy Wilson, director of the Feed My Sheep soup kitchen in Gulfport, met and talked with President Bush after his campaign rally Friday.

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✓ Reagan Democrats

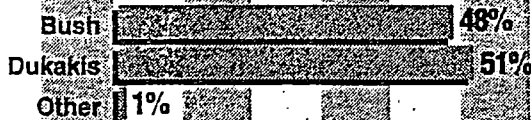
Leaving the GOP's Big Tent

Conservative Democratic voters helped push the Republican Party over the top in the last three presidential elections. But while 25% of all Democrats voted for Reagan in 1984, Bush is having a tough time keeping this crowd under the big top.

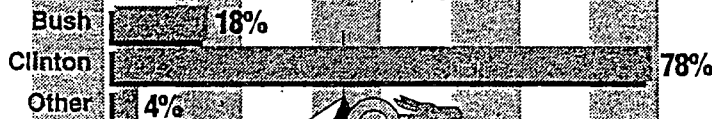


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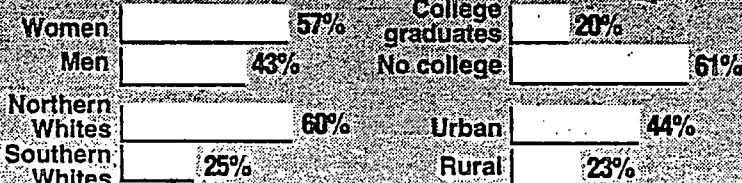
How they voted in 1988 . . .



. . . and who they would choose today



Who they are:



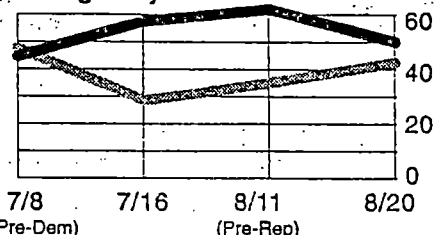
SOURCE: 1988 CBS News exit poll of 1,036 respondents, margin of error 3%. And Gallup Poll of 1,001 registered voters taken Aug. 10-12, which included 183 Reagan Democrats. Margin of error for that group was 8%.

✓ Bush's Bounce

Numbers rise as convention ends

George Bush has been saying he doesn't care all that much about poll results, maybe because he has trailed by as much as 29 points. But these new numbers may find him paying more attention: a convention week surge shows him considerably narrowing Bill Clinton's lead.

Presidential preference among likely voters:



SOURCE: ABC News surveys of between 417 and 1,037 voters. Margins of error between 3 1/2% and 5 1/2%.



Abortion

The candidates, the spouses, the platforms

The Republicans:

- George Bush and Dan Quayle said they would support a family member who had an abortion.
- Barbara Bush said abortion is "a personal thing" and should not be in the platform. Marilyn Quayle said any pregnant daughter of hers would carry the baby to term.
- The platform calls for a constitutional ban on abortion in all cases.

The Democrats:

- Bill Clinton and Al Gore support abortion rights. They say parents of minors should be notified but that a judge should be allowed to waive that requirement.
- Hillary Clinton and Tipper Gore support a woman's right to choose.
- The platform says the government should not interfere in personal decisions about reproduction.

SOURCE: News reports, Clinton/Gore campaign.



Quotable

Rappin' Republicans

“
He's fired up. He eats nails
for breakfast.
”

Jeb Bush on his father's
mood

“
My party is sending the
message to women, 'Be
quiet and go away.'
”

Mary Dent Crisp, of the
National Republican
Coalition for Choice, on the
party's strong stand against
abortion rights.

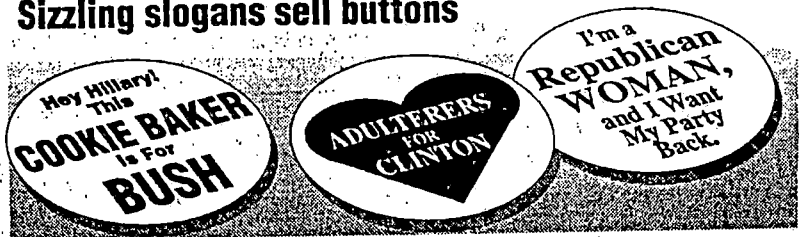
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Do you want our country to
look like Arkansas?
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Marilyn Quayle, on the
possibility of a Clinton/Gore
victory



Houston Hot Stuff

Sizzling slogans sell buttons



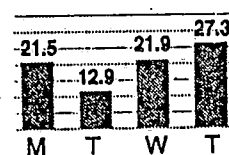
Conventional Ratings

Summer Olympics won the gold

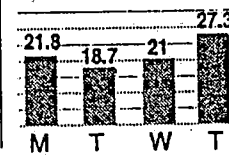
When it comes to the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, viewers prefer to watch athletes over politicians. Compare the number of people who watched NBC's Olympics coverage with the number who watched the political conventions on all three networks.

In millions

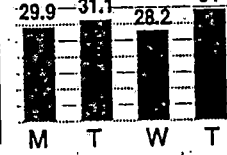
1992 Democratic
Convention, total
viewers, 3 networks



Republican
Convention, total
viewers, 3 networks



1st week of 1992
Olympics, total
viewers, NBC



Note: Baseball's All-Star Game aired the second night of the Democratic National Convention.
SOURCE: Nielsen Media Research

Experts aren't sold on Bush's economics

They agree that he ducks the hard choices

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■ WASHINGTON — President Bush's latest economic proposals won't work because Bush ducks the hard choices that must be made to tame the federal budget deficit, experts agree.

In a speech to the Republican National Convention in Houston Thursday night, Bush vowed to seek across-the-board cuts in income taxes next January. He said the cuts should be matched by equal cuts in federal spending.

Bush also proposed to let taxpayers target up to 10 percent of their taxes to begin paying off the \$4 trillion national debt. For every tax dollar set aside in the income tax checkoff, Bush said he would seek to lower spending.

Deep cuts would be needed

Across-the-board tax cuts like those proposed by Bush would require deep cuts in spending on popular programs, especially Medicare and Medicaid, analysts say. But Bush didn't say what programs he would slash to pay for his tax cuts, thus ducking the political problem that has been at the heart of the deficit dilemma for a decade.

Offering the checkoff to permit taxpayers to personally target the looming federal debt has some political appeal.

But analysts note that before any tax dollar can go toward whittling down the national debt, the government must first balance its books to eliminate the yearly deficits that add hundreds of billions to the debt.

If every taxpayer checked off 10 percent next year, that would provide \$51 billion to reduce the debt. But the government would still be running a \$341 billion deficit for the year. So in the end, the debt would grow by \$290 billion.

"While you're cutting debt with (the 10 percent checkoff), you're adding to it with the deficit," said Stanley

Collender, the federal budget analyst for Price, Waterhouse accountants. "It's taking cash out of one pocket and putting it in another."

"It's not workable, basically," agreed James Annable, chief economist for the First National Bank of Chicago. "That's a gimmick that really doesn't do anything about the deficit."

Debt free in 83 years

If ever the budget were balanced, and every American then set aside 10 percent of their taxes to reduce the national debt, at current tax levels it would take more than 83 years to pay off the \$4 trillion debt.

Bush's proposal to match tax cuts with spending cuts, theoretically could work — if he could persuade Congress to slash spending on popular programs.

"That's fine, but there was no stepping up to the real issue — very, very rapid (spending) growth, especially in health care. If you don't face up to that . . . it's going to break us down the pike," said Annable.

"You're talking about Medicaid and Medicare," said Carol Cox Wait, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. "It doesn't matter who is president — those cuts are coming. The question is, how deep will the public tolerate? The answer is, Congress won't cut any more than the American people are willing to put up with."

A reluctant Congress

So far Congress has resisted cutting programs deeply enough to offset existing deficits, much less to permit Bush to cut taxes even more.

Bush wants to cap spending on automatic benefit programs other than Social Security, but he never has spelled out what services those caps would limit or end. His budget office estimates this approach could cut spending by \$293.6 billion over five years.

Powerful lobby groups representing millions of Americans oppose the idea. "We don't think capping costs the way the president is proposing to

do it would work," said Martin Corry, a lobbyist for the American Association of Retired Persons.

If Bush next proposes even deeper spending cuts so he can reduce tax rates across the board, "then you're talking about enormous cuts in programs. That's politically unrealistic, to say the least. That's just not going to happen. Republicans in Congress wouldn't even vote for that," said Colender, adding: "This is the Bush equivalent of 'a chicken in every pot.' It may sound good for partisan political purposes."

Something to think about

Bush's proposals are more valuable as guidelines for conservative political philosophy than as economic policies, said William Niskanen, a former economic adviser to President Reagan. "The most important thing he said was that spending reduction must be the price of tax reduction. If we want the tax cuts, we've got to cut spending — but we didn't hear how that would happen.

"The philosophical thrust is he set himself apart from (Democratic presi-

dential nominee Bill) Clinton in saying, 'I want a smaller government, smaller spending, smaller taxes,'" said Niskanen, now chairman of the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank here. "He did what he needed to do. It will make the election this fall more of a referendum on the size of the government and the budget."

Clinton criticized, too

Analysts have been equally critical of Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton's economic program for failing to attack the deficit. He too, ducks the hard choices economists say must be tackled if deficits are to be tamed.

Clinton relies primarily upon stronger economic growth to cut deficits. To spur growth, he proposes to spend \$200 billion over four years on public works projects, education and workplace training.

The Democrat would pay for much of that by cutting defense spending by \$37.5 billion more than Bush proposes and by raising taxes on foreign corporations and on people with over \$200,000 annual income.

HOW TO FIX AN ECONOMY

■ Highlights of the economic proposals offered by President Bush and Gov. Clinton:

Bush Plan:

- ▶ Cut taxes and spending equally.
- ▶ Cut the capital gains tax.
- ▶ Increase the personal income tax exemption.
- ▶ Allow taxpayers to target 10 percent of their income tax toward reducing the federal deficit.
- ▶ Place a "cap" on spending in benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, farm spending, food stamps and veterans' benefits.
- ▶ Extend moratorium on federal regulations for a year.
- ▶ Enact balanced-budget amendment.
- ▶ Veto spending bills that exceed his budget.

Clinton Plan:

- ▶ Spur growth by investing \$200 billion in public works, education and workplace training over four years.
- ▶ Raise taxes for those with incomes above \$200,000.
- ▶ Cut taxes for the middle class.
- ▶ Cut defense spending by \$37.5 billion more than Bush over four years.
- ▶ Guarantee access to health care while containing growth in health care costs.
- ▶ Save billions by cutting government waste.
- ▶ Prevent tax avoidance by foreign corporations.