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MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE PROVOST
DAN MC GROARTY

FROM: ED WALTERS 

SUBJECT: RIDGEWOOD, N.J. (BERGEN COUNTY) LOCAL COLOR

THE EVENT:

On Thursday, October 22, the President will speak to approximately 7,000 supporters at a 3:30 p.m. rally in Ridgewood, N.J. The President will fly in on Marine One, and deliver his remarks in Veterans Field, within sight of the helicopter.

LOCAL COLOR:

Ridgewood (pop. 24,000) is a small village (they prefer to call it a village) in northern New Jersey, about 30 minutes outside of New York City. Its residents are mostly white-collar workers who commute to the New York or Newark, and it has been hit hard by slow economic growth. Hertz and Sony have moved their worldwide headquarters to Ridgewood. Mostly Republican area -- the President received 65-70 percent of the vote in 1988.

Veterans Field is located on the outskirts of Ridgewood, next to the municipal building. It features baseball diamonds, football and soccer fields. From the park, the President will be able to see the local Elk's Club, the Public Library, and the town pool.

There is another park dedicated to war heroes in the town called Van Ness Square -- it salutes 110 vets who gave their lives in war. Town Hall has a plaque commemorating village residents who served in Desert Storm, and the flag that flies over the building once flew on a U.S. ship in the Gulf War.

Ridgewood High School's football team (the Maroons) won the state championship last year -- they are also number one in tennis and cross country. Lacrosse team state runners-up. It is the major high school in the area, and one of the best academically in the state. Ridgewood High also has a great band (it will greet the President, along with the Parkridge High and Westwood High bands). Ridgewood is about a mile from the park, and it looks more like a university -- very old, steeple, pillars, etc.

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Fast facts:

- The New York Giants, New York Jets, and the New Jersey Nets are the big pro sports teams from the area. Rutgers is the college favorite.
- Marge Roukema, the local congresswoman, and Bob Grant, ABC-NY radio commentator, and village Mayor Pat Mancuso will be at the event.
- Bill Clinton is playing the Taxaphone, and that will hurt NJ. His defense cuts will cost 24,000 New Jersey defense industry jobs.
- Clinton's proposed tax on foreign investment would jeopardize the jobs of 4.5 million Americans, including 225,000 New Jerseyans. Protectionism will make it less likely that foreign firms will invest in New Jersey.
- NJ exports to Mexico increased 139 percent from 1987-1991. In 1991, 72,000 New Jersey jobs were tied to exports to Canada and Mexico.
- Signs welcoming the President will be painted by George Washington and Ben Franklin Middle Schools.
- Jim Florio will be giving a speech nearby on transportation.

HUMOR/APPLAUSE LINES:

- New Jersey resident Yogi Berra: "It ain't over 'till it's over."
- Everyone in the state hates Jim Florio, and the state campaign hinges on tying Clinton to the tax-and-spend governor. "If you liked Jim Florio, you'll love Bill Clinton," or "Clinton and Florio -- perfect together."

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- "We need growth for the Garden State -- and my opponent thinks we can get that through taxes. I say that's a lot of fertilizer."
- Self deprecating humor: the Maplewood, NJ-based Boring Institute gave last Sunday's Presidential Debate a "six-snore" rating, saying the President won in terms of boredom (i.e. the most boring). "But I told the truth, and I think that counts for something."
- "I understand Gov. Florio is giving a transportation speech near here. I wonder if he's addressing how he transported your tax dollars to Trenton."
- "The Jets love Bill Clinton. His record makes them look undefeated."

I have attached two AP wire stories from the President's trip to Edison, NJ last week.

really attached this time.



Bush Resumes Attack On Clinton Character

EDISON, N.J. (AP) A day after a civil, issues-oriented debate, President Bush resumed his attacks on Democrat Bill Clinton's character with a speech hitting Clinton repeatedly for a "pattern of deception" on his draft record.

"You are all familiar with Gov. Clinton's various stories on what he did to evade the draft," Bush said at Middlesex County College Friday.

"There's a clear pattern to Gov. Clinton's past a pattern of deception. Character does matter," he said. "A pattern of deception is not right for the Oval Office. You cannot be leader of the world, you cannot be leader of this country if you have a pattern of deception."

During the 17-minute speech, Bush was forced to speak over a noisy crowd of about 2,000. Supporters shouted "four more years" while about two dozen young Clinton supporters, some wearing Pinocchio noses, chanted "Liar," "Iran-Contra" and "No more Bush."

At one point, just before he was to announce a new program designed to lower auto insurance rates by restricting lawsuits, Bush interrupted himself and said, "I wish these draft dodgers would shut up so I can finish my speech. It's pathetic."

Aside from the hecklers, not all in the crowd were supporters. Some were just curious.

Dawn Zessos, 24, of Old Bridge is a physical therapy major who was impressed with Bush's emphasis on family values.

"Without families, how can you have a strong country?" she said.

For Rob Cassitta, a 22-year-old criminal justice major from Woodbridge, the issue was economics and his choice was Clinton.

"Bush was in for 3 1/2 years and now all of the sudden, he comes up with a plan? It seems half-baked," he said.

Bush dismissed those who said he's too far behind to win re-election, citing the National League baseball championships, where the Atlanta Braves came from behind to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates on the final out of the 9th inning of the final series game.

"I sort of identify with the Atlanta Braves, because politics is like baseball it ain't over till the last batter swings. We're going to surprise the pundits, annoy the media and hit a home run Nov. 3," he said.

Though the rally was free, state Republican officials collected nearly \$700,000 at a Friday evening fund-raiser in Somerset that drew about 1,200 Republican supporters, said Cristyne F. Lategano, press secretary for the New Jersey Bush-Quayle campaign.

In his 10-minute speech there, Bush said that trust would be the focus of his campaign in the final 2 1/2 weeks.

"I honestly believe we are going to win this election because people are going to go into the voting booth and ask, 'Who do I trust?'" Bush told the crowd of 1,200.

The president ticked off a laundry list of his positions, drawing some of the loudest applause with his call for a capital gains tax cut.

Construction supplies businessman Sam Braen III of Ringwood said he doesn't know anyone in the business community voting for Clinton.

"It's better to take the dog you know than the dog you don't know," he said.

Bill Palatucci, director of the Bush-Quayle campaign in New

President Jimmy Carter, Braen added.

"It's better to take the dog you know than the dog you don't know," he said.

Bill Palatucci, director of the Bush-Quayle campaign in New Jersey, said he'd been trying to get the president to Middlesex for some time. The county, traditionally a Democratic fortress, has backed Republican legislative and county candidates in recent elections.

A Time magazine article in September chose Middlesex as one of five bellwether counties in the nation where sentiments of working-class suburbanites, the Reagan Democrats who provided presidential victories to the GOP in the past three elections, were surveyed. The report found Democrat Bill Clinton was favored.

New Jersey, with 15 electoral votes, has not backed a Democrat for president since 1964. An Asbury Park Press poll taken Oct. 2-4, before the presidential debates, found Clinton leading the state with 46 percent, Bush with 30 percent and Ross Perot with 6 percent.

"They don't look so good. I would concur with that," Assembly Speaker Garabed Haytaian, R-Warren, said of the president's numbers in recent New Jersey polls.

"Can he pull it off? It's a possibility," Haytaian added.

Former Gov. Thomas Kean said he thought Bush could still win, noting that he himself had come from 30 points behind in the polls to win election as governor.

With his ticket lagging, Bush has visited New Jersey five times so far in the campaign and is expected back again for several events Thursday, including a live televised community meeting on superstation WWOR-TV in Secaucus. Vice President Dan Quayle also is scheduled to campaign in southern New Jersey Monday.

Bush's last visit, Sept. 30, coincided with a Clinton rally at Drew University, followed by a Democratic fund-raiser at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, where Republicans paid at least \$500 apiece to dine and hear the president speak Friday night.

The money will go to Victory '92, a state Republican campaign fund that will focus on voter identification and get-out-the-vote efforts for Bush and congressional candidates, said William Ulrey, executive director of the state party committee.

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President Makes 6th Campaign Trip to New Jersey

EDISON, N.J. (AP) President Bush told a rally at Middlesex County College Friday he expects to "surprise the pundits" by winning re-election, but a group of hecklers forced him to interrupt his speech.

"I wish the draft dodgers would shut up so I could finish my speech," Bush said as about two dozen people holding Clinton-Gore signs shouted "liar," "Iran-Contra" and "No more Bush."

Many in the crowd of about 2,000 then began chanting "four more years." For much of the rest of the speech, Bush spoke over a shouting match between opponents and supporters.

Bush's reception was warmer Friday evening at a Somerset County fund-raiser packed with about 1,200 Republican supporters.

The rally interruption came as he was about to discuss a new initiative to control auto insurance rates by limiting law suits. New Jersey already has a similar law, but Bush said the federal effort would go further.

Bush also said Democrat Bill Clinton has shown "a pattern of deception" about his draft record. Bush repeated a theme he sounded in Thursday's debate that Clinton was not qualified to run the country in the event of an emergency.

"It's difficult to debate Bill Clinton because he comes down on every side of every issue," Bush said. "You can't do that as president."

Citing the final-out finish of the National League championships, Bush dismissed those who said he's too far behind to win.

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"We need togetherness, the structure of a family," she said. "Without families, how can you have a strong country?"

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"You can tell the kind of campaign Clinton is running," Rose McConnell, a Somerset County freeholder at the fund-raiser, said of the hecklers at the rally. "Those people do not come out spontaneously. This is rude and disrespectful to the office of the president, regardless of the party."

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The president ticked off a laundry list of his positions, touting free trade, school choice, tough law enforcement and his foreign policy experience. His call for a capital gains tax cut brought some of the loudest applause from the audience.

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ATTENTION: STEVE PROVOST
PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING
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Steve -

I wanted to share with you this heartfelt letter that my wife wrote to President Bush and hand delivered to Barbara Bush in Paramus, New Jersey today. We are from Ridgewood, New Jersey and will attend tomorrow's rally with our 2 year old son Nicholas.

If the President would like to quote from the letter in his Ridgewood speech we would be proud and honored.

When we shared this letter with our Congresswoman Marge Roukema's office,, they suggested that we share it with the President's speechwriting office. Since young women voters may hold the key on November 3rd it might be wise to quote one young mother's heartfelt endorsement of the President. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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October 21, 1992

Dear Mr. President,

Just a short note about what "trust" means to a young mother and father of a two year old son.

On November 3rd, for the first time, my husband and I will choose a President to represent not only ourselves but also our two year old son. As young parents we want to put the responsibility for helping to build our son's future into strong and steady hands. We place our trust in firm hands, caring and loving hands. Mr. President we trust your hands.

What type of person should a young parent choose to be their son's President ? A person they can trust. We trust you Mr. President to do what is right and to pay any cost in paving a safe path of opportunity for all American children. We can think of no greater trust than to entrust our child's very future to your judgement. We know that you will embrace this challenge and work tirelessly in helping us build and shape that future. You have earned our trust and our vote.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

Diane and Joseph Antonacci

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Fort Lee, N.J. Using information provided by Port Authority Police detectives, Bergen County Prosecutor's Office investigators and New York City Police detectives operating in Washington Heights, Port Authority and Bergen County Police stopped suspects as they arrived in Fort Lee.

The 41 people arrested during the eight-hour operation yesterday were arraigned in a special courtroom set up in the George Washington Bridge Administration Building in Fort Lee. Using information gathered during yesterday's operation, teams of detectives with New York City's Tactical Narcotics Team are arresting dealers during raids being conducted today.

"The operation has so far netted five packets of heroin, four large vials of cocaine, 18 tinfoil packets of cocaine, four bags of marijuana, various 'joints' and other smaller quantities of drugs, as well as sundry types of drug paraphernalia," Mr. Knox said.

"Users of illegal narcotics are as much to blame for the drug problem as dealers because they create the demand," he said. "Now they know that they are also going to have to pay a price for their roles in this national tragedy."

A list of those arrested in Operation Border Crossing follows.

ARRESTED IN OPERATION BORDER CROSSING

Sean P. Kennedy
Lyndhurst, N.J.
D.O.B. 12/14/66

John A. Meronchik
Maywood, N.J.
D.O.B. 11/24/64

Roslind Moore
Orange, N.J.
D.O.B. 7/10/59

George F. Smith
Jersey City, N.J.
D.O.B. 7/28/56

George A. Tatka
Andover, N.J.
D.O.B. 2/26/66

Gail Andrews
Hackensack, N.J.
D.O.B. 1/27/55

Thomas R. Walters
Pennsylvania
D.O.B. 6/10/54

Andrew Velez
North Bergen, N.J.
D.O.B. 7/26/60

Greta Counts
Irvington, N.J.
D.O.B. 12/18/58

Sheila Wade
Englewood, N.J.
D.O.B. 10/3/62

Larry I. Carr
Princeton, N.J.
D.O.B. 7/20/56

Tara Johnson
Hackensack, N.J.
D.O.B. 12/19/61

Ernest D. Carlos
Virginia Beach, Va.
D.O.B. 12/10/58

Dale D. Hayes
New Brunswick, N.J.
D.O.B. 11/6/56

Marilyn Zofcin
Wayne, N.J.
D.O.B. 3/12/57

Michelle A. Perry
Tramack, N.J.
D.O.B. 7/19/50

Ernest Morrison
Englewood, N.J.
D.O.B. 5/21/54

Mauricio Rodriguez
Rutherford, N.J.
D.O.B. 11/12/62

William Matthews

Sanford L. Watlington

Christopher Thweatt

Vernon, N.J.
D.O.B. 5/18/68

Richard E. Borner
Sussex, N.J.
D.O.B. 9/26/69

Englewood, N.J.
D.O.B. 9/30/54
Marshall T. Phoenix
Englewood, N.J.
D.O.B. 7/24/61

Hackensack, N.J.
D.O.B. 6/23/67
Jose Duarte
Elizabeth, N.J.
D.O.B. 11/16/50

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HEADLINE: PORT AUTHORITY REPORTS 41 'OPERATION BORDER CROSSING' ARRESTS

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BODY:

Forty-one people have been arrested since yesterday as the result of "Operation Border Crossing," a first-ever bistate, multi-agency drug interdiction task force operation directed at Washington Heights drug dealers and their New Jersey customers who travel across the George Washington Bridge.

The two-pronged initiative, conducted jointly by the Port Authority Police, New York City Police Department and the Bergen County, N.J., Police and Prosecutor's Office, took place yesterday and today at the Fort Lee end of the George Washington Bridge and several known drug-dealing locations in Washington Heights. Nearly 100 law enforcement officers participated in the operation.

Port Authority Police, with members of the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force, on Wednesday conducted surveillance of suspected buyers as

they made drug purchases in Washington Heights and then arrested those who returned to New Jersey via the bridge. The NYPD's Tactical Narcotics Team is serving warrants today at the locations in Washington Heights where the purchases were made yesterday and is apprehending the suspected dealers.

"Operation Border Crossing represents a new era in the local war against drugs because it is the first time that jurisdictions on both sides of the Hudson River have banded together with the Port Authority Police in a unified drug interdiction effort," said Charles Knox, director of Public Safety for the Port Authority.

"We know that the George Washington Bridge gives many of these drug abusers a quick and easy way to get their fixes and then return to the anonymity of the suburbs," he said. "Beginning today, these people are going to have to think twice about using Manhattan as their drug supermarket because we're going to be out here periodically, waiting for them with our colleagues from New York and New Jersey."

Bergen County Prosecutor John J. Fahy praised the work of the three police agencies. "Only through the joint efforts of law enforcement can we slow the flow of drugs between our two states," he stated.

As part of Operation Border Crossing, the Port Authority Police established checkpoints on both levels of the bridge in the New Jersey-bound lanes in

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HEADLINE: Protests Mount Over Police Confiscations

BYLINE: By JAY ROMANO

BODY:

LAWYERS, legislators and civil liberties groups are demanding major changes in a state law that gives the police broad powers to confiscate money, personal property and real estate from people charged with crimes.

Law-enforcement officials say that the law, known as the forfeiture statute, is a potent weapon in the fight against crime, particularly drug trafficking, because it deprives criminals of the tools of their trade, particularly their cars. The sale of confiscated property has also yielded \$83 million since the passage of the statute in 1986, a boon for increasingly tight police budgets.

But critics say the law has led to violations of constitutional rights, to penalties that are greatly disproportionate to the crime and to the extraction of guilty pleas from defendants who might otherwise plead not guilty.

"I don't think there's one criminal defense attorney in the state who isn't outraged at this forfeiture law," said William J. DeMarco of Wayne, a criminal-law specialist. "The state should not be able to take things and then say, 'We've got them; now you've got to fight to get them back.' "

Two measures have been introduced in the Legislature that would have the effect of changing the law, and the American Civil Liberties Union is preparing to challenge the statute in the courts. Robert T. Winter, director of the Division of Criminal Justice in the State Attorney General's office, said new regulations governing enforcement of the law would be proposed by his office this month.

Under the statute, the police can confiscate any property that they have reason to believe has been used in the commission of a crime or the proceeds of a criminal activity. That property has included businesses, bank accounts, cash, houses, furniture, boats and even vacant land.

In Sussex County, for example, the police confiscated an entire house that they said had been used to store items stolen from residents of the area. The house was ultimately returned to the owners after they pleaded guilty to the charges and paid a fine. In Monmouth County, officials seized office furniture, desks, stationery, telephones, a copy machine and other furnishings from a home in which a man was charged with practicing psychiatry without a license.

The police are allowed to confiscate property immediately, Mr. Winter said, to prevent it from being disposed of while the criminal case is pending. If officials intend to keep the property, they must file a civil lawsuit within

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90 days of confiscation. That lawsuit is then heard by a judge sitting without a jury, who decides whether the property was used in a criminal enterprise.

In most cases, the confiscated property is sold at auction, although officials sometimes use confiscated cars in undercover work. The money generated by the sales is then used by the agency that made the arrest, though it cannot be used for salaries.

Christopher Florenz, a spokesman for the Attorney General's office, said forfeitures had generated about \$17 million for the state and about \$66 million for the state's 21 county prosecutors' offices.

Law-enforcement officials hail the law. "It provides additional punishment for those who break the law, and it prevents them from maintaining the fruits of their criminal activity," said the Somerset County Prosecutor, Nicholas L. Bissell Jr.

Mr. Bissell was a central figure in a recent forfeiture that has increased criticism of the 1986 statute.

In that case, a Somerset County insurance agent, James Guiffre, was arrested in his home on charges of possession of a half-ounce of cocaine. Within 26 hours of the arrest, after learning that he could lose his house to forfeiture, he entered into a plea agreement with the prosecutor's office. Mr. Guiffre agreed to become an informant in another drug case and to transfer title to two vacant lots he owned in Raritan Township to Somerset County.

Two years earlier, Mr. Guiffre had paid \$174,000 for the lots; they were sold at auction by the county for \$20,000.

Civil Suit Filed

Last May, Mr. Guiffre filed a Federal civil suit against Somerset County, Mr. Bissell and others for damages resulting from the transaction. He said he had been under duress when he entered into the plea agreement with the prosecutor's office. The suit is still pending.

The State Attorney General's office has investigated the Guiffre case and concluded that Mr. Bissell broke no laws. But critics of the forfeiture statute have pointed to the incident -- and Mr. Bissell's belief that forfeiture

of constitutional law at the Rutgers University Law School in Newark. He offered an example.

A person caught smoking marijuana outside his or her car, Mr. Neisser said, would ordinarily be subject to a minimal fine. But if the same person had been caught doing the same thing inside the car, the authorities could legally confiscate the car.

"Instead of a \$100 fine, you have a \$5,000 car seized," he said. And that, he added, gives the police a far more powerful bargaining tool than the fines and penalties the Legislature has decided are appropriate for such a crime.

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"You let the cops keep the car, and you can stay out of jail," he said, referring to the reasoning a typical defendant might use when attempting to plea-bargain in such a case. "But that's an inappropriate penalty and an inappropriate pressure, and I don't think the public is aware of it."

An even more offensive situation occurs, he said, when the confiscated property belongs to someone else.

"If a kid borrows his dad's car for the night," Mr. Neisser asked, "should the father lose his car because the kid got caught smoking marijuana in it?"

Prosecutors say that while such situations are possible, they do not occur very often. And when they do, it is usually because the owner of the car was involved in the crime that led to the seizure.

Donald A. Regan of Montvale claims to be one of the exceptions. Three years ago he gave an acquaintance a ride into Manhattan. When they returned to New Jersey, agents of the Bergen County Narcotics Task Force stopped them. Drugs were found in the car and on Mr. Regan's passenger. Both men were arrested.

Mr. Regan insisted that he had no knowledge of the drugs, but the police confiscated his car.

The other man pleaded guilty to drug possession, and all charges against Mr. Regan were dismissed. But Mr. Regan is still fighting to get back his car.

"I've just gotten the runaround," Mr. Regan said. "My case is still in limbo."

Illustrates Objections

His case illustrates several objections leveled at the forfeiture law. For one thing, said Marsha Wenk, a staff lawyer for the New Jersey chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, it demonstrates how the burden of proof in a forfeiture case shifts from the state to the defendant.

In a criminal case, Ms. Wenk said, the state has to prove that the defendant committed the crime. But in a forfeiture case, which is a civil case, the tables are turned and the defendant must convince a judge of his innocence to get back his property.

Mr. Regan, for example, has to prove that he had no knowledge of the presence of drugs in his car. "And it's very difficult to prove the absence of knowledge," Ms. Wenk said.

The Regan case also casts light on procedures that Ms. Wenk said were probably in violation of the due process clause of the United States Constitution. "The seizure is based simply on a police officer's belief that the property was used in a crime," she said. "That's not a standard that we use in any other setting."

Ms. Wenk also criticized the length of time during which people like Mr. Regan must do without their property. Law-enforcement officials have 90 days in which to file a forfeiture action, and once that is filed, the civil hearing before the judge to decide whether the property should be returned is usually

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not held until the conclusion of the underlying criminal case. Meanwhile, the confiscated property remains in police hands.

Even if the accused is not guilty, Ms. Wenk said, there is pressure to plead guilty and not take a chance on a trial -- to play it safe by trading away the property. "The prosecutors plea-bargain away leniency for property," she said.

The Civil Liberties Union, she added, is looking for an "appropriate" case it can use to challenge the forfeiture law as it is currently being interpreted.

Last month, Assemblyman Walter J. Kavanaugh, Republican of Somerville, introduced a resolution that would ask Congress to amend the Federal forfeiture law, upon which the New Jersey law is based, to make the property that is subject to forfeiture proportional to the crime.

With such a proportionality provision, Mr. Kavanaugh said, officials would not be permitted to confiscate highly valuable property for relatively minor crimes.

And in June, Assemblyman E. Scott Garrett, Republican of Wantage, introduced legislation that would require that a defendant be convicted of a crime before his property could be forfeited.

"Under the current law, your property can be taken away and there may never even be a conviction," Mr. Garrett said. "It's a way for the police to avoid having to go through a criminal trial. Instead, they can say, 'Just give us the car and we'll drop all the charges,' and they're allowed to do that."

New Regulations Expected

Mr. Winter, of the state's Division of Criminal Justice, said he expected new regulations about the enforcement of the forfeiture law to be proposed within the next couple of weeks. He declined to be specific as to the nature of the proposed changes.

The state's prosecutors, however, say the law is working nicely just the way it is.

"We do a lot of forfeiture here," said John Kaye, the Monmouth County Prosecutor. In an average year, Mr. Kaye said, his office confiscates about 300 automobiles, which are then sold at public auction. "We also take a couple of boats and a good bit of cash."

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MEMORANDUM

TO: JOHN KELLER
KATHY SUPER
STEVE PROVOST

FROM: GARY FOSTER *GF*

SUBJECT: SITE SURVEY FOR NEW JERSEY

Attached is the site survey for the President's trip to New Jersey on Thursday, October 22. As noted, the spontaneous lunch in Hamilton Township has been cancelled. Once Kathy has the other sites "scrubbed", implementation can begin. All the events will be outdoors, using the standard stump speech (toast lectern).

ATTACHMENTS

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MEMORANDUM TO: GARY FOSTER
FROM: DOUG DUVALL
SUBJECT: SURVEY REPORT FOR NEW JERSEY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1992

PROPOSED EVENT SCENARIO:

After the morning rally in downtown Vineland, the President would helicopter to Hamilton Township for an informal lunch with Congressman Chris Smith at a local deli. This event will be rather spontaneous and only open to press pool coverage. This will also allow the rest of the media to travel by bus to the next campaign stop in central New Jersey.

After lunch, the President would motorcade (10 min) or helicopter to the GE Astro Space facility where he would give an address to 1000+ employees. Upon conclusion of this event, the President would helicopter to Ridgewood, New Jersey where he will address an outdoor rally. After this final campaign stop of the day, the President would then helicopter to Newark International Airport where he would return to Washington via Air Force One.

PROPOSED SITE #2. HAMILTON TOWNSHIP:

 Congressman Chris Smith's office suggested the President would score political points by stopping by a local deli. The deli, called "Fred and Pete's", is located in Hamilton Township near Mercersville. The restaurant is inside a shopping center and is a favorite eating establishment for area residents. This would provide a human element to the day's campaign events and give the President a chance to eat and talk with average citizens.

I looked at the deli at 10:00 am and every seat was filled. Most of the customers were blue collar, middle class, and many were elderly. Since the restaurant is rather small, only the pool could cover the event. I did not pinpoint a landing zone, but I did notice several vacant parking lots behind some department stores within a mile of the deli.

It should be noted that Cong. Smith has a debate that afternoon in Philadelphia at 2:45. He would have to leave the Trenton/Princeton area by 1:30, so he would probably not be able to accompany the President to the GE Astro Space facility.

PROPOSED SITE #3, GE ASTRO SPACE:

GE Astro Space, a division of GE Aerospace, is headquartered in East Windsor, New Jersey. They have a 2 million square foot facility where they manufacture a variety of space satellites. GE Astro Space does approximately \$1 billion in sales per year. They have 4000 employees in either their E. Windsor headquarters or at their facility in Valley Forge, PA. The headquarters plant has over 2500 employees, and we expect attendance for the President's event to be over 1000.

GE Astro Space is quite diverse: 36% of their business base is commercial, 36% defense oriented, and 28% is Civil Space. One of their largest contracts is with NASA. GE Astro Space built the Mars Observer satellite as well as several others for earth and weather observation. They also produce defense meteorological satellites for the military and global positioning satellites. 25% of their sales (almost \$200 million per year) is from international clients. They have recently built a communications satellite for Japan, one for Intelsat, and they are conducting a job training program with Korea.

Due to the defense cuts in recent years, GE Astro Space did lay off 1200-1400 people within the past 2 years. However, now that the commercial winds have increased, they are beginning to hire back.

Even though their facility is over 2 million square feet, they do not have an area indoors which would hold more than 500 people. I would therefore propose the event to be held in the visitor's parking lot in front of the main entrance to GE Astro Space. The President could land at the corporate landing zone near the front entrance. He could be escorted into the east entrance and proceed to a conference room for a brief hold before exiting out the front door.

There are two visitor's parking lots in front of the building. However, one is rather close to the landing zone and that may pose security problems as well as problems with the rotor wash. I would also recommend the other lot because it has a staircase leading from the front door to the site. The President's stage could be placed with its back to the building while the press platform could be with its back to the service road. A banner could be hung from the side of the building.

GE Astro Space does not allow any political message to be on the banner, but they would agree to have a generic sign as long as it does not look like an endorsement. Something like, "Space Technology for the 21st Century" would be acceptable. The audience would be comprised of the employees of GE Astro Space and possibly their spouses. It would be most appropriate to have most of the audience seated.

PROPOSED SITE #4: RIDGEWOOD, NJ

Ridgewood is home to Congresswoman Marge Roukema. A suburb of New York City and Newark, Ridgewood is mostly upper middle class in income. It has a population of 28,000 and is predominantly Republican. There is also a large amount of people who have not declared, but they usually vote Republican. The President received 65-70% of the vote in 1988. Congresswoman Roukema is in pretty good shape for reelection, and she is willing to work hard to ensure a successful visit of the President to her district.

I propose the rally be held at Ridgewood High School. Ridgewood High looks more like a university than a high school because it is rather old, has a steeple, large pillars and a cement staircase leading down to the football field. I propose the rally be held in the football field.

The President could arrive to a back entrance of the school and use a classroom as a holding room. Another option would be just to have an enclosed tented arrival. In any case, the President could walk down into the football field as he is introduced on stage. The dais could be placed on the running track with the press platform in mid field. The school itself would be the primary backdrop. There are also permanent sets of bleachers on both sides of the field where we can put a band or a group of supporters.

Like any football field, the site is quite large and would be close to impossible to fill completely. However, with proper use of the press platform, ropes and barrels, portable bleachers, and food/refreshment stands, the event can be easily framed. Ridgewood High also has an intramural field which would be excellent for parking for the event. Ridgewood has had an ongoing problem of limited parking everywhere in the city, so necessary arrangements must be made. Both fields are fenced in with a gate connecting the two.

The intramural field would also make a good landing zone, but there is also a park within a mile of the high school which would work. The gymnasium or the cafeteria could be used for a press filing center.

Vatican City **Anniversary of the Installation
of Pope John Paul II.**

Religious Calendar

The Saints

St. Abercius, Bishop of Hieropolis. [d. c. 200]

SS. Philip, Bishop of Heraclea, and his companions, martyrs. [d. 304]

St. Mallonus, Bishop of Rouen. Also called **Melanius, Mello, Mellon**. [d. c. 4th cent.]

SS. Nunilo and Alodia, virgins and martyrs. Nunilo also called **Nunelo**. [d. 851]

St. Donatus, Bishop of Fiesole. [d. c. 876]

1952 **Jeff Goldblum**, U.S. actor; starred in the films, *The Big Chill*, 1983, and *The Fly*, 1986.

1955 **Bonnie Marie Anderson**, U.S. broadcast journalist.

Historical Events

1721 **Peter I** is proclaimed Emperor of All the Russias.

1797 **André Jacques Garnerin**, French aeronaut and inventor of the **parachute**, makes first parachute jump from a balloon, at height of 2000 feet.

1836 **Sam Houston** takes the oath of office as President of the **Texas Republic**.

1873 New York's **Metropolitn Opera House** opens with a performance of Gounod's *Faust*.

1881 **Boston Symphony Orchestra** is founded with Georg Henschel as its first conductor.

1911 Italy uses **aerial reconnaissance** during its dispute with Turkey in North Africa. This marks the first reported use of an airplane for a reconnaissance mission.

1916 **Constanza**, a Romanian port on the Black Sea, is captured by a German-Bulgarian force under von Mackensen (**World War I**).

1935 Mikhail Sholokhov's opera, *Quiet Flows the Don*, opens in Leningrad.

1938 First true **xerographic** image is produced by New York Law School student **Chester Carlson**.

1952 The complete **Torah** is published in English for the first time.

Great Britain grants a new constitution to the **Sudan**, permitting self-government in internal affairs.

1957 **Francois Duvalier** is inaugurated as president of Haiti.

1962 U.S. establishes naval blockade of **Cuba** to prevent introduction of Soviet nuclear weapons there.

1964 **Jean-Paul Sartre**, French writer and philosopher, rejects the Nobel Prize for literature. [d. April 15, 1980]

1968 **Apollo 7** manned space flight comes to a successful conclusion as astronauts Schirra, Eisele, and Cunningham splash down in the Atlantic.

1979 Iran's deposed Shah, **Reza Pahlavi**, arrives secretly in U.S. for medical treatment.

1986 President Ronald Reagan signs a new tax code into law that radically alters U.S. tax brackets, deductions, and corporate tax shelters.

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On December 21, 1879, the New York *Herald* made public Edison's successful experiment of October 21. The announcement was greeted with amazement, and the Wizard of Menlo Park was acclaimed in all parts of the world. Much work, even the necessity of inventing other new electrical appliances, still remained before Edison's dream of lighting New York City could come true. But by December 1879 he had solved the greatest of the problems facing those who attempted to devise a practical system of electric lighting.

OCTOBER 22

Cuban Missile Crisis

In a televised address on October 22, 1962, President John F. Kennedy declared that the United States would take whatever steps were necessary to force the removal from neighboring Cuba of offensive weapons and installations — missiles, launching sites, and jet bombers — that had been placed there by the Soviet Union. Pending compliance with this demand, Kennedy announced imposition of a naval “quarantine”

to prevent the further importation of offensive weapons into Cuba.

Failing compliance, the President added, the quarantine — in effect a limited blockade — would be merely an initial step. Furthermore, he declared, it would be US policy to regard “any nuclear missile launched from Cuba against any nation in the Western Hemisphere as an attack by the Soviet Union on the United States requiring a full retaliatory response on the Soviet Union.”

With the threat of nuclear confrontation between the world's two greatest powers, the quarantine went into effect on October 24. For five long days, during which several Cuba-bound Soviet vessels altered their course, the world held its breath. Finally, on October 28, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev informed Washington that the weapons regarded by the United States as offensive would be removed as quickly as possible.

The decision apparently was news to Cuban premier Fidel Castro, the revolutionist and subsequently avowed Marxist who had come to power in 1959. Castro's denunciations notwithstanding, it appeared that the offensive missiles had been removed and the missile bases dismantled by November 20, 1962, and the bombers removed by early December — developments preceded by the visits to Cuba of United Nations Secretary-General U Thant, who played a key role in negotiations, and Soviet First Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan.

Premier Khrushchev was turned out of power in October 1964 — for various reasons, including failures in domestic agriculture. One of his “errors,” however, was reported to have been the Cuban missile episode.

Shemini Atzeret

This is a movable event. See note on page xxvi.

Although the Jewish observance Shemini Atzeret actually is the eighth day of Sukkot (see October 15), it is celebrated as a separate holiday, dedicated to the love of God. Literally, Shemini Atzeret means Eighth Day of Solemn Assembly. On this day in ancient times prayers for rain were recited, a practice continued in Orthodox services today. The first day of Shemini Atzeret also is one of four Jewish holidays during which the *Yizkor* — memorial rite for the dead (members of the immediate family, friends, relatives, and in recent decades the martyred six million Jewish victims of Nazism) — is observed. (This service is also held on Yom Kippur; on the second day of Shavuot; and on the last day of Passover.)

Orthodox and Conservative Jews (and some

Reform Jews) celebrate the second day of Shemini Atzeret as Simhat Torah, the Rejoicing in the Law. The festival is dedicated to the completion of the year's cycle of reading from the Torah (Pentateuch) and the beginning of the annual cycle again, thus affirming that the study of God's word is an unending process. The process of reading from the Torah continues throughout the year in all synagogues. A portion from the Pentateuch and a portion from the Prophets are read each Sabbath until on Simhat Torah the last portion — the concluding section of Deuteronomy — is read and the entire Pentateuch completed. The new cycle begins immediately, at the same service, with the reading of the first portion from the Pentateuch — the opening section of Genesis.

On Simhat Torah the scrolls of the law are taken from the ark and carried around the synagogue, amid great rejoicing. Members of the congregation — men and women — touch the Torah, as a blessing. Children walk in the procession carrying banners and flags, often with an apple on top of the flagstick. Sweets and candies are distributed after the service. Simhat Torah is one of the happiest days of the whole joyful period of Sukkot. In Orthodox and Conservative synagogues, there is actual dancing while the scrolls are carried around. An attempt is made to allow every male over the age of thirteen to participate in this carrying of the scrolls. In Hasidic communities such as that of Brooklyn's Williamsburg district, people come from distant areas to behold the joyful sight of sedate, elderly men (and others as well) singing and dancing in the street on Simhat Torah.

OCTOBER 23

Francis Hopkinson Smith's Birthday

Francis Hopkinson Smith, one of the most versatile Americans of his generation, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on October 23, 1838. A maternal great-grandfather, Francis Hopkinson, was a poet and a signer of the Declaration of Independence; his father, Francis Smith, distinguished himself as a musician, philosopher, and mathematician. The younger Smith continued his family's tradition of wide interests and gained fame as an engineer, artist, and writer.

Financial necessity forced Smith to begin his career as a shipping clerk in his brother's iron foundry, but neither Baltimore nor his brother's business held a lasting attraction for him. Shortly after the Civil War, he moved to New York, where he set himself up as an engineer. His enterprise flourished and he won important govern-

October 22

Holidays

**Somali
Democratic
Republic**

Revolution Anniversary
Second day of the celebration.

Birthdates

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| <p>1740 Sir Philip Francis, British politician; reputed author of <i>Letters of Junius</i>, 69 letters attacking prominent British figures of the day. [d. December 23, 1818]</p> <p>1811 Franz Liszt, Hungarian piano virtuoso, composer; known for his advanced musical techniques and methods of composition; in later years, became member of Franciscan order; known as <i>Abbé Liszt</i>. [d. July 31, 1886]</p> <p>1818 Charles Marie René Leconte de Lisle, French poet; identified with Parnassian school; wrote poetry of disillusionment and skepticism inspired by the works of the ancients. [d. July 17, 1894]</p> <p>1844 Sarah Bernhardt (Henriette Rosine Bernard), French actress; known as <i>The Divine Sarah</i>; renowned for her dramatic portrayals of tragic heroines as well as for her flamboyant lifestyle; continued her stage career in spite of an amputated leg, 1914; named to Legion of Honor, 1914. [d. March 23, 1923]</p> <p>1881 Clinton Joseph Davisson, U.S. physicist; Nobel Prize in physics for discovery of diffraction of electrons by crystals (with G. P. Thomson), 1937. [d. February 1, 1958]</p> <p>1882 N(ewell) C(onvers) Wyeth, U.S. illustrator, artist; known for his popular illustrations of Robert Louis Stevenson's novels and <i>Robin Hood</i>; his murals appear in the Missouri State Capitol and the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. [d. October 19, 1945]</p> <p>1887 John Reed, U.S. poet, radical journalist; as a reporter for <i>Metropolitan</i> magazine, was sent to cover several world-famous events, including Pancho Villa's revolutionary activities in Mexico, World War I action on the Eastern Front, and the October Revolution in Russia, 1917, about which he wrote <i>Ten Days That Shook the World</i>. Became a close friend of V. I. Lenin. Was named as seditious radical in U.S. and was arrested</p> | <p>numerous times; escaped to Finland; died in Russia at age of 33; buried in Kremlin. [d. October 19, 1920]</p> <p>1900 Edward Reilly Stettinius, Jr., U.S. statesman, industrialist; executive, U.S. Steel Corp., 1935-39; Chairman, War Resources Board, 1939-40; administrator of Lend-Lease, 1941-43; U.S. Secretary of State, 1944-45; Chairman of U.S. delegation to UN, 1945-46. [d. October 31, 1949]</p> <p>1903 George Wells Beadle, U.S. geneticist; Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine for discovery that genes transmit hereditary traits (with E. L. Tatum), 1958.</p> <p>1904 Constance Bennett, U.S. actress; a leading lady of 1930s films. [d. July 4, 1965]</p> <p>1905 Karl Guthe Jansky, U.S. radio engineer; his experiments in determining sources of radio waves led to the development of radio astronomy. [d. February 14, 1950]</p> <p>1917 Joan Fontaine, U.S. actress, born in Japan of British parents; sister of Olivia de Havilland (July 1).</p> <p>1919 Doris Lessing, British novelist, short-story writer.</p> <p>1920 Timothy Francis Leary, U.S. psychologist, educator; at the forefront of the drug controversy of the 1960s in the U.S.</p> <p>1925 Robert Rauschenberg, U.S. artist; creates collages called combines; works include <i>Gloria</i>, 1956, and <i>Summer Rental</i>, 1960.</p> <p>1938 Derek Jacobi, British actor; known for his role in the television series, <i>I, Claudius</i>.</p> <p>1939 David Anthony (Tony) Roberts, U.S. actor; frequently featured in Woody Allen's films; appeared in <i>Serpico</i> and <i>Annie Hall</i>; Tony Award nominations for <i>How Now, Dow Jones</i> and <i>Play It Again, Sam</i>.</p> <p>1942 Annette Funicello, U.S. actress; an original Disney Mousketeer in 1950s.</p> <p>1943 Catherine Deneuve, French actress.</p> |
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President Makes 6th Campaign Trip to New Jersey

EDISON, N.J. (AP) President Bush told a rally at Middlesex County College Friday he expects to "surprise the pundits" by winning re-election, but a group of hecklers forced him to interrupt his speech.

"I wish the draft dodgers would shut up so I could finish my speech," Bush said as about two dozen people holding Clinton-Gore signs shouted "liar," "Iran-Contra" and "No more Bush."

Many in the crowd of about 2,000 then began chanting "four more years." For much of the rest of the speech, Bush spoke over a shouting match between opponents and supporters.

Bush's reception was warmer Friday evening at a Somerset County fund-raiser packed with about 1,200 Republican supporters.

The rally interruption came as he was about to discuss a new initiative to control auto insurance rates by limiting law suits. New Jersey already has a similar law, but Bush said the federal effort would go further.

Bush also said Democrat Bill Clinton has shown "a pattern of deception" about his draft record. Bush repeated a theme he sounded in Thursday's debate that Clinton was not qualified to run the country in the event of an emergency.

"It's difficult to debate Bill Clinton because he comes down on every side of every issue," Bush said. "You can't do that as president."

Citing the final-out finish of the National League championships, Bush dismissed those who said he's too far behind to win.

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"We need togetherness, the structure of a family," she said. "Without families, how can you have a strong country?"

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Though the rally was free, state Republican officials collected nearly \$700,000 at the evening fund-raiser in Somerset, said Cristyne F. Lategano, press secretary for the New Jersey Bush-Quayle campaign.

"You can tell the kind of campaign Clinton is running," Rose McConnell, a Somerset County freeholder at the fund-raiser, said of the hecklers at the rally. "Those people do not come out spontaneously. This is rude and disrespectful to the office of the president, regardless of the party."

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The president ticked off a laundry list of his positions, touting free trade, school choice, tough law enforcement and his foreign policy experience. His call for a capital gains tax cut brought some of the loudest applause from the audience.

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President Jimmy Carter, Braen added.

"It's better to take the dog you know than the dog you don't know," he said.

Bill Palatucci, director of the Bush-Quayle campaign in New Jersey, said he'd been trying to get the president to Middlesex for some time. The county, traditionally a Democratic fortress, has backed Republican legislative and county candidates in recent elections.

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Bush's last visit, Sept. 30, coincided with a Clinton rally at Drew University, followed by a Democratic fund-raiser at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, where Republicans paid at least \$500 apiece to dine and hear the president speak Friday night.

The money will go to Victory '92, a state Republican campaign fund that will focus on voter identification and get-out-the-vote efforts for Bush and congressional candidates, said William Ulrey, executive director of the state party committee.

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Bush Resumes Attack On Clinton Character

EDISON, N.J. (AP) A day after a civil, issues-oriented debate, President Bush resumed his attacks on Democrat Bill Clinton's character with a speech hitting Clinton repeatedly for a "pattern of deception" on his draft record.

"You are all familiar with Gov. Clinton's various stories on what he did to evade the draft," Bush said at Middlesex County College Friday.

"There's a clear pattern to Gov. Clinton's past a pattern of deception. Character does matter," he said. "A pattern of deception is not right for the Oval Office. You cannot be leader of the world, you cannot be leader of this country if you have a pattern of deception."

During the 17-minute speech, Bush was forced to speak over a noisy crowd of about 2,000. Supporters shouted "four more years" while about two dozen young Clinton supporters, some wearing Pinocchio noses, chanted "Liar," "Iran-Contra" and "No more Bush."

At one point, just before he was to announce a new program designed to lower auto insurance rates by restricting lawsuits, Bush interrupted himself and said, "I wish these draft dodgers would shut up so I can finish my speech. It's pathetic."

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Bush dismissed those who said he's too far behind to win re-election, citing the National League baseball championships, where the Atlanta Braves came from behind to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates on the final out of the 9th inning of the final series game.

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Tax Revolt Group Opposes Four Congressional Candidates

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) The tax-revolt group Hands Across New Jersey awarded its first ``Golden Axe Award`` to Rep. Dick Zimmer, R-N.J., for his opposition to taxes and government spending.

The group, founded on the public anger to Gov. Jim Florio's hefty 1990 tax increase, also said it would oppose four Republican state lawmakers running for Congress: State Sen. Joseph M. Kyrillos of Monmouth County; Assemblymen Frank A. LoBiondo of Cumberland; Patrick J. Roma of Bergen; and Lee Solomon of Camden.

The four opposed bills which would have given voters the right to place questions on election ballots. An Initiative and Referendum bill was a key GOP campaign promise in 1991.

``After selling out to the special interests groups in New Jersey, we have no alternative but to stop them from going off to Washington where the special interest groups' pot of gold is bigger,`` said the group's spokeswoman Bobbie Horowitz, on Thursday.

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The Boring Institute Rates Presidential Debate A Snoozer

MAPLEWOOD, N.J. (AP) The Boring Institute gave Sunday's presidential debate a ``six snore'' rating but founder Alan Caruba said Ross Perot came out the big winner.

``The real surprise of the evening was Ross Perot,'' Caruba said. ``He was more fun than a barrel of billionaires.''

``He (Perot) really had nothing to lose,'' Caruba said. ``To some degree, he may have gotten rid of being a wide-eyed egomaniac.''

Caruba said President Bush turned out to be the debate's big loser, in terms of boredom.

``President Bush seemed strangely detached, almost complacent,'' Caruba said. ``Gov. Clinton's responses seemed both deeply felt and well rehearsed.''

Caruba said he founded The Boring Institute in 1984 to ``look at events from the boredom point of view.''

The Institute puts out a list of the most boring celebrities every year and spoofs television shows as well as political events and personalities.

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Local Information For NJ BQ Rally (Thursday)

*Spoke with Jim Puretti at 201-445-7985 (Roukema's office)
Jeff DeKort at 201-445-7030 ""

*The BUSH/QUAYLE Rally will be attended by some 10,000 people from "the village of Ridgewood" as residence like to refer to their "model" community of Ridgewood.

*The rally will be taking place on Veterans Field which is behind Burrow Hall.

*Three high school bands will be playing behind POTUS (Ridgewood High, Parkridge High, and Westwood High)

*Painted signs and banners will be present courtesy of George Washington and Ben Franklin Middle schools.

*The rally will be attended by Mayor Pat Mancuso and ABC's NY radio personality Bob Grant.

*Ridgewood is Rep. Roukema's home town and has always been a good GOP base.

*Ridgewood is said to be the bedroom to Wallstreet and Manhattan because of its close location and good schools and neighborhoods.

*People are big fans of the Giants and the Jets.

*Many worldwide headquarters have moved to the Ridgewood area such as Hertz and Sony.

*The entire community feels the same in regards to their hatred for Florio and his devastating tax hikes.

*We are told that any financial, trade, taxes, child support, welfare reform, and economy related issues work well, however family leave and school voucher should not be mentioned due to local failure in the past to address these issues.

*traditional mainstream, ethical, competitive in sports, civic clubs, social and youth services.

*The Mayor said that a local saying is that "the essence of Ridgewood is the people!"

*Ridgewood High has been ranked in the top eight by NJ Monthly (Sep 92) and has been praised for their superior adult education program.

*The YMCA is a popular place for the entire community. Young and old use the "Y" throughout the year as a haven for fun and safe activities for the entire family.

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*ask about Major Thomas (local hero) football, tennis, crosscountry
charles Khoury 201-670-2651 Ridgewood High School Guidance

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PRESIDENT BUSH, HELPING THE GARDEN STATE GROW

President Bush is On the Side of New Jerseyans: President Bush is meeting the needs of New Jersey's workers, families, and communities. His Agenda for American Renewal will put New Jersey on the road to economic security and prosperity by getting government off the backs of hardworking Americans. Bill Clinton would hit New Jersey workers with new taxes and New Jersey businesses with stifling new regulations. President Bush, on the other hand, is fighting to open new markets to New Jersey's products, create more jobs for New Jersey's workers, and provide job training to help workers develop skills to compete in a global economy.

- o **Clinton and Florio, The Great Taxers:** No one with a lick of sense believes that the way to create jobs is to start out with a massive tax increase -- no one except Bill Clinton and his good friend Jim Florio. Bill Clinton will impose the largest tax increase in American history -- at least \$150 billion. That's before counting the cost of his health care plan, which would add another \$80 billion in payroll taxes. Job-creating small businesses would account for more than two out of three of those who will be hit by Clinton's income taxes.
- o **Clinton Plays the "Taxaphone" While New Jersey Sings the Blues:** Clinton's planned payroll taxes and new taxes on business, combined with proposals to radically increase auto efficiency standards and slash defense spending would threaten 2.6 million American jobs, including 24,000 New Jersey defense industry jobs.
 - Clinton has also proposed to tax foreign investment -- a move that will jeopardize the jobs of 4.5 million Americans, including up to 225,000 New Jerseyans. Clinton's blatantly protectionist tax will make it less likely that foreign firms will invest in New Jersey's workers.
- o **Spurring Investment and Creating New Jobs:** President Bush wants New Jersey's workers have the means to invest in their own future. His Agenda for American Renewal will create jobs and spur new growth. New incentives include: a cut in the capital gains tax, a \$5,000 tax credit for first time homebuyers, an increase in the personal exemption, flexible IRAs, and an Investment Tax Allowance. The President's homebuyers' credit would create 272,500 new jobs and \$12.5 billion worth of residential construction, while making the dream of homeownership a reality for Americans everywhere.
- o **President Bush Has the Right Answers on Health Care:** overhaul private insurance and keep health care choices in the hands of the people, not the government. The President's plan will make insurance more affordable; contain costs by ending administrative waste and fraud; and eliminate the fear of "job lock," where a worker can't move to another job without losing insurance.

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- o Clinton and the Government Take Over Health Care Clinton's "play-or-pay" health plan will require a new 7%-9% payroll tax -- an \$80 billion tax that would hit over 800,000 small businesses and cut the take-home pay of the average worker by \$1,700 a year. The system would lead inevitably to rationing of care, letting bureaucrats in Washington decree the availability of different treatments and the overall quality of care. Clinton would put job-creating businesses in a devil's bargain: cut jobs to cover the cost of mandates or pay a tax that cuts workers' wages.
- o Along with new government controls on health care, Clinton's radical environmental policies would hurt New Jersey businesses like the Merck Corporation, where Clinton speaks today. Clinton would have signed the Rio Conference treaty that would have undermined the American biotechnology industry by failing to protect intellectual property rights. The biodiversity treaty would have thrown a roadblock in agreements like the recent one between Merck and the Costa Rican government. Without patent rights firms would be reluctant to invest overseas in trying to find new and potentially lucrative medications.
- o The President's NAFTA will help New Jersey: Clinton has been characteristically slick on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), an issue of vital importance to New Jersey. At first Clinton indicated that he supported free trade. Now, caught between promises to Big Labor and the President's example of leadership to open markets, Clinton avoids the subject altogether.
 - President Bush conceived the NAFTA to increase U.S. exports and create new, better-paying American jobs, and improve U.S.-Mexico border conditions which will ease immigration pressures. Already, Mexico's reduction of trade barriers has helped New Jersey: from 1987 to 1991, New Jersey exports to Mexico increased 139% to \$452 million. In 1991, 72,000 New Jersey jobs were tied to exports to Canada and Mexico.
- o The President's Goals to End Welfare Dependency: The President believes welfare should be a temporary helping hand, not a way of life. With this in mind, he approved waivers of federal regulations for New Jersey, California, Wisconsin, Maryland, and Oregon. These waivers allow far-reaching reforms which promote the President's goals of keeping families together and ensuring personal responsibility by welfare recipients.
 - Clinton has waffled on New Jersey's welfare reforms, saying at first he would not sign them but later that he would have been inclined to grant a federal waiver for them. This waffle is reminiscent of his classic straddle on the Persian Gulf war: "I guess I would have voted with the majority if it was a close vote. But I agree with the arguments the minority made."
- o Making Sure Criminals Serve Their Time: Because of Reagan and Bush tough policies on crime, federally convicted criminals served 30% more time in prison in 1990 than they served in 1980. Drug criminals now spend on average six and a half years in prison. Under Clinton however, Arkansas state inmates serve, on average, between six and eighteen months in prison regardless of their original sentence. Almost no inmate serves a full sentence.