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FOX THE EDGE WITH PAULA ZAHN
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PAULA ZAHN, HOST: And hello, everyone. Thank you very much for joining us tonight on THE EDGE. Welcome.

Let's get right to our lead story, Valentine's Day.

It's time to show your affection for your significant other, and most people spend about \$30 doing just that. Valentine's Day candy sales top a billion dollars and over 900 million cards are exchanged. But let's get to the real bottom line. Most couples would probably agree that sex is a Valentine's Day priority. So how can we keep that Valentine glow after the candy is eaten, the flowers are dead and the lingerie doesn't fit anymore?

Well, let's turn to our expert panel. In Miami, Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, author of "Kosher Sex" and a new book, "Dating Secrets of the 10 Commandments." And here in New York, Helen Gurley Brown, former editor of "Cosmopolitan" magazine. Her new book is called "I'm Wild Again." And E. Jean Carroll is a contributing editor for "Esquire" magazine and writes a monthly advice column for "Elle" magazine. And Jane Pratt is editor-in-chief of "Jane" magazine.

Good to have you all with us. Happy Valentine's Day.

So Rabbi, since you're outnumbered, I'm going to start with you. Here we go. What is the state of sex in America? Do you think our sex lives are any better today, let's say, than they were 20 years ago?

RABBI SHMULEY BOTEACH, "DATING SECRETS..." AUTHOR: Twice a week, five and a half minutes at a time. It takes longer to finish the cigarette after than it does to actually make love. These are national statistics. When I tell this to men, five and a half minutes, they look at me and say, "Who are those supermen?"

(LAUGHTER)

BOTEACH: So I mean, sex is dead in the bedroom. It's alive in the magazines. It's alive in the newspapers and movies. The reason is that passion is being lost. I think that we're comparing each other constantly. We're only visually interested in sex. Most people make love with their eyes. Husbands have forgotten how to make love with their hands. I mean, that's why wives today have become traffic cops in the bedroom. They need to give their husbands directions. You know, "Turn left, turn right, up, down."

I think the inner vibration which was once communicated is no longer so, and one of the great reasons is that sex isn't as rooted in the emotions. You can't get physically naked unless you simultaneously get emotionally naked.

John Gray's book, "Men Are From Mars," was successful because it said that guys go into their caves. You know, they can take off their clothes, but they never reveal their fears, their anxieties to their wives. A great relationship is about total intimacy, both physical and emotional and intellectual. I think that in previous generations, which weren't as visual--it wasn't only the age of the camera and everything else--people did know how to make love with all five senses, and unless we restore that, passion will be lost.

ZAHN: But I think we all know how to make love with all five senses, Helen Gurley Brown. Isn't the truth of the fact--or the truth of the matter that Americans are tired? They're raising families. They're holding down tough jobs. And five minutes twice a week may sound pretty good to some folks!

(LAUGHTER)

HELEN GURLEY BROWN, AUTHOR, "I'M WILD AGAIN":

Well, there is such a thing as programming sex into your life. You don't want it to go away. That's particularly true for women over the age of 50 or of 60. Men have all the chances in the world. Women have to sort of be sure that there's somebody there for them. I don't think sex is particularly better. Sex always felt wonderful. It feels now just like it felt then. But maybe more people are enjoying it and recognizing what an important element it is in your life. So maybe there's a little more sex than there used to be.

ZAHN: Well, we often think that everybody else is having more sex than we are in our own lives. What is--what is the truth of the matter? Jane?

JANE PRATT, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, "JANE": I think the "Jane" readers are having a lot more sex than I am, that's for sure!

(LAUGHTER)

PRATT: When I--but seriously, I think maybe the statistics that, you know, Rabbi Shmuley was talking about--maybe those are--are people that are married with children or whatever, but I know that the "Jane" readers, who are mostly single and--and you know, don't have--don't even have a mortgage, you know, much less children--they're having a lot of sex. And the thing that I'm finding is that the young women are now increasingly more aggressive sexually. I mean, I think a lot of that goes back to stuff that Helen, you know, taught them when--you know, when she was doing "Cosmo" originally. But I think that they're much more aggressive, and they're more likely to say "I want to get out of this relationship because the sex isn't good," something we used to hear from men only.

ZAHN: But we're talking--are we talking about just the physical component of sex here? Because what the rabbi was talking about is the passion going out of relationships and the intimacy being lost.

E. JEAN CARROLL, "ESQUIRE" CONTRIBUTOR: And this is a prime--Valentine's Day would take the passion out of anything. It kills eroticism!

ZAHN: What, the pressure?

CARROLL: You get all these phony cards, these fake flowers, these botanical arrangements. You have this huge pressure to perform and look good and go someplace, get reservations. I mean, if anybody has sex today in America, I--I will applaud. It's just impossible under these circumstances. I mean, we're all here talking about sex, and it's just--I'm sick of it!

ZAHN: Well, Rabbi, you said this is a great holiday in some homes, huh?

BOTEACH: Well, this is a--this is a great Jewish holiday. Let me--let me--let's be honest over here, OK? You know, the story goes that the guy turns to his wife and says, "Honey, how about a quickie tonight?" And she looks back at him and says, "As opposed to what?"

I mean, the fact is that sex really is losing its passion, and all surveys show it. I agree that young people are having more sex, but they're often sexually burned out in their mid-20s. This is why in most relationships today, for guys and girls compatibility has become more important than attraction. And I don't just mean physical attraction, I mean holistic attraction of the masculine and feminine energies that want to merge. People now want to be museum lovers, Beatles lovers rather than lovers. We vote Democrat. That's the criteria for a relationship.

I think that part of the mystery, the curiosity that men and women had for each other is also being lost. To me that one word, "curiosity," is the focal point of every relationship.

CARROLL: Rabbi, but don't you think all the books about sex and all the how-to's about sex and all the shows about sex--it kills, it strangles...

BOTEACH: Of course. Because--because...

CARROLL: ... sort of the mystery.

BOTEACH: Because it--it does destroy the mystery.

The fact is that, you know, men today watch tampon commercials. The women know if their husbands volunteered as Viagra test subjects. We all know so much about each other that women have become like a puzzle solved. I think men have become like a mountain climbed. And I think that we're all not learning to renew ourselves within a relationship. That's why men look for horizontal renewal. For them, they just want a new body. How about seeing your wife through a new pair of eyes? How about...

ZAHN: Horizontal renewal?

BOTEACH: ... serving up a...

(CROSSTALK)

ZAHN: I don't think I've ever heard that statement before! Helen, when you look back on your days at "Cosmopolitan," you were the ones actually dispensing all this information about how women--what women should expect in their physical relationships, what they could do to better satisfy their men. Do you really think that we're less

satisfied today because of that stuff?

BROWN: I have...

ZAHN: Do you think the directions turn people off, or do you think they help people?

BROWN: No, no, no, no, no. You can't get everywhere sexually just by reading a book or listening to other people, but I don't think it hurts to read that material. I don't agree with anybody, particularly E. Jean, that the Valentine's Day is nowhere in terms of romance and love. I think...

CARROLL: You're not feeling pressure tonight, when you and David go home?

BROWN: No, no, no. I'm promoting my new book. I'm not going home.

(LAUGHTER)

BROWN: But I think Valentine's is a time to be loving of a whole lot of people. You can send flowers or a Valentine to your boss, to your neighbors, to your girlfriends, to people in your office. I don't think it's such a terribly big deal. And if you want to get all enamored again, you just run a bathtub full of hot water, put a lot of bubble bath in, plunk him in with a bottle of champagne for the tub and votive candles all the way around. You can get sexy very quickly.

(CROSSTALK)

ZAHN: You have to wait to do that for at least what--wait for 40 minutes to do that. They got to watch the rest of the show before...

(CROSSTALK)

ZAHN: OK, panel, hang on one second. We got to take a short commercial break, and we'll continue our conversation right after this. We'll be right back.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP, "When Harry Met Sally")

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR: My family moved to the Bronx when...

UNIDENTIFIED ACTRESS: We lived on Fordham Road.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR: ... I was 10. Hers moved when she was 11.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTRESS: I lived on 183rd Street.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR: For six years she worked on the 15th floor...

UNIDENTIFIED ACTRESS: I worked for a very prominent neurologist.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR: ... as a nurse, where I had a practice...

UNIDENTIFIED ACTRESS: Dr. Penelman (ph).

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR: ... on the 14th floor of the very same building.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTRESS: We never met.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR: Never met.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTRESS: Can you imagine that?

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR: You know where we met? In an elevator.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTRESS: I was visiting family.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR: In the Ambassador Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTRESS: He was on the 3rd floor. I was on the 12th.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR: I rode up nine extra floors just to keep talking to her.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

ZAHN: I love that! See, I hope I sound like that 50 years from now--a classic scene from a classic movie.

Continuing now with our extra-special Valentine's Day panel, Rabbi Shmuley Boteach and here in New York, Helen Gurley Brown, E. Jean Carroll and Jane Pratt. Welcome back.

Rabbi, I think in the interest of full disclosure, we need to remind our viewing public that the three lovely ladies on our panel tonight do not have children. You have a number of children at home, right? You've got four kids?

BOTEACH: I've got six that I know of.

ZAHN: Six kids now that you know? OK, the numbers have gone up. I've got three kids at home. Is there a difference, do you think, among the people you talk to, in the sex lives between people who have kids and people who don't?

BOTEACH: I think that people who have children have better sex lives. I mean, everyone always complains that children destroy love-making. Here you are in the throes of passion, careening through the rafters of the ceiling, when you come crashing back down to earth because your kids are pushing away the dresser which is holding the door closed.

But think about it. Children teach you playfulness. What is sex? It's two adults at play. It's people actually letting go, putting themselves on autopilot, submitting to instinct and actually enjoying each other's...

CARROLL: Rabbi, I have a...

BOTEACH: ... touches and caresses.

CARROLL: ... feeling you've forgotten what it's like.

BOTEACH: Children teach you how to play. I come home in my suit. I come home in my tie. It's a serious day. My kids come home, and a few minutes later I'm on all fours, crawling on the floor. And that's the way sex should be, as well. I mean, you have to bring out the child within you to really enjoy...

(CROSSTALK)

PRATT: I don't think any of us need to be taught playfulness by our children. I think we know playfulness. And I think that that's one of the truths about young women today in general is that they are staying young and playful and child-like for a long time--you know, for much, much longer. I mean, you know, we're all sort of in that--in that, you know, continual adolescence. And I'm still there, absolutely. So I don't think that my--my sex life is suffering because of not having children.

(CROSSTALK)

ZAHN: Do you think you demand more in your sex life than...

PRATT: Oh, yes!

ZAHN: ... a married woman who is at home with all these other responsibilities the rabbi was just talking about.

PRATT: Well, I don't know that I would have thought that until I heard him say that five and a half minutes is great, that,

you know, the women are appreciating their five and a half minutes...

BOTEACH: No, no! They're not!

PRATT: ... that they're getting twice a week.

BOTEACH: I said the opposite.

PRATT: OK. Well, but if that's what they're getting, then I'm--that's not so good.

BOTEACH: That's what they're getting. Exactly.

ZAHN: So whose fault is it that the average American has a sex life like that? Helen?

BOTEACH: You know, by the way, a lot of it is television. Just think about it. Once upon a time, you were bored at night. You'd come home. It was 9:00 o'clock. There was no TV. There was no radio. Sex was a principle form of recreation. You made love because there was no other way to pass the time. I think people really were more sensual as a result.

Today most couples, they watch TV till about 11:30, just after all the late-night shows are over. That's when they turn over and have this five and a half minutes. You're tired. It's the end of the day. And you have other forms of recreation in the bedroom.

Good sex is about removing all the distractions, and TV is. So you got to turn off this show right now!

ZAHN: No, you don't!

(CROSSTALK)

ZAHN: Helen, that--that's a novel idea. So TV is destroying our sex lives? And you got about 30 seconds to respond before we hit a break here.

BROWN: Nothing destroys your sex life except you yourself. If you let it fade away, slippery slide, other things interfere. You've got to be sure it's there. You are responsible, whether there are children or there aren't children, whether you're stressed, whether you get home at 9:00 o'clock at night. You just make dates for sex with your special person.

(CROSSTALK)

ZAHN: ... sound romantic to you?

CARROLL: The whole day should be very sexual. In the morning, when the sap is rising, at noon when you run home--just, you know--you don't even have to be in congress. You can just be--a kiss, a hand-hold, putting your hand out and putting it on...

PRATT: Yeah!

(CROSSTALK)

PRATT: I think a kiss sound better than that five and a half minutes...

(CROSSTALK)

PRATT: That five and a half minutes is sounding more and more depressing the more we go along!

CARROLL: It probably could be a little more satisfying, too.

ZAHN: Don't go away. There's still more to learn about...

BOTEACH: Right on, Helen!

ZAHN: ... sex and romance. "Right on, Helen" the rabbi said. All that good stuff.

Later on, some not so good stuff at the Reform Party meeting over the weekend. I the party in shambles or just experiencing

some growing pains?

Keep it right here on THE EDGE. We'll have the latest on the Reform Party.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP-"When Harry Met Sally")

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR: Her face was burned on my brain, and it was 34 years later that I was walking down Broadway, and I saw her come out of Toffanetti's (ph).

UNIDENTIFIED ACTRESS: We both looked at each other, and it was just as though not a single day had gone by.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTOR: She was just as beautiful as she was at 16.

UNIDENTIFIED ACTRESS: He was just the same. He looked exactly the same!

(END VIDEO CLIP)

ZAHN: Welcome back. I think I'm going to have to rent that movie tonight.

Continuing with our Valentine's Day panel of experts on love and romance--in Miami, Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, and here in New York, Helen Gurley Brown, Jane Pratt, E. Jean Carroll.

Welcome back.

All right, one of the points you were making before we went to the break--you think if people really want to make a commitment to their sex life, they should mark something on their calendar and make it a priority. But I think your readers are always struggling for that answer. How do you keep passion in the relationship? What do you tell them?

PRATT: Absolutely. I mean, it's--I don't think you can plan it like that. I think the second that you make a little X on your calendar--you know, this is sex night or...

ZAHN: It's a little clinical, huh?

PRATT: ... we're having a date or--that's--and I feel the same way, you know, as E. Jean does about Valentine's Day. That's also sort of saying, "OK, this is--this is a--one day a year when you're going to really be romantic and sexual and all of that."

ZAHN: You may even get 10 minutes of sex tonight!

PRATT: Right! I get 10 instead of 5 and a half! But I--so I think then it becomes not exciting. I think it does have to be more spontaneous than that. And I think one of the partners just has to go for it sometimes at a really inappropriate time.

BROWN: I didn't mean you put it on the calendar with...

PRATT: Oh, I know you didn't!

BROWN: I just meant you keep it in your life...

PRATT: Sure.

BROWN: ... and have it in your mind. And the sexiest people are the ones who insist on continuing to be sexual and to have sex--may not be on a formal basis, but he knows that you want it whenever he wants you to have it. You never say no.

CARROLL: The key here is to stay in love. If you're in love--you know, a lot of things that we hear on TV are how to fight, how to--how to, you know, get back at your husband, how to get revenge. The key thing, if you want to be sexy as all dickens is to be in love with that man and have that man be in love with you. And the secret is how do

you--how do you do that?

BOTEACH: Can I just add, though, even if you're in love, one of the paradoxes of a marriage is that the more in love you fall, the more intimacy you have, the more the cool waters of routine enter a relationship, the more they extinguish the fiery flames of passion.

So often love can paradoxically snuff out sexual fire. You therefore have to focus on the fact that you don't really want to be best friends in a relationship. Talking--that's all great, intimacy--but you also do want to have passion. I love the comment about spontaneity and inappropriate times for sex. I think also one of the problems is, is that men have very short attention spans. And you know, their heads are radar towers. They really seek in like a...

BROWN: Men have one attention span, and it's usually in a place--you know where.

(CROSSTALK)

BOTEACH: But we want--in order for it to be on their wives, I actually encourage husbands, in order to rescue their--their marriages from the marital morgue, you know, when you really have the last nail in the coffin of your sex life--I tell husbands ``Take your wives to a"--you know, ``to, like, a club or something. Leave them at the barstool for a few minutes, and you watch like a fly on the wall. Wait till you see all the guys who hit on her." A lot of times men forget how beautiful and attractive their wives really are.

CARROLL: And that is supposed to be the ultimate turn-on?

PRATT: You know that--but I think that these differences that, you know, the rabbi's talking about between men and women--I don't think there are such distinct differences in terms of that anymore. I think...

BOTEACH: Oh, come on. Wait a second. When a woman doesn't want sex...

PRATT: I really do think they are.

BOTEACH: When a woman doesn't want sex, she turns to her husband and says, ``Not tonight, honey. I have a headache." And yet when a guy--a guy can have an axe lodged in his head, and he's still always ready to go. I think women are far more libidinous, far sexier than men. I think they have a far stronger sexual desire. But their fire is like, you know, the fire burning inside a coal. It has to be fanned into a flame. That's what foreplay's all about.

But the problem is today that a lot of guys think foreplay is something by Black & Decker. They really have lost the idea of warming up the oven before--you know, that--in order to have a really well-baked dish. And what Helen said earlier about the whole day being foreplay is a brilliant comment because unless things work well in the living room, they're not going to work well in the bedroom, either. You can't just switch on sexuality like a light switch.

ZAHN: Do you think--do you think roles have changed that much that women do demand a lot more romance from men, or do you buy that premise?

PRATT: With all due respect, I don't know the last time a woman actually turned to her husband and said, ``Not tonight, dear. I have a headache." I think that's a little outdated. And I'm finding that more women are being freer to be more aggressive sexually.

I just have to throw in one--the most hilarious study that we did in the current issue of ``Jane.'' The readers--we studied them and their male counterparts and found that more of the women are cat-calling men on the streets now than men are cat-calling women! So I think that women are freer to be more aggressive now.

BROWN: It's so much easier to have sex if you're a woman. You just have to show up and be there.

(LAUGHTER)

BROWN: A man has to perform. He has to be in a certain condition in order to be sexual. So when he's in that condition or about to get there, I don't think you should ever turn away. And Jane is right, maybe a lot of women don't instigate sex, but we certainly should be available when it's offered to us because I think it's a great compliment. I never did think a man was insulting you when he wanted to go to bed with you, even if he wasn't your ideal human being.

CARROLL: Also, the more you do it, the more you want to do it.

BOTEACH: Yeah, but a lot of women--a lot of women...

CARROLL: Turning down sex is...

BOTEACH: ... do get turned off--a lot of women do get turned off sex when they feel that they've been used...

CARROLL: Rabbi! Rabbi! We're--you can't speak for women. You cannot speak for women!

BOTEACH: But I'm in touch with my feminine...

CARROLL: You cannot say ``a lot of women.''

BOTEACH: I'm in touch with my feminine side!

CARROLL: Oh, OK. All right.

BOTEACH: I meet a lot of women who learned to put on all their defenses. They become very anxious about sex because they do feel that ``What if I give this guy my heart, and it comes back in pieces?'' And one of the problems is that people--I think couples today are becoming emotionally anorexic.

You know, you can't make love until you take your clothes off. How could you really fall in love when you make love if you still have all of the metaphorical clothes on? So I agree. Fine. A guy wants to go to bed with you, it's sexy, but unless he really wants to love you and make sex into an act of love, you can actually freeze up during sex.

Studies show that 72 percent of single women, you know, regularly will fake orgasms, and a lot of guys will have problems with sexual dysfunction, like impotence, because they think they're being evaluated and judged by their girlfriends. And it's not the kind of impotence that could even be cured by Viagra. So intimacy must come hand in hand. You cannot have physical intimacy without emotional intimacy. You've got to get totally naked. And that's where commitment comes in...

(CROSSTALK)

ZAHN: You know, I hear these statistics. I have to say, 72 percent of all women have faked orgasms at one point in their life--do you--have you met any of those women?

BOTEACH: They're all Jewish!

ZAHN: Ellen, you talk to them. Jane, you talk to them.

BROWN: I know some women who fake orgasm. It's one reason to want not to be a man. They can't. They have to be there and do

it, and you have to see it. IT's the real thing. Whereas one doesn't recommend that a woman fake orgasm, but she isn't tested. If she seems to have had an orgasm, then she had it, and he can be happy and go away contented, thinking that he's a wonderful human being. It's better to be a girl.

ZAHN: Before we let you all go, isn't it true, though, that we have to accept the fact that there are differences in people's sexuality levels? And doesn't that change during relationships?

PRATT: Yes, it...

ZAHN: There are times when one's sexuality...

PRATT: Absolutely.

ZAHN: ... is heightened...

PRATT: Oh, yeah!

ZAHN: ... and there are times when people simply aren't interested.

PRATT: And over the course of your life I think it changes. You know, that--that thing that people are always saying about how women reach their sexual peak, you know--you know, mid-30s, 40s, whatever, and that men reach it at 17, which is why all of us women in our mid-30s should go out with 17-year-old men. No, not really! But anyway--but I think that, you know, you do. You go through different cycles in your own life, too.

ZAHN: Rabbi?

BOTEACH: The most important...

ZAHN: You get 10 seconds, and I want E. Jean to wrap this up.

BOTEACH: The most important thing is for men and women to find a common speed, a common metabolism in sex. In sex, guys are like triangles, instantly interested, instantly slips into a coma. Women always complain that their husbands are not as loving after sexual climax. I think to have that greater regularity and routine, you have to make (INAUDIBLE) to knowledge. That's where passion and intimacy come from.

ZAHN: E. Jean, you get the last word about sex tonight.

CARROLL: Every woman's hope--every woman's wish should be to be as young and sexy an rarin' to go as Helen Gurley Brown!

ZAHN: All right, panel, thank you very much for being with us...

BOTEACH: I want to be that, too!

ZAHN: ... on this Valentine's Day. Happy Valentine's Days.

BOTEACH: The rabbis want that, too!

ZAHN: And don't watch any of those movies until after this show is over.

We'll be right back.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: There is a 30-day requirement to call a meeting...

(CROSSTALK)

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: That's right, it is democracy.

(CROSSTALK)

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: Will the vice chairman please call

the meeting to order?

(END VIDEO CLIP)

ZAHN: Whooch! Welcome back to THE EDGE.

Well, as you just saw, there wasn't a whole lot of love this Valentine's weekend at the Reform Party meeting in Nashville. Chairman Jack Gargen was ousted and replaced by Pat Choate, Ross Perot's running mate in 1996.

This happened on the heels of Governor Jesse Ventura's split with the party, which he called a sham. And Donald Trump has since decided not to run for president and said the Reform Party is self-destructing.

What the heck is going on inside the Reform Party?

Joining me now to talk about that is Roger Stone, spokesman for Donald Trump. Thanks for dropping by.

ROGER STONE, TRUMP ADVISER: Paula.

ZAHN: OK. The interim head of the Reform Party is now calling Donald Trump a hustler, saying he never had the intention of running for the president, he was just out there hyping his book.

STONE: Well, I think that the Governor Ventura would see things differently. I think a lot of his state party chairmen were really beseeching Mr. Trump over the weekend to run. We went and we visited with Reform Party people in Los Angeles and Miami and St. Louis and Hartford.

So--and Trump says in today's "New York Times" that's just not so. This wasn't just a promotion. He had a very real interest. Their party has melted down. I mean, that's the most graphic example I've ever seen of why not to run for president.

He said from the beginning if he ran, he ran to win. He wanted to have a shot. How can you have a shot when everyone in your party is trying to kill everyone else?

ZAHN: But from the very beginning, he also knew who was in the party. In that same article he says that "I was not comfortable with--that's not the company I wish to keep." And he mentioned David Duke, a Klansman, a neo-Nazi, and Mr. Buchanan, and a communist in Miss Falani. He knew that when he got involved in the party.

STONE: Well, the complexion of this party changed. Jesse Ventura, one of the great progressives of the party, left. We had substantial support for Mr. Trump among some of Perot's supporters, some of Ventura's supporters. But we didn't know they were going to oust their newly elected national chairman and that the thing would dissolve into threats of lawsuit and counter lawsuit.

This party is a mess. And...

ZAHN: But that's a different issue from some of these key players he knew were in the party before he ever...

STONE: (inaudible)...

ZAHN: ... dipped his toe in the pond.

STONE: Well, he certainly didn't know about Mr. Duke, since that happened last Thursday.

ZAHN: That is true. But Miss Falani he did...

STONE: We--right.

ZAHN: ... and Mr. Buchanan.

STONE: Actually no, Pat Buchanan, Pat Buchanan joined the party only shortly before Mr. Trump did. So you had no way of knowing that the party was going to melt down in this way.

ZAHN: Now, Mr. Trump has also said on the record he will not entertain any kind of presidential run this time around, even in Mr. Ventura's new party.

STONE: We took a very hard look at that over the weekend. We were in Palm Beach, and it--and really, out of deference and respect for Governor Ventura, we took a very hard look at the viability of that. And the judgment we made was, at this very late date, it would be almost impossible, even with Mr. Trump's wealth, to get on the ballot in all 50 states.

It's not clear how many state Reform Party affiliates will stay with the current party and how many will move to the Independence Party with Governor Ventura. That's an open question. We just made the judgment that there wasn't the time.

ZAHN: The other open question involves John McCain. There was talk out there that John McCain, regardless of how he does with the Republicans and that nomination, might also be supported by the Reform Party. Can you confirm that you've heard that as well, and whether this is a plausible idea?

STONE: Well, first of all, I think it's important to look at the question of McCain and the overall gist of things. I mean, here you have a guy running against the Republican establishment with a reform message. So if you're Donald Trump, you've got to wonder whether there's room in this race for two reformers and one establishment candidate.

To a certain extent, if you read Mr. Trump's book, "The America We Deserve," Mr. McCain and Mr. Trump had many similar issue positions. And therefore there is a reformer doing pretty well right now.

Secondarily, legally, of course, it would be possible for the Reform Party to cross-endorse John McCain, where he'd win the Republican nomination. But he can't appear on the ballot in two places anyplace other than in New York State, which is the only state that allows cross-endorsement.

ZAHN: One last question (inaudible)...

STONE: But he could get the \$12.6 million from the Reform Party.

ZAHN: And who is Mr. Trump going to support?

STONE: He hasn't announced that yet. He talked to at least one candidate for president on the phone today...

ZAHN: And who that... ..

STONE: ... and a different one yesterday.

ZAHN: ... might that be Mr....

STONE: No, I'm not...

ZAHN: ... Stone?

STONE: ... at liberty to tell you.

ZAHN: A Republican or a Democrat?

STONE: He spoke to one of each. And we'll see. I mean, he's going to remain a member of the Independence Party of New York State because he feels very strongly that the Independence Party should endorse Mayor Giuliani for the Senate here in New York. So he intends to remain a member of the Independence Party.

ZAHN: Roger Stone, thanks for keeping us up to date, as always.

STONE: Happy to be here.

ZAHN: Let's bring Mr. Trump in here to talk about the (inaudible)...

STONE: See what we can do.

ZAHN: ... as well. All right. Thanks so much.

Coming up next, John McCain is giving fits to Democrats and Republicans alike. We will tell you why, and Roger just talked about that a little. More on the other side of this break.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

ZAHN: Well, it's looking more and more like John McCain's message is making hay with voters. A recent poll in South Carolina, the next big GOP primary, shows McCain trailing G.W. Bush by only 2 points, 40 percent to 42 percent, a statistical dead heat.

But how does the Republican rank and file feel about this electric crusader for the campaign finance reform who seems to have appeal across party lines? And which GOP candidate would Democrats rather face in the general election?

Joining me now from Washington, Bill Sammon, White House correspondent for "The Washington Times," and FOX NEWS political analyst and John Fund, editorial page editor for "The Wall Street Journal." Welcome, gentlemen, thanks for with us.

BILL SAMMON, THE WASHINGTON TIMES: Thank you.

ZAHN: So John, why don't you talk about how critical this independent vote is going to be in South Carolina.

JOHN FUND, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: Well, about 40 percent of the electorate is likely to be independents or Democrats, because the Democrats are voting later on, and they can freely vote in this primary. That's very important for John McCain, because it was those voters in New Hampshire that gave him his surprise big win.

The problem is, as John McCain goes further down the line, if he doesn't score a big victory in South Carolina, there are more and more states that only allow Republicans to vote. And George W. Bush does have some advantages. You take Texas, where he's of course the governor, Florida where his brother's the governor, and California, which has a winner-take-all system in which only registered Republicans can elect delegates.

That's basically half the delegates that George W. Bush needs to win the nomination. So John McCain has to move quickly and score a series of victories in places like South Carolina, Michigan, and Virginia, where independents can vote. And he has to do that all in a row, pretty much do it all at once.

ZAHN: That may be true, but Bill Sammon, what does George W. Bush have to do in South Carolina? Let's say if he wins by anything less than 10 percentage points?

SAMMON: Well, it's...

ZAHN: Is that bad news for him?

SAMMON: Well, no. I think a win is a win. And at this point, coming off that crushing defeat in New Hampshire, any kind of win for George W. Bush is going to be a very big win. In fact, a lot of people believe that whoever wins South Carolina may go on to take the nomination.

It's interesting, you talk about the Democrats and independents and which way they might vote. I talked to a number of them today in Michigan who are planning on making some mischief by voting for

McCain in the primary and then--because they don't think he's going to get the nomination. But I've talked to the same types of people in South Carolina who actually say they had been doing that, but now they're urging Democrats to vote instead for Bush, because McCain is coming on so strong, they feel now that Bush is the weaker candidate.

ZAHN: Do you buy that, John?

FUND: Some people are doing that, but that's really just the very party faithful. The vast majority of voters don't play those kind of tactical games. They want the candidate they like the most. And John McCain legitimately, with independents and patriotic people, people who want the antithesis of Bill Clinton in the White House, is legitimately popular.

However, on issues, and a lot of regular Republicans care about issues, he's showing weakness, because Governor Bush is finally exposing some of the weaknesses and holes in his positions and the fact that he doesn't really have a complete tax plan, for example.

SAMMON: Well, it's interesting, even in Michigan, where they're--they think Bush will be the nominee, they're worried, and they're only doing this mischief-making among the real party faithful, the rank and file party activists. They don't want to go to the so-called centrist Reagan Democrats because they're afraid those Democrats might stick with McCain. There's that much appeal with this guy.

ZAHN: One thing I want to go back to, John, is (inaudible) to react to a point Bill made earlier. You talked about the math of Super Tuesday and what both candidates need to do. But Bill said there's a general feeling that whoever wins the South Carolina primary may go on to take the nomination. Is that something you're hearing as well? I don't think I've ever heard that comparison before.

FUND: Oh, it would give John McCain enormous momentum if he won South Carolina, because Michigan comes three days later, and he has a chance of making a one-two knockout. However, there is enormous institutional heft in the Republican establishment. They have all of these states where party regulars vote, Texas, Florida, and California together. It would be a long marathon.

I don't think that even if John McCain won those, it would be an automatic knockout. I don't think George W. Bush is the same candidate he was 20 days ago. I think he's become energized. He's become far more cognizant of the fact that he has to fight for this nomination. It would be a marathon, it would not be a swift knockout.

SAMMON: But still, in the short term, things look like they're going McCain's way. Not only do you have Michigan three days after South Carolina, you also have Arizona. Of course, he's the--McCain being the home town favorite, (inaudible)...

ZAHN: All right, Bill Sammon, John Fund, we got to leave it there for tonight. Thanks for your input.

Coming up next, beauty and grace, Jackie Kennedy had all those things and her share of tragedy.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

ZAHN: Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was the epitome of beauty, style, and grace. As a first lady, she seemed to live on a plane above the rest. But in spite of a public life, Jackie managed to remain very private. For example, did you know that this perfect hostess influenced her husband's policies? Or that her second husband, Aristotle

Onassis, accused her of destroying his life?

You can find more information like this in Donald Spoto's heavily researched new book called "Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis: A Life." And I talked with Mr. Spoto earlier and asked him how his book was different from others about Jackie.

DONALD SPOTO, AUTHOR, "JACQUELINE BOUVIER KENNEDY ONASSIS: A LIFE": This is the first biography that follows her from the cradle to the grave. Since her death almost six years ago, there has been so much mythicizing, so much innuendo, so much gossip, and so many downright lies that it was wonderful to discover in the archives of the John Kennedy Library, in her papers, in her letters, in documents dealing with friends who knew her and worked with her over the years, that the real Jackie was someone quite different, a woman whose whole life, after all, was laced with unhappiness.

She had a tragic childhood. She was the older of two daughters of an alcoholic, womanizing father and a calculating social-climber of a mother. They divorced when she was 7, so you can imagine the kind of trauma that was.

ZAHN: And they even pitted her against her younger sister.

SPOTO: That's exactly right. I mean, poor Lee, who was about 4 years younger than Jackie, was equally confused. It was terrible to be sort of tennis ball shuttle shuttled back and forth between mother and father.

She had some privileges in her life too, but there were really a lot of strains and stresses. The next major trouble and difficulty in her life, of course, had to do with her marriage to the handsome, charming, up-and-coming Senator John F. Kennedy, (inaudible)...

ZAHN: And you describe in great detail how much she hated politics.

SPOTO: She hated politics...

ZAHN: Odd to kind of marry a guy that you knew was going to have a political life if you detested politics so much. Did you ever figure out what the overall attraction was?

SPOTO: The overall attraction was to something more than politics, it was to the human situations and the human dimensions behind the politics. Now, let me be specific. For example, Jackie was passionately committed to the cause for civil rights. And when Martin Luther King was unjustly imprisoned on a trumped-up charge of inciting to riot, it was Jackie and Robert Kennedy and the great Senator Harris Wofford, later Senator Harris Wofford, who brought a lot of moral pressure to bear on Jack to enable Martin Luther King to be sprung from prison.

ZAHN: Now, jump ahead to her marriage with Aristotle Onassis. You describe earlier on this was not a woman who came out of happy surroundings. did she ever find happiness, either in her marriage with John F. Kennedy, or Aristotle Onassis, as we see in these pictures?

SPOTO: Well, Onassis provided her with an escape hatch at a time that was very, very difficult. This was a real tender affection, and he provided her with that escape hatch that she needed.

ZAHN: Tender affection is different, in my judgment, than real love. Did real love exist there? And I know that all of your evidence is anecdotal, so you have to rely on what other people have told you.

SPOTO: Yes. Well, you know, every relationship has

its own truth and its own terms. This was not a relationship of exploitation, it was not phony, there was nothing false about it. Whatever it was, it had its own truth for them for a time.

One of the things that fascinated Jackie about the world of gossip was, she never understood why people were so fascinated with her.

ZAHN: Oh, I don't believe that for a second!

SPOTO: No, she didn't. No, she didn't. She really did not.

ZAHN: I know people who worked closely with her in publishing fields saying that there was no one that was more manipulative of the press than Jackie Kennedy Onassis.

SPOTO: Well, I wish I had been able to track them down during my research, Paula.

ZAHN: They won't talk to you.

SPOTO: Well, there you are. Because the evidence I got from everybody else was exactly the opposite. Now, there's a good kind of manipulation. There's an awareness that you have an ability to use media and to use your role for good. I mean, good people do this all the time.

ZAHN: Sure.

SPOTO: That's why you and I are sitting here, we're manipulating the media and the public for what we hope is a good cause, the cause of the truth.

ZAHN: Let me ask you this. It occurs to me that we wouldn't be sitting here talking about Miss Onassis today if she had ever opened her life up to us. Isn't the truth that that was and continues to be her allure?

SPOTO: I think part of her allure is the fact that she never sought approval from the public. She went about her life doing what she believed was right. She never sought the limelight, never called a press conference, she never went on a...

ZAHN: She didn't have to.

SPOTO: ... talk show. Part of the reason for this was, of course, to protect her children and to carve out for herself a working motherhood and a home for her children that was as normal as possible within the confines of this relentless glare of publicity.

Like anyone who is pursued by that, she really got sick and tired of not being able to sit in a quiet corner of a restaurant and have a glass of wine with a friend. That must have been maddening.

ZAHN: And you write in the book how seriously she did take motherhood. And it's always been interesting to people who observe this family how strikingly different Caroline was from her brother. Now, Caroline would you describe as very much like her mother, and John F. Kennedy, Jr., was a different kind of soul?

SPOTO: Well, it's very interesting. They're both like their mother insofar as they both went into publishing and editing. Caroline wrote two wonderful books, John went into publishing of "George" magazine.

ZAHN: But in temperament.

SPOTO: In temperament, I think they shared many of her best characteristics, their refusal to promote themselves, their attempt to find a serious private life. I mean, when you look at the lives of Caroline and, alas, of the late John F. Kennedy, Jr., you find

substantial lives of good and decent and honorable people. What greater legacy can a mother leave than children like that?

ZAHN: All right. I agree with that. But isn't it also true that John F. Kennedy, Jr., did lead a much more public life? He was much more comfortable in news conferences.

SPOTO: That is true.

ZAHN: He didn't mind taking his shirt off in the park and then roller blading.

SPOTO: That is true. He didn't mind that at all. I think compared to many people--I mean, we never found photographers dragging him drunk from the Grand Army Plaza fountain, for example. I mean, it must have been very difficult to be the son of a slain president, to be so attractive, to be so much in the public eye. It must have been very difficult.

I think it's remarkable that he turned out as well as he did.

ZAHN: In closing, you talk about the fact that there've been so many lies spread about Jackie Kennedy Onassis through the years. Your book, I wouldn't call a particularly favorable look at her life. Would you describe it as an honest look?

SPOTO: Oh, I think it's--I think because I've told the truth on every page, it can't help but be favorable. This is a woman about whom it's easy to be favorable.

ZAHN: But it's not a glossy.

SPOTO: But I also think it's candid, no, d there's nothing glossed over.

ZAHN: You don't cover all the warts...

SPOTO: That is right, there's nothing to gloss over. It's candid. And as someone said to me who knew her very well, "I think this is the book she would like her children and grandchildren to read." And that made me very happy.

ZAHN: You like her, very quickly, (inaudible)...

SPOTO: Very, very much. There's so much to admire. Here was a woman, Paula, who stood on the parapets of history, not only as an observer but as a participant. I think she left the world a better place.

ZAHN: And we'll be right back with THE EDGE "Image of the Day" and some of your feedback.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

ZAHN: And now it's time for our EDGE "Image of the Day." It was so easy when we were kids on Valentine's Day, you just gave everyone those chalky little hearts with the sayings on them.

But with adulthood comes the complexities of Valentine gift-giving. And FOX's Kathy Fountain (ph) gives us the straight story.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

KATHY FOUNTAIN, FOX NEWS CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): For children, Valentine's Day has a simple set of rules--paper hearts for everyone in class. But the etiquette gets dicey for adults.

SIDNEY BAINE, ETIQUETTE EXPERT: For example, the boss walks in and hands the secretary a dozen red roses. Well, red signifies love. He may not have a clue that that's what that means. It just seems like a nice gesture for Valentine's Day.

FOUNTAIN: Image consultant Sidney Baine says, Don't take any chances at work. If you must celebrate, bring a treat for everyone, or no one. But outside of work, it's OK to remember friends and family. But the gift should fit the person.

BAINE: If you have a neighbor who is sick or can't get out, get the Valentines for them. Pick up a packet of Valentines and some stamps to go with that.

FOUNTAIN: When giving roses, remember the different colors have different meanings. Pink and yellow are for friendship, red is only for your true love.

BAINE: White roses signify innocence and purity, which is probably not what you want to give for Valentine's Day.

FOUNTAIN: And Sidney says it is appropriate for women to give men roses. But she says the holiday's not about how much you spend but how much you care. And any gift should reflect that.

BAINE: Just the old-fashioned Valentines are the best. Make a Valentine. I think that's wonderful, when somebody makes you a Valentine and writes a poem or writes something about you. Can't beat that.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

ZAHN: As for the roses, I don't care whether they're yellow, pink, or red, I love them all.

And that was FOX's Kathy Fountain reporting for us.

And now it's time for some of your feedback. Our voicemail box was loaded with the responses to my interview with Ken Starr. Here's what you had to say.

(BEGIN AUDIO CLIPS)

CALLER: My name's Kathleen, (inaudible) California. Ken Starr does not want to make any comments now, but he certainly was making them during the Judiciary hearings. I don't believe him at all. I think Clinton has done a great job.

CALLER: Matt Dillon in Enid, Oklahoma. And I for one think that Ken Starr is the great American. I think the case had already been made in the media that this was just about sex, when it was actually about much more than just sex.

CALLER: John Hamilton in Houston, Texas. Listening to Ken Starr makes me proud to be an American. Listening to the Clinton family makes me very sad to be an American.

CALLER: Darlene, San Jose, California. Ken Starr is sitting on television trying to seem so mild and meek. And he almost destroyed America.

(END AUDIO CLIPS)

ZAHN: As always, we love your feedback. You can e-mail us at theedgefoxnews.com, or leave us a voicemail message at 1-877-361-EDGE, and let us know what you think.

Thanks for joining us tonight. Happy Valentine's Day! Hope you'll be back with us tomorrow night.

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FOX SPECIAL REPORT WITH BRIT HUME
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BRIT HUME, HOST: Welcome to Washington. I'm Brit Hume.

John McCain is accelerating his efforts to win over Republicans--whose party's nomination, after all, he is seeking--by saying he's a tight-fisted conservative in the Reagan mold, and his opponent is not.

David Shuster has the story.
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DAVID SHUSTER, FOX NEWS (voice-over): Trying to appeal to traditional Republicans who are suspicious of him, Arizona Senator John McCain is now describing himself as a fiscal conservative and calling George W. Bush a big spender.

SEN. JOHN MCCAIN (R-AZ), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: Spending under Governor Bush as governor of the state of Texas has increased by 35 percent. Under Bill Clinton, the federal government spending has increased by 20 percent.

SHUSTER: Never mind that all governors have increased spending, McCain is convinced that targeting Bush in this way will work. Part of the strategy involves a new television ad airing in critical primary states.

MCCAIN (campaign commercial): Here's some straight talk. I'm a proud Reagan Republican. I'll tear up the 44,000-page tax code that benefits special interests.

SHUSTER: To students in Sacramento, he underscored what he described as his own 17-year record of going after pork-barrel projects and wasteful spending.

MCCAIN: Until the last breath I draw, I will fight to give you back your government, which has been stolen from you by the big money and special interests in Washington, D.C.

SHUSTER: McCain is also hitting hard at the issue of electability. He says he's the only one who can enlarge the party and that the Republican establishment is on a losing streak.

MCCAIN: This is the party of Abraham Lincoln. I see our party as on the verge of being able to reform. And don't you think that Republicans in California would like to win a campaign for a change?

SHUSTER: On this day, McCain's appeal came on two hours of sleep. Late Wednesday night, his charter jet rolled off the tarmac in Bremerton, Washington, and was stuck in the mud for hours. But the former fighter pilot was unfazed.

MCCAIN: I was tempted to go up there and grab the controls and run that engine up and pull us out of the mud! But it was--you know, it was just nothing much you could do about it. These things happen in campaigns.

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SHUSTER: Another thing that can happen in campaigns is endorsements. Early on, when George W. Bush was getting almost all of them, John McCain said endorsements were useless. Now he seems to have had a change of heart. He's picked up the endorsement of the mayor of San Diego and will be campaigning with her in that city on Friday--Brit.

HUME: David, we know that McCain is making an effort for next week's round of--of races in Washington. It had not been though that beyond some new ads he was going to do much in Virginia. Is that still the case?

SHUSTER: Brit, he's actually stepping up his effort in Virginia now. They've increased the ad buy in Virginia, but more importantly, McCain is going to be having a series of events in Virginia over the weekend and early Monday morning. His campaign has decided they believe they can make some inroads in Virginia. They're going to give it a stronger effort than they originally had planned--Brit.

HUME: All right, David Shuster, thanks very much.

George W. Bush spent the day in Austin, Texas, in part because of that scheduled execution there, but also to give himself a chance to rest and think things over. As Carl Cameron reports, he has some things to think about.

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CARL CAMERON, FOX NEWS (voice-over): George W. Bush headquarters in Austin. In a lobby full of pictures of the governor and his wife hangs a quote from the founder of "Forbes" magazine, B.C. Forbes. It is perhaps remarkable for a campaign that was once thought unstoppable. Quote, "History has demonstrated that the most notable winners usually encountered heart-breaking obstacles before they triumphed. They won because they refused to get discouraged by their defeats."

KARL ROVE, BUSH CAMPAIGN STRATEGIST: Campaigns are about who makes the fewest number of mistakes, not who makes the flawless campaign. And so yeah, you can look back and say, "Jeez, I wish we'd spent more time in New Hampshire" or "I wish we'd done this or that."

CAMERON: Bush hopes to eliminate McCain by the end of next month. One hundred and twelve delegates are up for grabs Tuesday, February 29th, five hundred and eighty-eight on March 7th, super-Tuesday, and four hundred and thirty-seven by March 21st. Sixty-five percent of those delegates are in states where only Republicans may vote.

The Bush camp is planning for protracted warfare with both governor and new ads blasting McCain. Rove says the candidate will scale back his talk of tactics to criticize his rival.

ROVE: Increasingly, you'll see the governor deferring questions of process. I mean, he was--he wants to focus on the issues.

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CAMERON: And while the governor's staff was at campaign headquarters trying to figure out ways to press what they think is their cash advantage over McCain, the governor spent the day in his mansion working on Texas business. Across the country, optimistic Bush backers are trying to find a way to put a positive take on what has obviously been negative series of outcomes in Michigan and Arizona. They say all these losses, all these setbacks will ultimately help George W. Bush because it will strengthen him and make him a better candidate for the general election--Brit.

HUME: So Carl, I gather they sort of scheduled in these losses just to toughen their guy, kind of like training for a fight?

CAMERON: It's all the problems of distraction, but that's about making him a better candidate. Another distraction that has become an issue that seems to be haunting George W. Bush in the wake of his South Carolina campaign, his appearance at Bob Jones University, a university that has been criticized for what some say is its anti-Catholic views. Today John McCain again brought up the point, saying that he would have gone there and criticized the school's policies. And in the U.S. Senate, New Jersey Democrat Bob Torricelli is now planning a resolution, non-binding, of condemnation of the university and, by extension, George Bush--Brit.

HUME: And how do the Bush campaign--how is the Bush campaign going to deal with this?

CAMERON: Well, one of the things that they're talking about is perhaps making some sort of speech of inclusion and inclusiveness in the coming weeks ahead, but ultimately they don't apologize for that appearance because they say it was representative of the governor's appeal to core conservatives, particularly Christian conservatives.

HUME: All right, Carl Cameron, thanks very much.

And coming up next: Vice President Gore takes on the Republicans. We'll have details.

Stay with us.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

HUME: Vice President Gore tried to do something not many politicians would try to do. He blasted the Republican Party and at the same time tried to pick off some Republican votes. It would be a neat trick if he could pull it off.

And, as Jim Angle reports, the Gore camp thinks it has an issue where it just might work, the environment.

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JIM ANGLE, FOX NEWS (voice-over): After watching John McCain do such a good job of poaching votes from Democrats, Al Gore's going fishing for some crossover support himself. Speaking to environmentalists on the banks of the Hudson River, Gore charged that GOP leaders are lined up against the environment and that many Republican environmentalists are feeling abandoned.

ALBERT GORE (D), VICE PRESIDENT, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: I want to welcome all of the pro-environment Republicans to stand with me and to march under my banner in this election. I need your help.

ANGLE: And even sounding a little like McCain, Gore railed against special interests, which he said are not thrilled about a Gore presidency.

Gore: They're in a state of agitation about it, to tell you the truth, and they've targeted me for my stands in behalf of the environment. But I say to you I wear their attacks as a badge of honor.

ANGLE: Gore got the endorsement of the New York League of Conservation Voters and another endorsement captured in a new television ad from Bobby Kennedy, Jr. The vice president conceded that Bill Bradley also has a good record on this issue, but he had nothing but scorn for the Republicans, saying both McCain and Bush are a threat to the environment.

Gore: Let's face it. For these candidates, clean air really is an act. Clean water is, too. And that's why we've got to stand together.

ANGLE: At the end of the day, Gore went to the first completely orthodox Jewish community in the nation, where men and women are segregated. As men welcomed the vice president in the synagogue, women and their infants listened from the street outside. Gore repeated his earlier message with a little different tone.

Gore: We honor and glorify the creator by being good stewards of what he has created.

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ANGLE: But Friends of the Earth, a group that backs Bill Bradley, accused Gore of selling out on his promise to protect wetlands and of accepting campaign contributions from a company that built a shopping mall in a sensitive area. Now, the National League of Conservation Voters actually gives Bill Bradley a higher rating for his voting record while in Congress than it does to Al Gore, but, so typical of many other things, Brit, Bradley just doesn't seem to be able to catch a break these days even from people who like him-Brit.

HUME: Tell me something, Jim. What exactly what he trying--what--I mean, how does he really expect to pull over Republican voters, even on the environment?

ANGLE: Well, one of the things that they're doing now is they're starting to target swing voters, especially in suburbs. And of course, that just happens to be one of the same voter groups that John McCain now has following him--Brit.

HUME: All right. I got you, Jim. Thanks very much.

Former Senator Bill Bradley is also proud of his record on the environment, and a group that backs him is accusing Gore of selling the environment short. Bradley is campaigning in Washington state, hoping to do well in that primary next week by calling Gore conservative.

FOX NEWS correspondent Wendell Goler reports.

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WENDELL GOLER, FOX NEWS (voice-over): Bill Bradley's campaign for what may seem like a student body presidency stopped at its fourth college or university in the past three days. Aides feel Bradley's liberal idealism has a stronger appeal to young intellectuals, and Bradley quickly labeled Al Gore a conservative hawk for proposing more new spending on defense than schools.

BILL BRADLEY (D), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: I don't get it. Is that the greater need today, missiles and tanks?

GOLER: Bradley has launched six days of appearances in Washington state, hoping to rescue his lagging campaign by doing well enough in next week's non-binding primary to divert the nation's attention from the Republican race and win some of the independents who've been

voting for John McCain in the super-Tuesday contests in early March.

Bradley's two-part message is that, one, Al Gore can't win in November.

BRADLEY: And when he goes up against somebody like John McCain, McCain will beat him like a drum and...

GOLER: And two, that Gore's more conservative record in Congress means Democrats shouldn't trust him.

BRADLEY: For example, he was 84 percent right-to-life. He sided with the tobacco companies on a regular basis. The NRA called him "the man of the year." And on five separate occasions, he voted to maintain the tax-exempt status for schools that practice racial discrimination.

GOLER: But Bradley's strategy carries a price. It was condemned by the state party chairman, who released a letter saying "We are deeply concerned you've chosen Washington as the state to launch your negative attack against Al Gore. These attacks are bad for democracy and bad for the Democratic Party." And one of the founders of the group, Voters for Choice, has revoked her endorsement of Bradley, accusing him of using the abortion rights issue for political gain. But Bradley says Gore's abortion position is still unclear.

BRADLEY: His campaign issued three positions on Medicaid abortions in this year--three different positions in the course of--in the course of, I think, a 48-hour period. So there's a question here. Where is he?

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GOLER: Bill Bradley is pouring a ton of money into Washington state over the next week for an ad campaign that includes a two-minute-long television commercial voters will see a lot of. Bradley has the money. He also has the problem of having the lowest numbers of any presidential candidate in this state except Alan Keyes--Brit.

HUME: Wendell, what is Bradley's response to the criticism he's now getting from some abortion activists, including one who had previously endorsed him?

GOLER: Well, Bradley says he didn't realize that Christina Keel (ph) had endorsed him, but at the same time, he notes that the--one of the founders of the National Abortion Rights Action League has criticized that group's endorsement of Al Gore--Brit.

HUME: All right, Wendell. Thanks very much.

Still to come now, more on how the races are shaping up with the pollster John Zogby.

Stay tuned.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

BRIT HUME, HOST: Eleven states are holding primaries in a couple of weeks on super-Tuesday, but the stakes are highest in New York, California and Ohio because, of course, those states have the most delegates to the party's convention at stake. So far, the GOP race in New York state is tight, but as FOX's Catherine Herridge tells us, John McCain could be at a disadvantage.

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CATHERINE HERRIDGE, FOX NEWS (voice-over): Senator McCain has gained a lot of ground since his stormy battle last month against the state GOP hierarchy over access to the New York ballot. A Marist poll suggests Senator McCain and Governor George W. Bush are now

running neck and neck among registered Republican voters.

MCCAIN: In New York, we're running a dead heat with the Republicans.

HERRIDGE: The New York primaries are closed. That means only registered members of the Republican and Democratic Parties may vote in each party's primary. This, according to state GOP officials, will be a true test of Republican support, unlike other contests where McCain gained overwhelming support from Democrat and independent voters.

THOMAS OGNIBENE, NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MINORITY LEADER: He's had a message that isn't always a message that is positive for Republican voters. And when he comes into New York state, he's going to have to answer for that message.

GUY MOLINARI, MCCAIN 2000 NY STATE CO-CHAIR: Do you want to win in November? You can't win with just a narrow Republican base, to the right of Republicans. I mean, you'll get blown out in November.

HERRIDGE: Congressman Peter King, a recent defector to the McCain campaign, will be joining Guy Molinari as the senator's co-chair in New York. Molinari believes McCain is gaining momentum, claiming Governor Bush doesn't have grass-roots support, only the support of the Republican establishment. Bush does have powerful backers, including George Pataki and the GOP chairman, Bill Powers. At their disposal, a formidable statewide network for their candidate.

JOHN LEO, "U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT": It's the biggest state so far, and it's a state that Bush really can't afford to lose. George Pataki has put the whole machine behind him, and this will be the biggest defeat so far, if he manages to lose here.

HERRIDGE (on-camera): Some years the race has all but been decided by the New York primary. This year the contest between Governor Bush and Senator McCain promises to be one of the most intense in recent memory.

In New York, Catherine Herridge, FOX NEWS.

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HUME: John McCain may be facing tough tests in New York and the other super-Tuesday states, but how tough? And what does the polling show, if anything, about his chances of winning over Republicans, who have so far been voting against him in large numbers?

To discuss that, our friend, the pollster John Zogby, joins me now from Utica, New York.

Hello, John.

JOHN ZOGBY, POLLSTER: Hi, Brit.

HUME: John, what--is the conventional wisdom basically correct that--that these next states really don't favor McCain, based on what we've seen so far?

ZOGBY: Brit, those are the two most dangerous words of the year, "conventional wisdom." The whole world's been turned upside down.

Let's look at the polling, though. If you look at New England, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island all are states where McCain leads, and Connecticut is a closed primary. In New York, in my poll and in the Marist poll, it's neck and neck and...

HUME: In Connecticut he leads--he leads in Connecticut.

ZOGBY: He leads in Connecticut, yeah.

HUME: And that's--and that's open only to

Republicans.

ZOGBY: That's right. That's right.

HUME: So there's a--so there's a state where McCain doesn't have any likelihood of getting help from the other--from independents and Democrats, but is ahead anyway.

ZOGBY: That's right. That's right.

HUME: Now, tell me about the state of play in New York, as you see it, in terms of the polling.

ZOGBY: Well, on one hand, as Catherine just pointed out, you know, there is the formidable Republican organization of Bill Powers and George Pataki. On the other hand, this organization really hasn't won much of anything significant since 1994. In 1998, they couldn't bring a vote out to reelect Senator D'Amato or the attorney general, Dennis Vacco. And George Pataki won his own race, but he won it against a very weak Democratic candidate.

And so right now, it's a dead heat, but also there are Republican who are rather angry at the organization for their attempts to leave McCain off the ballot. And a further point, I might add, anywhere from 45 to 48 percent of the Republican voters in a primary in New York are Catholic, and there is an issue that John McCain is certainly going to try to take advantage of.

HUME: And they have...

ZOGBY: The Bob Jones University incident.

HUME: In recent history, though, Catholics really haven't voted as a bloc, have they?

ZOGBY: No, that's right. Brit, there is not a Catholic vote, per se, but there are Catholic sensibilities. And even Catholics who are fallen-away Catholics, who don't go to church, will get their fists up if somebody says something nasty about the pope.

HUME: Now, your most recent poll in New York, taken, I guess, what, about four days ago...

ZOGBY: That's right. (INAUDIBLE)

HUME: And it showed what, John?

ZOGBY: Forty-four, forty-one, Bush over McCain. So an indication that...

HUME: That's--that's well...

ZOGBY: ... McCain can certainly do better than he did in Michigan or South Carolina among Republicans.

HUME: Right. And there's been a more recent one, what, by Marist--Marist College...

ZOGBY: Same thing.

HUME: Same thing, roughly?

ZOGBY: Three points, 46...

HUME: So that's a...

ZOGBY: ... to 43, I think.

HUME: So your view, I take it, is that McCain has a real shot in New York.

ZOGBY: McCain has a shot, especially if he were to win in Washington on Tuesday--a split decision, win in Washington, lose in Virginia--and come into the states on March 7th with some additional momentum.

HUME: Now, let's talk just for a moment about Washington and Virginia. McCain's obviously making a big push. There are very few delegates at stake. It's like, what, 12 delegates. Of all of

those that will be chosen, only 12 are at stake on Tuesday? Is that right?

ZOGBY: That's right. It's not very many delegates.

Right.

HUME: And--but in--and in Virginia, I guess it's the whole--the whole package of delegates, however many there are--McCain apparently is going in there over the weekend. He's upped his media buy. Do you see that as a state where he has a shot?

ZOGBY: Well, he wasn't supposed to have a shot, but a new poll is out in the last couple of days showing McCain down by 11 in Virginia, which is an awful lot closer than anybody anticipated it would be. And so who knows? This push, media buy and some limited campaigning, may just push him into a position where he at least neutralizes the size of Bush's victory...

HUME: And...

ZOGBY: ... if not outright wins there.

HUME: So if you--George W. Bush is scheduled to be down this weekend. John McCain will be campaigning at least part of the time in Virginia. If you were advising Bush, would you have him down this weekend?

ZOGBY: No. No. No. He's on the ropes right now. And I--and he's got to realize that he's on the ropes. He can take nothing for granted at all. The whole world has been turned upside down for him. Now, is he still the frontrunner? Obviously, he's still the frontrunner, but not a good time to be resting.

HUME: Talk to me for a bit about California. It's thought of as, you know--broadly speaking, it's thought of as a liberal state. It's been a Democratic state in general elections of late. But is it really a state where a guy with a moderate image has a good shot, in your view?

ZOGBY: Yeah. Generally, it is. You know, 40 percent of the Republican voters in California identify themselves as born-again Christians. Generally speaking, it's a moderate Republican state. I think the key to understanding California is the state of Washington. If McCain wins in the state of Washington, that could be the kind of momentum that he needs to trigger himself into a victory. Right now in California, if you take the overall beauty contest where everyone can vote, the last poll I saw had McCain up with about 23 percent, Gore in second place, Bush in third place, Bradley way down. Among Republicans--I have not seen a specific poll among Republicans. I would assume that George W. Bush is ahead in California right now. But I think Washington and what happens on February 29th is the key to seeing...

HUME: Because the momentum...

ZOGBY: ... what will happen in California.

HUME: Is that because of momentum or is it because the Republican Party profile in the two states is similar? Last question.

ZOGBY: I think both. It's both.

HUME: I got you.

ZOGBY: It's the momentum and the party profile.

HUME: John Zogby, thanks ever so much. Always good to have you.

ZOGBY: Same here, Brit.

HUME: We got to break now, but coming up next, Rita Cosby with new information about the John F. Kennedy, Jr., plane crash. First a break for some other headlines.

Stay tuned.
(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

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BRIT HUME, HOST: FOX NEWS has some new information concerning the plane crash that killed John F. Kennedy, Jr. Sources say federal investigators believe pilot error caused the plane to plunge into the sea.

Senior correspondent Rita Cosby has been following the story and joins us now live with the latest.

Hello, Rita.

RITA COSBY, FOX NEWS: Hi, Brit.

Sources close to the investigation are telling me that investigators have found nothing mechanically wrong with the plane and strongly believe that pilot error caused this crash. Sources tell me that investigators believe that JFK Jr. experienced spatial disorientation based on what radar shows was happening to the plane, how the aircraft began spiraling before it crashed into the ocean. Sources also say investigators believe JFK Jr.'s, lack of substantial flying hours may have been a factor, that he may not have been an experienced enough pilot to fly at night and in those conditions, where there was poor visibility.

JFK Jr., obtained his pilot's license back in 1998 and had been flying on July 16th of last year, the night of the crash, under so-called ``visual flight rules." Under those rules, a pilot flies by sight and does not depend on air traffic controllers to guide his plane's route.

Now, the regional New England office of the National Transportation Safety Board is putting together all the facts surrounding this crash right now. They will file a report with the head office of the NTSB here in Washington in a matter of weeks. Then the official board will rule on the decision and release an official finding in a matter of months.

Also on board that plane, in addition to JFK Jr., was his wife, Carolyn Bessette, and her sister, Lauren Bessette--Brit.

HUME: Speaking of the Bessettes, Rita, there had been considerable thought that the Bessettes were likely to file a lawsuit of some size on this matter. What is--what do you know about that, if anything?

COSBY: Well, sources close to the Bessette family are telling me that, indeed, there were some serious discussions about possibly filing a wrongful death lawsuit, but now they will not do that. Sources are telling me that they believe a settlement will be reached, that actually, Caroline Kennedy, JFK, Jr.'s sister, has been quietly talking about settlement with the mother of Lauren and Carolyn Bessette--that's Anne Freeman (ph)--and that they believe that a settlement will be reached somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10 million.

HUME: All right, Rita Cosby. Thank you very much, Rita.

A group of African-American Secret Service agents, including those who protect the first family, has filed a race discrimination case against the agency. While they don't blame President Clinton, they say he should get involved and help fix what they claim is a long history of unfair treatment of African-American agents.

FOX NEWS's Julie Kirtz reports.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

JULIE KIRTZ, FOX NEWS (voice-over): Over the years, Secret Service agent Evette Summerour has protected President Clinton, the first lady and their daughter, Chelsea. The job of a special agent is to keep the crowds back and do what it takes to keep the first family safe. But Summerour and two other black agents say the Secret Service has denied them and many qualified black agents key assignments and management jobs because of their race.

EVETTE SUMMEROUR, SECRET SERVICE AGENT: I obviously have the skills for it or they wouldn't keep me around. So I wonder why is it that I can never break through?

KIRTZ: The agents want the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to allow a class-action lawsuit on behalf of more than 200 black agents to proceed to federal court.

RAY MOORE, SECRET SERVICE AGENT: I had always hoped that the service would be able to solve this problem internally.

KIRTZ: The black agents say they don't believe the president is to blame, but they say if he really cares about race relations, he will personally address their complaint.

JOHN RELMAN, AGENTS' ATTORNEY: The least you can do, if they're willing to put their life on the line, is get involved, fix this problem.

KIRTZ: The White House had no comment and referred all questions to the Secret Service, where a spokeswoman said ``The agency is very surprised by the suit." She said a "The Secret Service does take the allegations very seriously. We work hard to ensure a diverse work environment."

The Secret Service also points to black agents who are in management, including Larry Cockle, formerly the lead agent on President Clinton's detail and the one forced to testify before Ken Starr. Just this month, Cockle was promoted to one out of seven assistant directors. But those filing the suit aren't satisfied because overall, they say, less than 5 percent of Secret Service managers are black.

RELMAN: ... that the stain of race discrimination has found its way onto the White House grounds...

KIRTZ (on-camera): The Secret Service isn't the only federal law enforcement agency to face a court fight over discrimination. The FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms have both settled cases after agreeing to reform their promotion practices.

In Washington, Julie Kirtz, FOX NEWS.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

HUME: And coming up next: The Clinton administration is still trying to sell that China trade deal, and we'll have the latest on that after a short break.

Stay tuned.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

HUME: President Clinton has met with business leaders in Washington to try to make progress on the China trade agreement. This comes as Beijing is blasting the U.S. for expressing concern about China's threats to Taiwan.

FOX NEWS correspondent Brian Wilson joins us now with the latest.

Hello, Brian.

BRIAN WILSON, FOX NEWS: Hello, Brit.

On a day, basically, when China told the United States to mind its own business, the president was out making a big pitch to normalize trade relations with the Chinese. Now, the exchange of harsh words between the United States and China's been going on all week. It started with a statement from China saying basically they might attack Taiwan under certain circumstances. The express--the United States expressed grave concern about those comments. Now Beijing is calling U.S. criticism ``crude interference in China's internal affairs."

Well, against that back and forth, that backdrop, the president addressed business leaders in Washington and promised to vigorously promote normalized trade relations with China and support China's entry into the World Trade Organization. Mr. Clinton said there were valid economic and national security reasons to do so.

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WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

I believe that this agreement is vital to our national security and that every single concern we have will grow greater and the problems will be worse if we do not bring China into the WTO. If we pass this up, we will regret it for a generation. And all of our successors and interests will be paying a price far greater than economic because of our rejection. We cannot allow this effort to fail.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

WILSON: But as you may know if you're been following this story, the folks in the building behind me have to sign off on any Chinese trade deal. There are many people up on Capitol Hill concerned about the impact of a trade deal and the threats that have come out recently by China toward Taiwan.

The Republican leadership is talking about taking a vote on this maybe in the summer. The administration would like to have it sooner rather than later, but there are many people on Capitol Hill scratching their heads, saying ``Why do they want that?" because if the vote were taken today, people on both sides of the aisle say the measure would likely fail--Brit.

HUME: Brian, obviously, this is one of these cases where presidential involvement is critical if this is going to happen. How much are we going to be hearing from the president about this issue?

WILSON: Well, the president seemed to leave the impression today that this was a big priority. He's going to make a big push for this. But it's a tough uphill battle. There are many people on Capitol Hill, for a myriad of reasons, who don't like this agreement. Some don't like China's stand on religious liberty. Others don't like their environmental record. There are a lot of reasons why, and all this saber-rattling of China toward Taiwan isn't helping matters much.

But the president says he's going to make a really big push.

HUME: All right, Brian Wilson, thanks very much.

New developments in the Elian Gonzalez case. Lawyers for the boy's Florida relatives have filed papers in federal court in Miami, including an affidavit from Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin. She's the nun who arranged the meeting between the boy and his Cuban grandmothers. And this affidavit may provide new insight into that visit.

FOX NEWS correspondent Orlando Salinas joins us live from Miami with the latest.

Hello, Orlando.

ORLANDO SALINAS, FOX NEWS: Hi, Brit.

Right now, as you said, we do have a copy of several affidavits that were filed on behalf of Elian Gonzalez's Miami lawyers. Now, this was the lawyers' response to the government's motion to dismiss this federal lawsuit to begin with.

Now, one affidavit of particular interest, Brit, as you said, is that probably of Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin. Now, she is the nun who brought Elian and his grannies together in her home last month. She believes it was Cuban officials who bullied the grannies and scared them from speaking their minds. Sister Jeanne at first said, Brit, she believed Elian should go back to his father in Cuba, then changed her mind. Now she said maybe a little insight as to why.

Remember the grannies were caught with a phone during that meeting? Sister Jeanne in that affidavit stated that she believed the grannies were so scared they had to lie about it, that after a meeting with a high-ranking Cuban government official who was right there in Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin's home. The nun says that both women were very intimidated, very frightened by that Cuban official who was there.

Also now, remember the grannies? They also did fly into Miami. Remember they were going to meet with Elian? Well, now it looks like Sister Jeanne in that affidavit said the Cuban official on that plane was with them. She says that Cuban official is the one who ordered that Learjet to leave Miami.

And what about one of Elian's grandmothers supposedly wanted to defect to America, Brit? In this affidavit, Sister Jeanne stated that--that that was actually not based on any private conversations with the granny, but actually, rather, with conversations with several people who were involved in this, including INS officials, Brit.

HUME: Now, Orlando, does this affidavit or this information--does it make any legal difference, as far as the disposition of this case is concerned, as far as you can tell?

SALINAS: Yeah, you know, on its face right now, Brit, it doesn't look like it. We've sort of been gleaning through some of the papers right now. But on its face, it doesn't look like it changes a whole lot right now, although Elian's Miami lawyers, or course, Brit, would tell you it changes lots of things.

HUME: All right. All right, Orlando Salinas from Miami tonight, thank you very much.

SALINAS: Sure.

HUME: And do not touch, please, that remote. Our panel of pundits is coming up next. You don't want to miss them. Thank you.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP, MCCAIN CAMPAIGN COMMERCIAL)

SEN. JOHN MCCAIN (R-AZ), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: You can't turn on your TV without seeing an ad from the establishment trying to fool you about me. Here's some straight talk. I'm a proud Reagan Republican. I'll tear up the 44,000-page tax code that benefits special interests, stop the outrageous waste and pork-barrel spending that steals your money, use the surplus to secure Social Security, cut middle-class taxes and pay down the debt. Give me your vote, and we'll give you back

your government.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

BRIT HUME, HOST: Luke Skywalker as Ronald Reagan.

(LAUGHTER)

And now, ladies and gentlemen, you get to hear from two executive editors and one bureau chief. First Fred Barnes, executive editor of "The Weekly Standard," Mort Kondracke, executive editor of "Roll Call," and Jeff Birnbaum, Washington bureau chief for "Fortune" magazine, FOX NEWS contributors all. Mara Liasson is on vacation.

Pretty good ad? Not such a good ad?

FRED BARNES, "THE WEEKLY STANDARD": No, I think...

HUME: Smart ad? Dumb ad? What?

(CROSSTALK)

BARNES: I still want to know what he means...

MORT KONDRACKE, "ROLL CALL": Definitely a good ad.

BARNES: ... by tearing up the tax code. Is he, like, Steve Forbes, wants to, you know, throw the whole thing out and...

HUME: Start all over?

BARNES: ... or does he just want his tax--his tax cut that has some tax increases in it? I'm not sure what he wants, but for the purposes of that ad, he doesn't need to say. It's a pretty good ad.

KONDRACKE: No, it's a very good--it's a very good ad, and it starts out--it anticipates...

HUME: It's going to air a lot of places, apparently.

KONDRACKE: Yeah. And it anticipates if--if George Bush gets his fellow governors talking--talking him up or McCain's fellow senators talking him down, McCain says, "Oh, well, that's just the establishment." You know, "They're--they're--they're against me."

HUME: Meanwhile, he picks up a couple of endorsements, including the mayor of San Diego, who I suppose is an anti-establishment Republican.

(LAUGHTER)

JEFF BIRNBAUM, "FORTUNE" MAGAZINE: Well, actually, what I--what's interesting about that ad, I think, is the beginning, that "Every time you turn on the TV, you hear a member of the establishment attacking me." I think that that is just the tip of the iceberg. I--McCain has promised not to go negative on his TV ads, but I've been told by the McCain campaign that we should look for his ads in the future to be "aggressively comparative." In other words, I think McCain is going to back off of his "No negativity" pledge in order to fight back a little bit harder because I think he sees that that works.

BARNES: Well, it only applied to ads, in the first place. I mean, he had people phoning up...

HUME: Well, yeah, but Jeff is saying that...

(CROSSTALK)

BIRNBAUM: Even in ads.

BARNES: But he had people phoning up in Michigan, at least, and I'm told elsewhere, suggesting that George W. Bush is anti-Catholic.

HUME: Well, and you heard what he was saying in--in David Shuster's package tonight. I mean, he was going right after Bush hard and saying that, you know, he had a weak record and all that, so...

BARNES: Yeah, well, that's...

HUME: Now--now, right out here in Virginia, David

reports that not only will McCain be increasing his ad buy, but he will be here, which he had not earlier planned to do.

BARNES: Well, there's supposed to be a poll coming out tomorrow that shows him behind only by 11 points, which...

HUME: Yeah, John Zogby mentioned that. Right.

BARNES: And so that--you know, he's obviously within shooting distance, and it's--and it's worth putting in some time.

HUME: Now, is that a winner-take-all deal? It's an open primary.

(CROSSTALK)

HUME: No Democratic primary.

BARNES: Yeah, but here's one--Virginia's an interesting case where it is an open primary. Not many Democrats are expected to come in, some independents. But there's some pockets in Virginia where McCain may do very well--Norfolk, all the Navy people. Now, he hasn't been--the veterans' vote hasn't turned out as a block, but Navy people in particular might be more inclined toward McCain. And then there's northern Virginia...

KONDRACKE: And Norfolk is exactly where he's going to visit.

BARNES: Right.

KONDRACKE: He's--he's--that--that's where his stop is.

BIRNBAUM: That's right.

HUME: He's not coming to the--what are thought to be sort of the liberal Washington suburbs, where there might be a lot of moderate Republicans?

KONDRACKE: But he is buying ads in the Washington...

BIRNBAUM: Yeah, he is buying ads...

KONDRACKE: ... in the Washington, D.C., market.

BIRNBAUM: And George W. Bush is going to be in the northern suburbs of Virginia at AOL, where he will...

HUME: That's Friday.

BIRNBAUM: That's on Friday.

HUME: George W. Bush is going to be down over the weekend. Now, let's talk for a minute about George W. Bush and how he's campaigned since South Carolina and what it--what he may have done right and wrong. He went--he went after Gore in Michigan. I think--I bet I can get this panel to agree that that was...

KONDRACKE: Good. I mean, why--yeah, going after Gore--I don't know why going after Gore isn't the right thing to do for a--for a...

BARNES: Well, I'll tell you...

(CROSSTALK)

KONDRACKE: But still, you prove that you--you prove what a tough Republican you are... BARNES: Oh, no, that's not...

KONDRACKE: ... by going after the opposition.

(CROSSTALK)

BARNES: Any Republican in the world can criticize Gore.

KONDRACKE: Look, McCain's been doing it for a long time.

BARNES: I know, but...

KONDRACKE: ``I'm going to beat Al Gore like a

drum."

BIRNBAUM: But that's a secondary...

(CROSSTALK)

BARNES: Look, McCain is not winning primaries because he's attacking Al Gore. That has nothing to do with it. I bet all those independents and Democrats who come in don't even know he's doing that. What Bush has to do is attack John McCain.

KONDRACKE: That, too.

BARNES: Well, that's the main thing he has to do.

Look, we've seen two Bush campaigns, the soft Bush campaign going into New Hampshire. He got whumped. Out of New Hampshire, for 17 or 18 days, he was a tough guy. He fought. He fought hard. He was critical. He started every day--every press conference every day in the morning with his latest attack on John McCain. It worked. He redefined himself. He redefined John McCain. He comes out of South Carolina, and he goes soft again. He hasn't won it. Somebody tell George W. Bush he hasn't won yet! He needs to fight!

BIRNBAUM: In fact, I think...

HUME: I suspect he may know that.

BIRNBAUM: I think he's noticed it. But I agree with you, Fred. I don't think he's thinking well enough or--he spent, for example, on Wednesday all day in Los Angeles, in California, on the same day that the Grammys were playing that night. I think that even Jennifer Lopez got more coverage than he did that night.

HUME: Or at least was better covered.

BIRNBAUM: Better covered.

(CROSSTALK)

KONDRACKE: I can tell that Jeff has been talking to the McCain campaign. That was the McCain campaign's spin this morning, that George W. was wrong. Look, I--look, I think--I think George W. has got to...

HUME: Mort, Mort, Mort...

KONDRACKE: ... has got to...

HUME: ... Mort, Mort...

(CROSSTALK)

HUME: ... point of personal privilege...

BIRNBAUM: ... my best line of the year!

(CROSSTALK)

BARNES: The Jennifer Lopez part was Jeff's.

KONDRACKE: The--no, but the--but--but what--it seems to me that what Bush has got to do is prove that he is the superior Reaganite by--and this is what they are doing. This is the Bush spin, is that--is that McCain's tax plan doesn't cut marginal tax rates. ``My"--which is Reagan signature program. ``And my--my program does," et cetera, et cetera. ``I'm"--you know, ``I'm--I'm the original. I'm more pro-life," blah, blah, blah. You know, that's what he's got to do.

HUME: Now, Karl Rove said in an interview with Carl Cameron--he being, of course, Bush's political adviser--that we will not be hearing the governor speaking about the political ins and outs of the race for a while. There's been a lot of that. Right move? Wrong move?

BARNES: It's about time. It's about time. You know, the--Brit, you were there covering George Bush, Senior, at the time when he was doing it most egregiously. Won the Iowa caucuses, and he had the ``big mo," said it every day, talking about the ins and outs of the race right up until the New Hampshire primary, where he got his rear end kicked

by Ronald Reagan. And he never recovered.

HUME: There was another part of this message that you seem to have forgotten that many people...

KONDRACKE: ``Message, I care"?

HUME: No, no, no. That was later. That was later, Mort. You were still--you were still a stripling then.

(LAUGHTER)

HUME: He kept--he was up for the '80s.

(CROSSTALK)

BARNES: Yeah, well, that--look--look, I mean--I mean...

HUME: I guess--I guess he could say...

BARNES: ... mechanics...

HUME: I guess George W. could say he's up for the oughts?

BARNES: Yeah. Look, this is different even from what George W. did when he was running in 1994, his first race for governor of Texas. Then all he would talk about were his four issues. Wouldn't talk about any of the ins and outs or tactics of the race. He'd talk about tort reform, cutting taxes, education reform. That's all he would talk about. He was maniacally on message. He needs to try that again.

HUME: But he was maniacally on--but remember, he was maniacally on message in New Hampshire. He talked about the issues he cared about. He gave very few press conferences. He didn't hold town hall meetings. He wouldn't get off message.

BARNES: Wrong message.

BIRNBAUM: Well, you know, I think he's being outflanked all the time, Bush is, by McCain. McCain is coming around, he's trying to grab the mantle of Reaganism. He's trying to take the tax issue.

(CROSSTALK)

BIRNBAUM: And what is Bush doing to respond? I think when he leaves Austin, he has to come out with something new. He has to come out strong or he may be in more trouble than we think.

HUME: He was in Austin today.

BIRNBAUM: Yes.

HUME: He will be campaigning tomorrow, and will be in Austin over the weekend.

BIRNBAUM: Right.

HUME: Smart?

BARNES: Well, I think...

(CROSSTALK)

BIRNBAUM: No, it's not smart, Fred!

BARNES: I'm getting to that!

(CROSSTALK)

BARNES: He's got a reason for being there today.

KONDRACKE: The Bush people are claiming that they're going to be fine. ``A week from now, we're all going to say we're back," you know--that they're back, that they're going to--that they're going to do fine in the territories--you know, Guam and wherever.

BARNES: Mort, Mort...

KONDRACKE: And also they're--just a second. I'm telling you...

BARNES: Samoa?

KONDRACKE: And they seem to believe this stuff.

(CROSSTALK)

HUME: In Washington state, it is the case that very few delegates are at stake. Only a fraction of Washington's delegates are up for the...

BARNES: Right. Seven.

HUME: Yeah, seven delegates...

KONDRACKE: But if McCain wins, wins Washington and comes close in Virginia, then the psychology is still downhill for Bush.

BARNES: No, it's not.

(CROSSTALK)

BARNES: Look, if he wins one and Bush wins one, that'll be...

BIRNBAUM: Right. Then it--then it's still a...

BARNES: That'll be all right.

BIRNBAUM: ... an open race going into the super-Titanic Tuesday on March 7th.

HUME: Jeff Birnbaum, managing--I mean, excuse me--bureau chief...

(CROSSTALK)

HUME: ... has the last word. And then that's all for the panel. But stay tuned for a look at what it takes to get President Clinton--well, how you meet his smooching standards.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

HUME: Finally, there's an old saying about blondes having more fun. Well, at that state dinner for the king and queen of Spain Wednesday night at the White House, blondes certainly seemed to get a lot more presidential attention in the receiving line, especially those wearing one of those off-the-shoulder dresses. Even that can help a brunette, as you will see.

(VIDEO CLIP OF WHITE HOUSE RECEIVING LINE)

HUME: What would have happened to Jennifer Lopez?

And that's SPECIAL REPORT for this time. Please come again next time, and in the meantime, stay tuned for news, fair and balanced, as always.

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FOX THE EDGE WITH PAULA ZAHN
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PAULA ZAHN, HOST: Tonight an EDGE exclusive. Why did JFK, Jr.'s plane go down last summer? The NTSB knows, and tonight we'll tell you what it will report.

And then: Has George W. Bush gone too far in trying to appeal to Christian conservatives?

That's ahead on THE EDGE.

(NEWS BREAK)

ZAHN: And hello, everyone. Thank you very much for joining us tonight on THE EDGE.

A little bit later on, Pat Robertson will tell us if he thinks it was a bad idea to make those phone calls for George W. Bush that said McCain chairman Warren Rudman was a bigot.

But leading THE EDGE tonight, an exclusive. The government now knows what brought down JFK, Jr.'s plane last summer.

Rita Cosby has the latest from Washington.

Rita, what do we know tonight?

RITA COSBY, FOX NEWS: Paula, sources close to the investigation tell me that federal investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board now strongly believe that the plane carrying JFK, Jr., his wife and also her sister crashed due to pilot error. The regional office of the National Transportation Safety Board is putting together it's factual report on what happened during the crash, and those findings will be passed on to the full board here in Washington in a few weeks, which will then make an official determination on the cause.

But sources close to the case tell me that investigators strongly believe that it was pilot error and expect that that will indeed be the final conclusion. Sources say investigators believe JFK, Jr., experienced spatial disorientation based on what was happening to the plane and how the aircraft began spiraling before it crashed into the ocean.

Sources also say investigators believe JFK, Jr.'s lack of flying hours may have been a factor, that he may not have been an experienced enough pilot to fly at night and in those conditions. Sources also tell FOX NEWS that investigators have found nothing mechanically wrong with the plane.

Thirty-eight-year-old JFK, Jr., was flying a small single-engine plane, a Piper Saratoga, when it plunged into the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard on July 16th of last year. JFK, Jr., his wife, Carolyn Bessette and her sister Lauren Bessette took off from an airport in Fairfield, New Jersey, at 8:38 PM Eastern time. He had intended to fly Lauren Bessette to Martha's Vineyard and drop her off at the airport there. But the plane never made it to its first destination.

JFK, Jr., obtained his pilot's license back in 1998. He had been flying under so-called "visual flight rules." Under those rules, a pilot flies by sight and does not depend on air traffic controllers to guide his plane's route.

A few days after the crash, the NTSB released radar data that gave a detailed picture of the plane's flight path. It indicated that about 20 miles from Martha's Vineyard airport, the plane started making an apparently unnecessary turn to the right. About a minute after that, the plane made two more right turns and then began to quickly descend.

Soon after the crash, aviation experts came out and were speculating that it may have been pilot error, that he may have become disoriented and lost his position in the air and was not able to see--visually see the land and see where he was at spatially. Now we are told, indeed, that that is what investigators have concluded. Indeed, the official report will now still have to go to the NTSB for them to make their official findings, but all signs right now are pointing that it indeed will be the case, and federal investigators, those who are very close to the investigation, we are told, according to sources, believe that it was indeed pilot error--Paula.

ZAHN: So Rita, you're saying this report will not be made public for, what, a week or two?

COSBY: We're hearing, actually, a couple of months. What first happens is the regional office, which is based in the Northeastern region of the NTSB, is putting together its fact finding. Investigators are telling us, and other sources, many people close to the case are telling us that indeed they are determining that it is pilot error. But what happens is it has to then go to the official board here in Washington. Then they have some public hearings, and then they make their official findings. But right now, they are saying nothing else points to anything other than pilot error.

ZAHN: That finding could be devastating if the Bessette family decides to file any kind of lawsuits for--a wrongful death lawsuit. What have you heard about that?

COSBY: Well, I am told that initially there were a lot of discussions about a possible wrongful death lawsuit, but sources close to the Bessette family tell me that right now that they do not expect one to happen, that they believe that a settlement can be reached. In fact, we are told that Caroline Kennedy, who is John's sister, has been leading the settlement talks behind the scenes, since she has established a very good relationship with Anne Freeman (ph). That's the mother of Carolyn and Lauren Bessette.

Sources say that Caroline Kennedy originally offered \$5 million to the Bessette family and that the offer has now been increased to \$10 million. That money would come from her brother's stake in "George" magazine. And I am told that the Bessette family has discussed \$20 million as being an appropriate offer, but sources are

telling me that they might accept this \$10 million and then also agree to not file any suits when this official conclusion comes out from the NTSB in a few months.

ZAHN: Besides the impact on the Besette family, what will be the--you think the long-term impact of this finding?

COSBY: Well, obviously, it could be very devastating to the Kennedy family. And we are told from sources close to the Besette family and other sources at the NTSB that all the way around, the Kennedy family has been very nervous about any of this information coming out, not just the settlement details but specifically if their brother was responsible, how that could affect the Kennedy legacy, which has already had some damage done to it over the decades. They are very concerned, and also concerned about the story bubbling again. Remember how private they were when this crash happened. So both families are very worried about the story arising in the news again and making headlines.

ZAHN: During the coverage in the aftermath of the crash, there was a lot of talk about the NTSB perhaps--or the FAA changing guidelines for planes when visibility is at minimum levels. Will that change as a result of this finding?

COSBY: We're hearing that most likely it will not. What they may do is put out, obviously, other information and try to get some more public awareness about pilots, when they should and shouldn't fly, how experienced they should be. But since it doesn't appear to be anything mechanical, it probably will not affect anything with planes in particular.

ZAHN: Rita Cosby, as always, thank you for your hard work. We appreciate that exclusive tonight.

Coming up next: Pat Robertson talks about the charges of bigotry in the Republican campaign.

Keep it right here on THE EDGE.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

PAULA ZAHN, HOST: And welcome back to THE EDGE.

It is nothing new. We see Republican presidential candidates run to the right during the primaries and then move to the middle before the general election. But is this a strategy that could backfire for George W. Bush? His visit to Bob Jones University two weeks ago is still generating controversy. The school prohibits interracial dating, and officials there have called Catholicism a cult. And now there's a move in the Senate to bring a resolution condemning the university. And the McCain camp has admitted to attack phone calls calling Bush anti-Catholic.

Here's what Senator McCain said today about the visit to Bob Jones.

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SEN. JOHN MCCAIN (R-AZ), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: If I'd have been invited to go to Bob Jones University, sure, I'd have gone! And I'd have told them, "Get out of the 16th century and into the 21st century. What you're doing is racist and cruel!" Instead--instead, Governor Bush went there and never said a word. I would never, ever do such a thing.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

ZAHN: And joining me now from Virginia Beach, Pat Robertson, founder and president of the Christian Coalition.

Thanks for being with us tonight.

REV. PAT ROBERTSON, CHRISTIAN COALITION FOUNDER:

Hey, Paula.

ZAHN: Do you think Governor Bush should have said something at Bob Jones University making it clear that he is not anti-Catholic, that he does not support the views of some of Bob Jones University leadership that consider Catholics a part of a cult and that he's--shouldn't--that he didn't support a ban on interracial dating?

ROBERTSON: Well, you know, his brother's a Catholic. His sister-in-law's a Catholic. I think he's not exactly anti-Catholic. They're in his family, and he's very tolerant. I think if I'd been advising him--and I wasn't advising him--I would have advised him not to go to Bob Jones. But he felt that they represented a large segment of the voting population in that part of South Carolina, and he gave them his views. He didn't endorse any of their views.

ZAHN: Now, you would advise him not to go there because you would have been fearful of the kind of fall-out that he's experiencing today?

ROBERTSON: Well, I--I--I mean, Bob Jones has been known as a rather extreme place. I mean, any of us in the Christian world understand that they are pretty harsh. You know, the joke used to be a few years ago they were down on Billy Graham. They used to ban Graham crackers. That was one of the jokes! I mean, these people are pretty far out to the right. But when I was there, and I spoke when I was running for president, and they gave me a wonderful reception and very gracious. And they're voters. They're a significant part of the electorate.

ZAHN: But should part of the blame lie on George W. Bush for visiting the school? He certainly, don't you think, had to have been briefed on what has happened on that campus before? We know the number of politicians that have made appearances there before, including President Reagan, among others.

ROBERTSON: Well, it's just a real big school, and they have a huge alumni organization all over this country. And in that part of South Carolina, they're very strong and...

ZAHN: But should George W. Bush have known better?

ROBERTSON: Listen, Paula, when you get in--I ran for president, as you know, and once you get into that rat race, I mean, it's so hard to make every decision about every little nuance of what people believe or don't believe. You're given a schedule, and you become like an automaton. You've got to be at such-and-such a place at 9:00 someplace else at 9:15. You know, it's just hectic. And--and it's the job of the campaign managers or the schedulers to figure that stuff out. And if they don't do it, then, of course, the candidate gets blamed, but at the same time it's very hard for candidates to overrule their campaign schedulers in the process of a hectic campaign. So I don't think he ought to be blamed for that.

ZAHN: But if you were advising him today, the criticism continues that by his sheer appearance there, he led people to believe he was all those things he says he isn't. Can he stop the criticism by saying, "You know what? I made a mistake. I should have made it clearer when I was at the university that I do not support their views"?

ROBERTSON: Well, I think he could say that, but I think he's made it clear. He said it in Michigan. He said, "Look, I'm not

anti-Catholic, and I don't support racism." I mean, this guy has put together a coalition in Texas of Hispanics--he speaks fluent Spanish--of--of African-Americans, of Democrats. I mean, he is a very, very tolerant, broad-based guy. And I think that the media's spinning this thing way out of proportion to what really happened. That's my feeling.

ZAHN: The truth is, though, that he did make a turn to the right with his strategy in South Carolina. Was that a mistake, when, in fact, you see how successful Mr. McCain has been in drawing the independent vote and some of the Democratic vote when Democrats are allowed to vote in an open primary?

ROBERTSON: Well, Paula, he won South Carolina convincingly, and the truth is, South Carolina's a very conservative state. They elected Strom Thurmond forever and ever, and Strom, remember, was the candidate for the Dixiecrat Party. South Carolina is a very conservative state, but they went--Bush won more in South Carolina than Ronald Reagan did. But everybody who's been president in recent years, at least in the Republican Party, has won South Carolina. And you just can't come down there as a fire-breathing liberal and expect to win it. It's--but I don't think it's a turn to the right. Bush didn't change his message for South Carolina, but the supporters turned out over there. They said ``You are conservative." But remember, in Michigan the Democrats and the independents hijacked the Republican convention. Fifty-one percent of the voters were not Republicans. Bush won the Republican vote by 3 to 1, and the same thing with the religious conservatives, about 3 to 1. So when he gets back to his base in the Republican Party and gets, you know, closed primaries, he's going to do very nicely. Just Michigan was an anomaly, I think.

ZAHN: We'll talk more about that on the other side of the break. If you would, please stand by, Mr. Robertson.

And a little bit later on, the man that helped put John Gotti in jail, Sammy ``The Bull," now behind bars. We'll have the latest on that. And has mainstream TV gone to the dogs? Is it good entertainment or just plain garbage?

Keep it right here on THE EDGE.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

ZAHN: And we're talking about George W. Bush and his attempt to shore up the votes of Christian conservatives. My guest is Pat Robertson. He joins us from Virginia Beach.

Welcome back.

ROBERTSON: Thanks, Paula.

ZAHN: I want to talk about some of your activities as of late. You recorded some telephone messages in Michigan highly critical of John McCain, in particular for having a man like Senator Warren Rudman working on his campaign. You accused him of being a ``vicious bigot." In your words, quote, ``a man who chose as his national campaign chairman a vicious bigot who wrote that conservative Christians in politics are anti-abortion zealots, homophobes and would-be censors. John McCain refused to repudiate these words."

Whose idea was it to record those messages?

ROBERTSON: Well, it was a joint work of several of us at the Christian Coalition. It was--it was a message just to a very small number of people who happened to be on the mailing list of the Christian Coalition.

ZAHN: How many people would you say?

ROBERTSON: Oh, maybe 40,000. But Paula, the thing of it is, those words were true. The words about what that man said, they were in his book. He said that. And it was hate speech, and I was incensed, frankly, that John McCain had a chance to repudiate that in a debate in South Carolina and he chose not to do it. These are terrible words.

If that had been said about Jewish people, about African-Americans, about Hispanics, about any other minority, people would have been up in arms. But it's just like you can beat up on evangelical Christians with impunity, and I was really mad about it. And I still am, and I still haven't had an apology from John McCain, nor have we had one from Warren Rudman.

ZAHN: But as it turns out, now it's George W. Bush that is mad because he said he campaign had nothing to do with those calls.

ROBERTSON: Well, I--I--we made...

ZAHN: Did you have any contact with his campaign whatsoever?

ROBERTSON: Not in regard to this whatsoever. And we made it clear the evening when all this stuff was coming out, the night before the news cycle, we told "The New York Times" and the AP that we had no coordination whatsoever with the Bush campaign. They had no knowledge of it whatsoever. They did not ask for it. And it was, as I say, a small number of calls to the Christian Coalition.

We're a national organization, and basically, we have a perfect right to inform our constituents about what the issues are. This was essentially an issue advocacy telephone call.

ZAHN: That may be...

ROBERTSON: We didn't...

ZAHN: ... your right to do that, but as you know, it raises the question of how, in a campaign structure that is as large as George W. Bush--how you could do this and not tip somebody off ahead of time. I mean, people simply don't believe you did this without the approval of the George W. Bush campaign.

ROBERTSON: Well, Paula, it's the truth. I'm here before you telling the honest-to-goodness truth because, basically, coordination is really illegal under the guides of the Federal Communications Commission--excuse me--the Federal Election Commission. We had our FCC--FEC lawyer on this one. There wasn't any way in the heavens we were going to coordinate that telephone call with the Bush campaign. We wouldn't do it because it's just not appropriate under the current laws. If we had coordinated it and they had said "Don't do it" or "Do it," it would have been--we couldn't have done it. So we sent out to our mailing list a very modest telephone call talking about two issues which happen to be true. And I don't know why this is such a firestorm about it. It's--it's--these things were true. What Warren Rudman said in his book--these--this is a true statement. It was bigoted. And the matter about the campaign finance reform and so forth, it is true. It gives carte blanche to labor unions. It's true! And I...

ZAHN: But I guess--do you understand what made the George W. Bush campaign so uncomfortable with your campaign?

ROBERTSON: Well, this has been a media firestorm. I mean, I've gotten more media in the last few days than he has, and I don't like that at all. We've turned down probably 50 requests. I'm doing yours

because I--you're a nice lady. We're friends from a long way back, and I promised you a week before I'd be on this show. But I've turned down any number of media. I don't want to get a lot of attention on me on this thing.

ZAHN: But...

ROBERTSON: I mean, this is his show, not mine.

ZAHN: But would you acknowledge that your efforts, in fact, backfired and--and maybe hurt him more than you helped him in Michigan?

ROBERTSON: No, because it didn't. It turned our base out. What hurt him in Michigan was a concerted Democratic push to get Democrats into the primary to vote for McCain. A lot of it was an anti-Engler push because Engler had changed the Welfare rules dealing with Detroit. And Governor Engler acknowledged that on the air, as I recall, on CNN the night of the election. I mean, there was a protest vote against him. In terms of what that call was intended to do to alert our constituency of the Christian Coalition, we did that, and they came out and they voted three or four to one for Bush. I mean, it's--so I don't think it hurt him at all in Michigan, and we will remain to be seen what--whether it won't do some good around the country because people need to understand what John McCain stands for. And I still think that John McCain should repudiate these statements of Warren Rudman. They were not--it's like hate speech, and I...

ZAHN: Are you suggesting that John McCain is a bigot?

ROBERTSON: No, I didn't say anything about John McCain being a bigot, but he's got...

ZAHN: But you're implying that because Warren Rudman works for him, that he's an adviser...

ROBERTSON: Well, look...

ZAHN: ... and happens to be one of his campaign chairs, that maybe--am I reading between the lines too much--that there's a suggestion that he owes you apology because Warren Rudman made these statements...

ROBERTSON: Listen, he...

ZAHN: ... which, of course, Mr. Rudman claims he never made?

ROBERTSON: Oh, come on! It's in his book! We cited the chapter and verse. It's--it's--it's page whatever it is in his book. The thing was a direct quote out of his--the book that he wrote. So there's no question of the validity of those things. "The New York Times" said they were valid, they were out of his book. But the question is...

ZAHN: But what are you accusing John McCain of?

ROBERTSON: You see, Paula, you mentioned about Bob Jones. George Bush went to Bob Jones, but he didn't make the chancellor of Bob Jones University his co-chair of his campaign. This man, Warren Rudman, according to Senator McCain, was going to be his attorney general. And we're talking about the person who will--who will approve judges and recommend judges to the president. We're talking about very serious matters here!

ZAHN: But how...

ROBERTSON: And to have said what he said--well, why shouldn't he apologize? Why shouldn't Rudman say "I slurred good people,

people of faith. I shouldn't have done it"? Why shouldn't--what's wrong with saying that?

ZAHN: Well, of course, he says you're on his case because he supported Colin Powell in a run for office long ago, and you disagreed with his pro-choice views.

ROBERTSON: That's not true, Paula! I--I...

ZAHN: But before we let you go, I want you to clarify this. What are you accusing John McCain of? You're saying that you're not calling him a bigot.

ROBERTSON: No, I'm not!

ZAHN: You're calling Warren Rudman a bigot. But what does that make McCain in any way guilty by association?

ROBERTSON: No more than George Bush is guilty by association with Bob Jones University. You can't have it both ways. I mean, either one is or one isn't. But as far as Colin Powell--I went to Colin Powell in the Pentagon and suggested he might want to run for the Republican nomination for president. He's a good friend. He's a wonderful guy. And I've never been against Colin Powell. He's a great American. And you know...

ZAHN: All right, I want you to go on the record. Could you support John McCain if he got the Republican nomination?

ROBERTSON: No. Paula, our organization is going to put out 75 million voter guides at our expense. We're going to raise all kinds of money, millions of dollars to do this...

ZAHN: You got five seconds left, Pat.

ROBERTSON: All right. The answer is if he is the nominee of the Republican Party, the Christian Coalition, I'm afraid, on the presidential race will be sitting on the sidelines.

ZAHN: All right, Pat Robertson, it's always good to see you. Thank you very much for dropping by. We'll have to check in with...

ROBERTSON: All right.

ZAHN: ... you in a couple of weeks or so.

ROBERTSON: OK.

ZAHN: Coming up next: He put Mob boss John Gotti behind bars. Now government witness Sammy "The Bull" Gravano heads to jail on drug charges. As Mob enemy number 1, will he survive?

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PAULA ZAHN, HOST: And welcome back to THE EDGE.

Sammy "the Bull" Gravano admitted to killing 19 people in his days as Mafia underboss for the Gambino crime family, and his testimony as a federal witness was key to putting big boss John Gotti behind bars. Well, earlier today, Sammy the Bull was arrested on drug charges, and federal agents think that he may be running a new organized crime syndicate from his home in Tempe, Arizona.

I'm joined now by FOX News' Eric Shawn who covered Sammy the Bull's story and actually had dinner with him this summer.

Good to see you.

ERIC SHAWN, FOX NEWS: Thank you.

ZAHN: What the heck was he up to?

SHAWN: You know, Paula, it really is astounding. Here is the highest-ranking mob turncoat in the history of the Mafia, put John Gotti behind bars for the rest of his life, and now he's charged with

the drug dealing. Sammy the Bull Gravano, of course, the underboss--former underboss of the Gambino crime family, spent five years in prison, an admitted hit man, 19 murders, gets out, moves to Arizona, gets out of the witness protection program to be with his wife and two of his kids.

ZAHN: Was he doing construction work in the meantime?

SHAWN: Owned a construction company. His dream was always to do what he did in Brooklyn as a businessman, dry wall and construction. So that's the type of business he had.

ZAHN: And what is he being accused of today?

SHAWN: He's now being accused of transporting a dangerous substance. That has to do with an alleged huge ring in the Sun Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, about ecstasy. Ecstasy is a designer drug. Kids use that. They take it. Thirty thousand pills a week allegedly with this ring...

ZAHN: Wow.

SHAWN: ... that he did not head but prosecutors say that he helped finance and helped encourage and gave advice presumably from his years in the mob.

ZAHN: Give us some perspective on the size of the syndicate. They say it's a new syndicate. Thirty thousand pills. That sounds like a lot to me, but is--is this a large...

SHAWN: Well, that's...

ZAHN: ... drug-running scheme or...

SHAWN: Wholesale five bucks to seven bucks. East they could sell it for \$25. So he was--obviously, if this is true, could have been making a lot of money, and when I went out and met with him, you know, I was--I was picked up in a nice white Mercedes Benz. Eric Spanado (ph), our producer here on THE EDGE--we, you know, sat like this in the back of the seat with these three big guys, and there were at least eight guys who were with us who were protecting him, and I met him in a public place in Arizona and--walked into another room. There were two guys there, bodyguards. Walked into another room. There were three bodyguards there. Two of them got up. Sammy sitting with his back to the wall, of course.

ZAHN: Of course.

SHAWN: We sat down and, for three hours, had a remarkable discussion about the Mafia, organized crime, and what he went through.

ZAHN: Of course, he didn't let on during this intimate dinner with him that--with you that he was dealing drugs. I mean, are you surprised with the amount of attention focused on this guy in Tempe, Arizona, that he was stupid enough to dabble in this stuff?

SHAWN: You know, if this is true, we've got to be shocked. Not only is he a very public figure, but "The Arizona Republic" newspaper outed him in July, saying that they know he's there, they did an interview with him, they would not reveal his name.

Jimmy Moran (ph), by the way, is the alias. He's now--"The Republic" now has said that. They said they wouldn't do that unless he was charged or involved in any criminal activity or any allegations thereof, and now that this has happened, it's gone public. So his house is exposed. His business is exposed. He is exposed the way he is now, so--all this while he supposedly was also being helped by some of his former FBI agent friends.

And he was due to come here to New York City in two

months to testify in another federal case. So now that one may be out the window for the feds because their prime, key, star witness, the only one, has now been charged in this drug case.

ZAHN: Is he a marked man right now?

SHAWN: He has always supposedly been a marked man. There'd always been the rumors and reports that there was a \$500,000 contract out for him. The reality, though, is some people think some of the guys couldn't get out of Bensonhurst, let alone get on a plane and find Sammy. You can't go and find him. I was able to go out there through some hunches and tips. He found me. He called me. I did not know where he lived or where he was, so it was actuallyn--even with the best efforts, hard to actually find him unless he reached out to--to us.

ZAHN: Very quickly in closing, what happens to him now that he's been arrested?

SHAWN: Maybe another trial and, you know, he could go away for maybe 25 years to life if, indeed, he is convicted.

ZAHN: Eric Shawn, thanks so much for that update. Love to have joined you for that dinner.

We'll be right back. Keep it right here on THE EDGE.

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SHAWN: Owned a construction company. His dream was always to do what he did in Brooklyn as a businessman, dry wall and construction. So that's the type of business he had.

ZAHN: And what is he being accused of today?

SHAWN: He's now being accused of transporting a dangerous substance. That has to do with an alleged huge ring in the Sun Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, about ecstasy. Ecstasy is a designer drug. Kids use that. They take it. Thirty thousand pills a week allegedly with this ring...

ZAHN: Wow.

SHAWN: ... that he did not head but prosecutors say that he helped finance and helped encourage and gave advice presumably

from his years in the mob.

ZAHN: Give us some perspective on the size of the syndicate. They say it's a new syndicate. Thirty thousand pills. That sounds like a lot to me, but is--is this a large...

SHAWN: Well, that's...

ZAHN: ... drug-running scheme or...

SHAWN: Wholesale five bucks to seven bucks. East they could sell it for \$25. So he was--obviously, if this is true, could have been making a lot of money, and when I went out and met with him, you know, I was--I was picked up in a nice white Mercedes Benz. Eric Spanado (ph), our producer here on THE EDGE--we, you know, sat like this in the back of the seat with these three big guys, and there were at least eight guys who were with us who were protecting him, and I met him in a public place in Arizona and--walked into another room. There were two guys there, bodyguards. Walked into another room. There were three bodyguards there. Two of them got up. Sammy sitting with his back to the wall, of course.

ZAHN: Of course.

SHAWN: We sat down and, for three hours, had a remarkable discussion about the Mafia, organized crime, and what he went through.

ZAHN: Of course, he didn't let on during this intimate dinner with him that--with you that he was dealing drugs. I mean, are you surprised with the amount of attention focused on this guy in Tempe, Arizona, that he was stupid enough to dabble in this stuff?

SHAWN: You know, if this is true, we've got to be shocked. Not only is he a very public figure, but ``The Arizona Republic" newspaper outed him in July, saying that they know he's there, they did an interview with him, they would not reveal his name.

Jimmy Moran (ph), by the way, is the alias. He's now--"The Republic" now has said that. They said they wouldn't do that unless he was charged or involved in any criminal activity or any allegations thereof, and now that this has happened, it's gone public. So his house is exposed. His business is exposed. He is exposed the way he is now, so--all this while he supposedly was also being helped by some of his former FBI agent friends.

And he was due to come here to New York City in two months to testify in another federal case. So now that one may be out the window for the feds because their prime, key, star witness, the only one, has now been charged in this drug case.

ZAHN: Is he a marked man right now?

SHAWN: He has always supposedly been a marked man. There'd always been the rumors and reports that there was a \$500,000 contract out for him. The reality, though, is some people think some of the guys couldn't get out of Bensonhurst, let alone get on a plane and find Sammy. You can't go and find him. I was able to go out there through some hunches and tips. He found me. He called me. I did not know where he lived or where he was, so it was actuallyn--even with the best efforts, hard to actually find him unless he reached out to--to us.

ZAHN: Very quickly in closing, what happens to him now that he's been arrested?

SHAWN: Maybe another trial and, you know, he could go away for maybe 25 years to life if, indeed, he is convicted.

ZAHN: Eric Shawn, thanks so much for that update. Love to have joined you for that dinner.

We'll be right back. Keep it right here on THE EDGE.
(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP, ``WHO WANTS TO MARRY A
MILLIONAIRE?"')

UNIDENTIFIED JUDGE: Now by the authority invested in
me as a district court judge in the State of Nevada, I pronounce you
husband and wife.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

PAULA ZAHN, HOST: Well, it was a sweep stunt that
scored big for FOX in the ratings, but, in real life, the million-dollar
marriage didn't work out so well.

From the wild antics and violence of the WWF to the
smut of Howard Stern to nearly naked celebrities on the awards shows, has
TV hit rock bottom or hit a chord with viewers?

Joining me right now, Richard Bey, a former
television talk-show host, and Ellis Henican, a columnist for New York's
``Newsday" and a FOX News contributor.

Is this all your fault, Richard? You've admitted to
doing very raunchy television in your day.

RICHARD BEY, FORMER TALK-SHOW HOST: You know what? I
didn't think my show was raunchy. I thought it was satirical. We did it as
a joke. But the more I watch TV these days, I say I think we were a
wellspring for television.

ZAHN: Well, what--what do you make of television
today? I mean, it's taking a very broad look here, but look at what you
find the most offensive of programs on TV.

BEY: What do I find the most offensive? It wouldn't
be the thing that you find the most offensive. What I find the most
offensive are shows like ``ET"--"Entertainment Tonight." I think
there's a--look at John Travolta's new haircut. The fact that we are so
celebrity obsessed and that people stop living their own lives and invest
so much time, energy, and interest in the lives of celebrities, down to
the smallest minutia, I think, is a sick thing. I think that...

ZAHN: But the public watches this stuff.

BEY: That's true, but I think it's--you told me what
I find offensive. I turn this on, and I turn that kind of show right off.
I think ``Jerry Springer"--you watch that--court shows, too, I find
offensive because these are people who have been elected and appointed to
positions of responsibility, responsibility that really is the framework
of our society, the legal system. Then you pay them a certain amount of
money, and they sit there, and they put people down, and they make--they
crack jokes, and it makes--it makes a farce of our legal system. It is
destructive.

ZAHN: What do you have a problem with...

ELLIS HENICAN, ``NEWSDAY" COLUMNIST: Well, I'll...

ZAHN: ... on TV today?

HENICAN: I don't have that much of a problem with
that much of it, honestly. I think that we--in these discussions, we all
love to be very august and claim that we want ``Masterpiece Theater" on
24 hours a day. The fact...

ZAHN: And you know where you can find that.

HENICAN: Right, exactly. The fact of the matter is
that viewers understand this is trashy. They understand it's not designed

as moral uplift. It's not religion. It is commercial television, some of which is compelling, some of which is boring. Let me tell you I know a lot of people who did not watch ``Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?" I don't know anybody who started watching it and then changed the channel. There's something compelling about this stuff, and as long as people watch it, it's going to be on your television.

BEY: But it was a sham. It...

ZAHN: Well, of course, it was...

BEY: Well...

ZAHN: ... but we didn't know that until after the whole thing was over.

HENICAN: It was. It was.

BEY: I know, but explain this to me. Why in the '50s when you have sham game shows, you have prosecutions, you have FCC regulations--here you have a sham where the--you know, the--they knew this guy was the...

HENICAN: But it was yanked off the air. This show is not on anymore. The market...

BEY: I know, but somebody...

HENICAN: The wonderful, brilliant market prevailed, and there's not going to be any more...

BEY: But somebody...

(CROSSTALK)

BEY: ... with commercial dollars for 23 million viewers.

HENICAN: And you know what? I mean, listen, I'm not...

BEY: You were taken, and 23 million Americans were taken.

HENICAN: You know what, every one of them enjoyed it, and I bet they feel like they got their money's worth.

ZAHN: And they continue to watch the...

BEY: Well...

(CROSSTALK)

ZAHN: They watch...

HENICAN: And they're going to watch the clones. Even though this one is off, they're going to watch the big brother, and they're going to watch the one where they're marooned on the island, and they're going to watch all--and one day, they may, watch, you know, ``The Richard Bey II Show."

BEY: But if it--but if it--but wait a second. But if it's--if it's an out-and-out sham, you have no problem with it?

HENICAN: Well, I--listen, I have problems--big problems--I have journalistic problems with it. I think...

BEY: I know, but...

HENICAN: ... you should tell the viewers--you should tell the viewers--but, no, let's--seriously, honest to God, this stuff is self-correcting. When people find out about it, they don't like it. They don't watch it, and you ain't going to see no more of it.

BEY: It isn't self-correcting because there are no--there's no repercussions to it.

ZAHN: There is a repercussion. When is this producer...

(CROSSTALK)

ZAHN: When is this producer going to get another job at FOX again?

HENICAN: That's the repercussion.

ZAHN: Let me put up on the screen...

BEY: Tomorrow! You want to know something? There are already two new marriage shows in develop--not in development.--for sale--one of them by Twentieth TV, one by Universal--where people who don't know each other will get married on the air.

HENICAN: Richard...

ZAHN: Yeah. Well, let's see...

HENICAN: Richard...

ZAHN: ... if they go on the air.

I want you to look at these statistics. I want to see if you're troubled by this at all. This is the use of profanity in primetime television. Network TV: every six minutes. Premium cable: every two minutes. Major motion pictures: every three minutes.

HENICAN: You know what?

BEY: Damn it. That's terrible.

ZAHN: Damn it. Off my set. You're making fun of it. You don't have a problem?

BEY: Come on.

ZAHN: Look--OK. Look very quickly. Look at some of the things people have said on TV. ``What the blank is up your blank?" ``Bullblank." ``Dirty son of a blank." ``You crazy blank."

HENICAN: Are you offended honestly? Does that really...

ZAHN: I'm not going to tell you my opinion. That's what you're here to...

HENICAN: I'll tell you mine.

ZAHN: Yeah. What is your opinion?

HENICAN: A thousand times a day, I hear those words. And you know what? If there are channels...

ZAHN: Well, you must work in a nice place.

HENICAN: I work in a newsroom, you know. We talk like that. If I see words or pictures or shows that I don't like, I change the channel. How about that?

ZAHN: How about you, Richard?

BEY: Well, let me tell you. I was watching the other night MTV. I'm flipping around. MTV--and I hope I can even say this on this station. MTV has a show where a woman goes to a dentist, and the guy's called Mr. Cockface. A guy comes out with a penis on his nose, starts to go down on her teeth, and the penis is dipping into her mouth. This is on MTV. I went...

ZAHN: And you stayed until the end of it, though, Richard. What does that tell you about him?

HENICAN: I--certainly, Richard ought to close his mouth.

(CROSSTALK)

ZAHN: All right, fellows. I don't know whether we've solved the world's problems in the television world, but we tried. Richard Bey. Ellis Henican. Thanks for dropping by.

HENICAN: Thank you.

BEY: Thank you.

ZAHN: Coming up next, jury consultant Jo-Ellan Dimitrius is a master of meeting people and she'll open up the book on our political candidates in just a moment.

Keep it right here on THE EDGE.
(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

PAULA ZAHN, HOST: Jo-Ellan Dimitrius has made a profile career of "Reading People," coincidentally the title of her best-selling book from 1998. The country's premier jury consultant has worked on the cases of Rodney King, Richard Ramirez and, of course, O.J. Simpson.

Now she and co-author Mark Mazzarella, a trial attorney, are turning the tables a bit. Their new book is called "Put Your Best Foot Forward" and explains how to control how others see you.

Jo-Ellan Dimitrius and Mark Mazzarella join me now.

Welcome. Good to see the two of you.

JO-ELLAN DIMITRIUS, "PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD"
CO-AUTHOR: Thank you.

MARK MAZZARELLA, "PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD"
CO-AUTHOR: It's good to be here.

ZAHN: You two are looking good. You must have read that book.

MAZZARELLA: It's the Southern California sun.

ZAHN: Let's talk about what your book has to say within the context of watching this presidential campaign unfold. What sort of visual clues do you look to in our candidates?

DIMITRIUS: Well, it's not just the visual clues, but it's also the voice, it's their actions, it's their body language, and it's been great fun for us to look at all four of the candidates to see what impression they think they're making versus what impression they're actually making.

ZAHN: Let's go through each candidate. George W. Bush.

DIMITRIUS: George W. Bush. We've heard a lot about--at the very beginning of his campaign--the sneer that he has, that sort of inappropriate sneer. He--also towards the beginning of the campaign--had sort of a vacant look in his eye, so he looked as though he wasn't really absorbed in what it was that--that he was saying or in the questions that he was being asked. He's--since the Michigan primary, though, he's become much more involved and engrossed, so it's made a much better impression now that he's--he's become that way.

ZAHN: Did you notice the same thing, such as the sneer?

MAZZARELLA: Well, I suspect what happened was he thought he was above it all. He thought he was just going to skate right through this and had that distance. I really don't think he was engaging. And now he realizes he has a fight on his hands, and he's getting much feistier. He's becoming much more sincere, I think, in his...

ZAHN: Jumping into smaller crowds.

MAZZARELLA: He is--he is showing a lot more enthusiasm, a lot more involvement. He leans forward more when he talks. His voice is more modulated. He just is showing a lot more passion in this whole process than he did in the early days.

ZAHN: John McCain.

DIMITRIUS: Oh, one of my favorites. John McCain is a really good example of someone who--initially, the media talked a lot about how he had a terrible temper. Well, he...

ZAHN: People started a whispering campaign that he was nuts.

DIMITRIUS: Well, yeah, and what he's done is he's now turned that around. He recognized that that was a bad impression that he was setting, and so now he's turned that into passion, passion for the people he works with, for whatever the platform is. So he's been very good at turning it around.

The other thing that's remarkable about McCain is, after the Michigan primary, I think we all remember him standing up there going like this. He's like a little kid, and it's that energy and enthusiasm that he brings forth that I think makes him so endearing to a lot of people.

ZAHN: What doesn't work that he does out there?

MAZZARELLA: Well, you know, the one thing that I think he has to watch out for is energy and enthusiasm aren't the same thing. He has to have focus, especially when somebody's sort of being accused or there's a suggestion that he's not really in control. That's his one Achilles heel as a--sort of an impression management perspective, that he's not in control, and I think this unbridled enthusiasm, almost childish--or childlike--I wouldn't say childish--childlike energy and enthusiasm and passion--he's got to keep that under control. He can't go too far with that because I think we don't want somebody we can't trust to have control sitting there with the red button under his thumb.

ZAHN: Well, that...

DIMITRIUS: He also has a giggle.

ZAHN: He does have a giggle.

DIMITRIUS: Yeah.

(CROSSTALK)

ZAHN: ... campaign trail.

Let's move on to Al Gore. Of course, I can't think of anybody's performance that has been under the microscope more than his. We've seen him change his style of dressing. He tried to shed the stiff label. Has he succeeded in changing his image?

DIMITRIUS: Not at all. Not at all. I mean, certainly, aesthetically, he's the best-looking of all four candidates, and...

ZAHN: Seen a lot of khaki suits lately.

DIMITRIUS: Khaki suits. The sport coats. The open-collar shirts. The new hairstyle. So, aesthetically, he looks terrific. But he's still stiff. He's trying to knock the silver spoon impression that everyone has of him, and as he was on ``Leno" the other night and he was talking about sitting around and having a hot dog--you know, going down and having a corn dog, it just didn't come across. It...

ZAHN: Well, did it seem forced to you? Did it seem...

MAZZARELLA: Well, I think--this is a man who's been in the public eye for, you know, a couple of decades. If he was going to be able to get rid of the stiff, distant, rather unapproachable image, he would have been able to get rid of it, and I think his handlers are doing everything they can with the clothes, with the haircut, with the jokes, with the smiles. They are trying to manage with whatever they can manage

because they--I think they failed to be able to get this guy to lighten up and just relax.

ZAHN: So you don't think he's cutting it in terms of communicating in an intimate way with an audience, connecting with an audience.

MAZZARELLA: I understand he's--on a one-on-one basis--very engaging, a great communicator, but, in a group, there's a disconnect that takes place, and I don't think we're going to see it change in this campaign or in his future political career. It would have changed by now.

ZAHN: All right. Mark and Jo-Ellan, please stand by. We're going to take a short break here. More on your book on the other side of the break. And keep it right here on THE EDGE.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

ZAHN: And welcome back.

I'm continuing with Jo-Ellan Dimitrius and Mark Mazzarella. Their new book is called ``Put Your Best Foot Forward."

Welcome back. Let's analyze Bill Bradley's performance on the campaign trail. He's been criticized for lacking passion in his voice but being very passionate about issues.

MAZZARELLA: Well, he is a very interesting man. He is so cerebral and so non-emotional, and I think what he's missing--he's clearly got all the right stuff. Everybody likes him. He's almost unassailable as a human being and no one touches him. They have to hit his politics, but they can't hit him as a person. And all he's really missing is the enthusiasm to pull people in to his passion.

ZAHN: But that's not his nature.

MAZZARELLA: It's not, and it's pretty hard. He'd look silly if he tried to dress more enthusiastic or act more animated. That--that isn't him. He is a very cerebral guy and, unfortunately, cerebral politicians haven't done very well in the United States over the last couple of decades.

ZAHN: Hillary Clinton. We've had the opportunity to see her fits and starts on the campaign trail. She admits she's made a lot of mistakes, but she said she's getting better at it.

DIMITRIUS: Well...

ZAHN: Is she?

DIMITRIUS: Well, we saw her on ``Letterman," and it was fascinating to watch her on ``Letterman," because--number one, she looked terrific, but she did a couple of things that were remarkable in terms of the impression. When she first sat down, she sat with her hand on her chin like this, very sort of flirtatious and coquettish-like. And she--it--what it did was it destroyed the image that she was trying to create of the strong, independent woman. So if I were working with her, I would have counseled her to just keep her hands in her lap. She also...

ZAHN: What's wrong with flirting with David Letterman?

DIMITRIUS: It's...

ZAHN: Oh, come on. It's a late-night show. People are in bed watching you.

DIMITRIUS: No, but she's trying to create the impression of being a responsible, independent, strong woman, and it just doesn't come across when she does that.

The second thing that she did was in the jokes that

she told that supposedly--we found out were actually being fed to her, in fact--rather than just say, "Sorry. Busted," you know, "They weren't my jokes," and sort of laugh it off, she just sort of got very uncomfortable and very nervous about it, and that's one of the things we talk about in the book, is humility. There's a point at which you've got to kind of laugh at yourself, and she wasn't able to do that.

ZAHN: That makes you appear to be vulnerable, and people like you better that way. I notice that her advisers are recommending that she wear more skirts and dresses in upstate New York. Now can you for the life of me tell me why they'd be telling her to do that? What does that project, if a female politician wears a skirt?

DIMITRIUS: Well, I--I don't really know why because, certainly, the pants, as far as I can tell, are being worn for aesthetic reasons, and I think personally that she looks a lot better in pants.

ZAHN: It's easier climbing in and out of cars and...

DIMITRIUS: Sure. Sure.

ZAHN: ... dashing over puddles and...

MAZZARELLA: Those--the studies, though, reflect that a skirt or a jacket with the--a suit tests better in terms of professionalism, in terms of competence, capability...

ZAHN: Really?

MAZZARELLA: ... and mastery than a pantsuit.

Pantsuits do not test as well.

ZAHN: All right. Let's go through a quick checklist for people who are into self-improvement tonight of areas that you can improve upon in making an impression. Physical appearance, body language, voice, communication style, content of speech, action, and environment. That's a pretty hefty list there. Which of these is the most important?

MAZZARELLA: Well, in the impression formation process early on, your appearance and body language and voice are because that's what people can assess first. But, as time goes on, ultimately, your actions are going to be more lasting, and the way you deal with people in terms of your communications style will create a more lasting impression.

ZAHN: And these are four qualities that you also list in the book--trustworthiness, caring, humility, capability. These aren't things you can just create on your own. Don't they have to be there in the first place?

DIMITRIUS: Well, they do have to be there, but there are ways to--to create that with very simple things that we take for granted. For instance, we talk about the magic pill--smiling, eye contact, a good handshake, good posture, and--and energy. These things can convey those things. So it's a matter of looking at each situation that you're in and determining what type of impression you want to form.

ZAHN: I got busted last week. I'm a Midwestern girl. I shake a hand like this. And told me--someone told me I was going to kill someone's hand. They said, "If someone had a tight ring on, you'd cut the circulation off in their finger."

MAZZARELLA: Well, a firm handshake is important, particularly today in a professional environment for a woman. The weak handshake sends the message that "I'm," you know, "weaker than you are." On the other hand, the horribly tense handshake says basically, you know, "I've got a chip on my shoulder, and let me show you I'm stronger than you," and you wouldn't want to lead into a relationship with either

one of those messages.

ZAHN: Well, Jo-Ellan and Mark, it's a delight to have the two of you with us. Good luck with ``Putting Your Best Foot Forward."

DIMITRIUS: Thank you.

MAZZARELLA: Well, thanks a lot.

ZAHN: I understand a lot of job candidates are picking up the book...

MAZZARELLA: That's right.

ZAHN: ... to help them get those new jobs. Best of luck to you on the book tour.

MAZZARELLA: Well, thank you.

ZAHN: And thank you all for watching us tonight on THE EDGE.

What did you think of tonight's show? Well, let us know. You can e-mail us at theedgefoxnews.com or you can leave us a voice mail message at 1-877-361-EDGE. We read and listen to everything. We want to use your feedback.

And that wraps it up for us tonight. Thank you very much for being with us. And remember if you want an edge, watch THE EDGE. Have a great night. Hope you'll join us same time, same place tomorrow night as we wrap up the week.

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I think this is what the news was reporting--this comes from The Hotline.

I don't think the secrecy is anything strange.

PEOPLE - JFK JR.: TRAGEDY PUT TO REST

New York Post's Travis reports that settlement negotiations regarding the deaths of JFK Jr., and his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, have reached closure without a wrongful-death suit being filed by the Bessette family, although "legal sources tell me that such a suit has been seriously contemplated." It is now clear that all parties have reached agreement. "Sources in the Manhattan court system suggest John's estate will proceed to probate in Surrogate's Court within a matter of weeks, when we will learn just how much Kennedy left." JFK's sister, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, represented the Kennedy family during the negotiations after she "bonded with the mother, Ann Freeman" (2/24).

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Is JFK Jr. staffer's book doomed?

March 14 * Expect Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg to put the kibosh on a forthcoming book by a Kennedy acquaintance. Rich Blow, who was executive editor of George magazine when John Kennedy died, has been circulating a proposal to write about editing the magazine with the political scion.

Blow has been saying that he is no longer bound by the confidentiality agreement he signed at George magazine.

ALL EMPLOYEES of George were required to sign a confidentiality agreement, but Blow has been saying that he is no longer bound by it because Kennedy's company, Random Ventures, no longer exists. &Not so, says one former George employee who was quite friendly with Kennedy. &I signed one of those agreements, too, and when Hachette Filipacchi bought out Random Ventures, share of George, they bought the rights to those agreements. 8 The source also says that Random Ventures still exists. Another source says that Blow had to sign a second gag agreement to get his severance package when he left George.

Hachette didn't return calls for

comment. &Even if Hachette doesn't
fight this case, Caroline will, 8

source. &She's got deep pockets and

fiercely protective of his [JFK Jr. ,

image. 8

Blow's agent, Joni Evans,

lawyer has looked at the

agreement and feels that Blow has a
right to write the book.

That Blow plans to tell all strikes some

ironic * given that he fired two staffers for

press about Kennedy. &John deserved better than

says Lisa DePaulo, a George staffer fired by Blow

made warm comments about Kennedy shortly after his
death. &We didn't know that he was the James

journalism. 8

&To show you how clueless Blow was about

Christmas party, he once gave John a copy of the

PT-109 [a film about John Kennedy Sr.], 8 says

source. &He became a laughing stock. He has no

boundaries. 8

Former colleagues, including ones who

support Blow, are saying that he's writing the

failing to land a job elsewhere * including at

School of Government at Harvard.

Evans denies that, and says that reaction

book &is amazing. . . Everyone's upset and they

know what the book's about. . . . He did have
conversations with John about writing a book some

this is a man with integrity and reverence and

sensitivity to the memory of John. 8 She said,

she didn't &want to get into 8 a discussion about

a possible

legal battle.

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What a sad time. I imagine that many of the library employees knew him very well.

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We have worked with the Kennedy Library several times. They're very quick to turn things around. When JFK, Jr.'s plane crashed, but his body had not yet been recovered, we were in the middle of a publication and needed a photo of his Dad's secretary. They sent us a great photo of her with the President, and John Jr. playing with the secretary's typewriter. They sent it out the day we called. We were really shocked they sent us one with J. Jr. in it, since, at the time, no one knew for sure if he was in the plane, etc.

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it is JFK - NOT JFK jr

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NSIDE SCOOP @ CBS NEWS

MAY 1, 2000

"Having is not so pleasing a thing as wanting. It may not be logical but
it is
often true." Mr. Spock, Star Trek.

A NOTE FROM DAN RATHER: "Good afternoon. Dan Rather here, with
an early look at some of the stories we're working on for tonight's edition
of the CBS Evening News.

From the presidential campaign trail, with Republican candidate George
W. Bush set to unveil his plan for reforming Social Security today, CBS
News White House Correspondent John Roberts will have the details of
the Bush plan and will compare and contrast the Democratic and
Republican approaches to dealing with this sacred cow among
entitlement programs.

Correspondent Jim Axelrod will have the story of the feud between Disney and cable giant Time- Warner, which has left millions of cable viewers in major markets without Disney-owned ABC affiliate stations during the television ratings sweeps that are used to set advertising rates.

And Business Correspondent Anthony Mason will show us how some top executives, like the former CEO of Mattel, are getting rich by getting fired with severance packages of cash and perks valued in the tens of millions of dollars.

On the CBS News Weather Watch, Correspondent Cynthia Bowers will report on the punishing drought that La Nina is bringing to the nation's breadbasket with no end in sight, Iowa farmers are having to work overtime to haul water to parched crops and we'll take a look at the damage wrought by tornadoes overnight in Northwest Texas.

In tonight's Eye on America, we'll have the first of a two-part report on the United States government's lawsuit against Boeing over the Chinook helicopter these workhorses of the U.S. Armed forces were manufactured, the government claims, with a part that Boeing knew to be defective. David Martin will look into whether our fighting men and women are actually getting the best and safest tools to get their job done.

Finally tonight, Correspondent Richard Schlesinger will bring us some clips from this weekend's White House Correspondent's dinner in

Washington, DC that show why President Clinton just might have what it takes to go Hollywood.

It's all a part of our world I hope you'll join us." Dan Rather

"P.S. On Tuesday's CBS Evening News, we'll have the second part of our Eye on America report on Chinook helicopters and we'll talk with Caroline Kennedy and Senator Ted Kennedy about the tragedies that have struck the Kennedy family, including the plane crash that claimed the life of John F. Kennedy, Jr., his wife Carolyn, and sister-in-law last summer."

LATE NIGHT WITH DAVID LETTERMAN: Dave welcomes David Spade from the hit show Just Shoot Me, and fastest woman in the world, tonight on Late Night.

TUESDAY ON THE EARLY SHOW: Hi, Laurie Hibberd here... On "The Hib List" this week we'll check out what's new with nature's first fabric... leather! We'll also tell you how to get a pair of custom made NIKE's on-line, and why Bruce Willis is still the coolest... That and much more... this week on "The Hib List". See you Tuesday morning! Also on the broadcast... We'll give you a sneak peak at Tuesday night's 60 Minutes II EXCLUSIVE interview with Senator Ted Kennedy and John Jr.'s sister Caroline... As we continue our "Mighty Mississippi" series, national correspondent Jon Frankel spends the night at the Federal Express Super Hub in Memphis, TN, which moves approximately one million

packages through its facility in less than four hours... Martha Stewart will be here with a sweet treat for breakfast lovers, Chocolate Babka... And, we'll kick-off our "Jane Goes Country" series with country music newcomer Brad Paisely who joins us in the studio to talk about his four ACM nominations and to perform his nominated hit single, "He Didn't Have To Be", which is nominated for "Song of the Year."

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INSIDE SCOOP @ CBS NEWS

MAY 2, 2000

"Time is nature's way of keeping from happening at once." Woody Allen

A NOTE FROM DAN RATHER: "Good afternoon. Dan Rather here, with an
early look at some of the thing's we're working on for tonight's CBS
Evening News.

The impending trial in the Netherlands of the two Libyan men accused of
planting the bomb on Pan Am Flight 103, which blew up over Lockerbie,
Scotland 12 years ago will likely lead our news tonight is justice possible
in this complicated case? Correspondent Richard Roth takes a look.

And Correspondent Maureen Maher will report on the findings of an
investigation, released this afternoon, into the bonfire structure at Texas
A&M University that killed 12 students there last November.

Protestors who have camped out on the military bombing range in Vieques, Puerto Rico are bracing for imminent eviction by U.S. authorities the controversy over the range has gone on for over a year since a civilian guard was accidentally killed by an off-target bomb. We'll have that for you tonight.

On the CBS News Weather Watch, Correspondent Jim Axelrod will tell us about newly detected cracks at the bottom of the Atlantic that oceanographers fear could lead to devastating tsunamis, or tidal waves.

We'll have the second part of our Eye on America investigation into the armed forces defective Chinook helicopters tonight, Correspondent David Martin will take a look at the many problems, including in-flight fires, that have plagued the Chinook from the start.

Finally tonight, we'll show you excerpts from an interview with Caroline and Senator Ted Kennedy, conducted by Gloria Borger for 60 Minutes II, in which the two discuss the tragedies that have faced their family including last summer's deadly crash of the plane piloted by John F. Kennedy, Jr. and carrying his wife Carolyn and sister-in-law Lauren. It's all a part of our world I hope you'll join us." -Dan Rather

60 MINUTES II: TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2000: TED KENNEDY, FAMILY PATRIARCH, IS PROFILED IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW...Ted Kennedy's "day job" as a U.S. Senator from Massachusetts for nearly 40 years has been well documented, but the role he has played as Kennedy family

patriarch - through tragedy after public tragedy - has been a much more private matter. 60 MINUTES II Contributing Correspondent Gloria Borger talks to Kennedy about how he has dealt with these personal tribulations as the leader of one of America's most publicly chronicled families in an exclusive interview to be broadcast on 60 MINUTES II. The report also includes rare interview with Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, who speaks about how important "Teddy" has been to her and her family.

DID THE U.S. MILITARY LEAVE BEHIND ONE OF ITS OWN IN THE GULF

WAR? Listed as Killed in Action, Navy Pilot Scott Speicher's fate is really

unknown. The military gave Lt. Cmdr. Michael Scott Speicher of Jacksonville, Florida, his own headstone at Arlington National Cemetery, but according to his colleagues, its efforts to find a body to lay beneath it

were too little and too late. In fact, the military still claims Speicher was

killed in action despite having no hard evidence of the Navy pilot's death.

Bob Simon reports on Speicher, who was the Gulf war's first U.S.

casualty and the only casualty whose fate is still unknown.

LATE NIGHT WITH DAVID LETTERMAN: Kim Basinger talks about her new movie I Dreamed of Africa.

WEDNESDAY ON THE EARLY SHOW: Jane Clayson is presenting the "Song of the Year" award at Wednesday night's Academy of Country Music Awards on CBS. As we continue our "Jane Goes Country"

series, Jane gives us a "behind-the-scenes" look at how an ACM presenter rehearses for the big night... Plus, ACM host Dolly Parton gives Jane tips on presenting her award.... Plus, the long awaited trial of 2 Libyans charged in the sabotage of Pan Am flight 103 is scheduled to begin on Wednesday in the Netherlands. Pan AM 103 was blown out of the sky more than 11 years ago over Lockerbie, Scotland...of the 270 people killed.. 189 were Americans. Victoria Cummock, the president of Families of Pan-Am 103 Lockerbie, joins us from Miami, FL to discuss...Victoria's 38' year-old husband died in the crash... And, Ann Brown, the chairman of the Consumer Products Safety Commission will be here to talk about the recent recall of the "Weed Wizard"... Also, Vice President Al Gore joins us from Atlanta, GA to talk about Campaign 2000, the Elian Gonzalez saga, potential Vice Presidential running mates and his recent meetings with Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura and Arizona Senator John McCain... And, three-time Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey will be here to talk about her efforts to raise awareness about asthma prevention... And, as we wrap up our "Mighty Mississippi" series, national correspondent Jon Frankel takes us to the Tezcuco Plantation in Darrow, LA to talk with Kathe Hambrick, the founder and director of the *River Road African-American Museum* which pays tribute to the slaves who began working on sugar cane and rice plantations as early as 1858. Cathy tells us why she feels its so mportant to preserve the history of African-American slaves along the Mississippi River... Plus, we'll catch up with David James Eliot, one of the stars of the hit CBS prime-time drama, "Jag"... Also, in our "Yikes I'm A Grown Up" segment, Martha Quinn talks with Cybil Shepard about being

an older Mom... Our money expert Ray Martin joins Jane Clayson in Los Angeles, CA with tips on what to look out for when buying a home in this hot market...And last but not least, the "grand dame" of Italian cooking, Chef Marcella Hazan, will be along to prepare a dish called, "Fish In Crazy Water".

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CBS 60 MINUTES II

May 2, 2000

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

BOB SIMON, CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): The first American casualty of the Gulf War was Michael Scott Speicher, the navy pilot shot down over Iraq, the first night of the war and declared dead hours later. But there's increasing evidence to suggest that Scott Speicher did not die that night; that he may have ejected and survived.

TIM CONNOLLY: I argued that we owed it as a nation to go after Michael Speicher, that I quoted the fifth standard of the ranger creed.

SIMON (on camera): What does that say?

CONNOLLY: It says--among other things--it says I shall never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy.

SIMON (voice-over): Did Speicher end up in the hands of the Iraqis? It's a question that haunts the navy's man in charge of the Gulf War.

(on camera): Do you think we may have left somebody
behind in Iraq?

RET. ADMIRAL STAN ARTHUR, U.S. NAVY: We could have,
yes.

DAN RATHER, CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT (voice-over):
Last summer when John F. Kennedy's plane crashed, we all watched Ted
Kennedy guide his family through yet another tragedy, as they gathered in
Hyannis to deal with the loss.

SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY (D), MASSACHUSETTS: I remember
the Friday night, I guess the night actually that he was lost, and we
gathered in Ethel's house.

RATHER: How did they get through it? Some answers
tonight from the senator and from his niece Caroline.

CAROLINE KENNEDY-SCHLOSSBERG: Nobody was more
amazing than Teddy last summer. And he really--I think if there was
anything that came out of that, I think it was that kind of an
appreciation that I got for how lucky I am to be in our family.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

RATHER: I'm Dan Rather.

SIMON: I'm Bob Simon.

CHARLIE ROSE, CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT: I'm Charlie
Rose.

VICKI MABREY, CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT: I'm Vicki
Mabrey.

SCOTT PELLEY, CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT: I'm Scott
Pelley. Those stories tonight on 60 MINUTES II.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

SIMON: The first casualty of war is truth. The poet Samuel Johnson wrote that 250 years ago. The first American casualty of the Gulf war was Lieutenant Commander Michael Scott Speicher, a naval pilot shot down over Iraq the first night of the war. Johnson's words could well be engraved over Speicher's tombstone in Arlington Cemetery, because there's no evidence that he ever died; because he is the only American unaccounted for from the Gulf War. Because when Speicher was officially declared killed in action the U.S. military had never even looked for him. We started looking into the Speicher case a year ago. The deeper we dug, the more disturbing it became.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

(voice-over): Our search took us to the deepest desert of western Iraq, flat, arid, endless. Somewhere in this desolation, Scott Speicher's F-18 crashed in the pre-dawn darkness of January 17, 1991, two hours after the war began.

GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: Just two hours ago, allied air forces began an attack on military targets inside Iraq and Kuwait. Tonight the battle has been joined.

SCOTT SPEICHER: I'm Scott Speicher of the VFA-81 out here on the "Saratoga."

SIMON: Scott Speicher was one of the best pilots on the aircraft carrier "Saratoga."

SPEICHER: I'd also like to say hello to my wife Joanne, my son Michael, and Meghan. I love you and I miss you. Send money.

SIMON: Speicher wasn't supposed to fly on the first mission of the war, but he refused to be left behind. Tony Albano was Speicher's roommate.

TONY ALBANO, SPEICHER'S ROOMMATE: Scott was the kind of guy who didn't--who would not want to be sidelined from the main action.

SIMON: Barry Hull was in Speicher's squadron.

BARRY HULL: When it just came down to flying the airplane, there was nobody like spike.

SIMON: Hull, Albano, and Speicher took off at 1:30 in the morning from the ``Saratoga. Their mission would be one of the most dangerous of the war: suppress enemy air defenses west of Baghdad. Near the front of the assault, two planes away from Speicher, was Bob Stumpf.

BOB STUMPF: The closer we got to Baghdad the more impressive the light show over Baghdad became. It was just an incredible anti-aircraft barrage.

HULL: Once we got in close to the target area, and I saw how much firepower Iraq had, I was terrified.

SIMON: Eight minutes from the target, Stumpf was startled by a huge flash in the sky.

STUMPF: I didn't know what it was at the time. I had no clue what was going on. I assumed that a missile had exploded nearby.

SIMON (on camera): But when you saw the flash, you didn't think right away, ``One of my colleagues is gone"?

STUMPF: No, not at all.

SIMON (voice-over): The fighters continued toward the target and dropped their bombs.

HULL: I got my last shot off, and now I turn south, and I'm going as fast as I can go. I want to get out of town.

ALBANO: I was up on the radio...

HULL: We're supposed to check in.

ALBANO: ... and I could hear other members in our
striker checking out especially in our squadron.

HULL: Spike doesn't check in.

ALBANO: And I tried to contact him several times...

HULL: Just key in the radio and call in for Spike.

"Spike, I copy. Spike, skull, spike, you got me?"

ALBANO: ... and I never heard from him.

SIMON: The pilots returned to the Saratoga just
before dawn, minus one.

HULL: He didn't get back to the boat, so we're
assuming he--he had to divert.

SIMON: But during their intelligence debriefings on
the ship, Dave Renaud, who had been the closest pilot to Speicher,
reported seeing explosions five miles away, in Speicher's direction, at
the same time Bob Stumpf witnessed that large flash in the sky. Renaud
reported the plane had been blown to bits. He even drew a little circle on
his map where he thought he had seen the fireball. The word that Speicher
was missing reached Admiral Stan Arthur, commander of all allied naval
forces in the Persian Gulf.

ARTHUR: the first report was, "Airplane
disintegrated on impact, no contact with the pilot." We really don't
believe that anyone was able to survive the impact.

HULL: Then the skipper came down and got everybody
together and said, "He didn't divert. He's--we don't know where he is."
So at that point now we know something really bad has happened.

RICHARD CHAINEY (ph), SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: The

operation will continue.

SIMON: A few hour after the first planes had returned to their ships, secretary of defense, Richard Chainey, gave a press conference in Washington.

CHAINEY: As of 09:00 this morning, Washington time, there has been a single American aircraft lost. It involves a single casualty. I don't know if we want to identify the aircraft...

COLIN POWELL: It was an F-18...

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Was it a wound or a death?

CHAINEY: A death.

SIMON: On the basis of one account of a flash in the night sky and 12 hours of radio silence, Secretary Chainey had just declared Scott Speicher dead.

STUMPF: I just remember my reaction was, "Well, that seems very quick." That seems--I don't know if I said "premature" to myself, but it seemed so. I'd just assumed they had some information that we didn't know about.

HULL: I clung on as long as everyone else in the squadron that Speicher was walking around in the desert doing his evasion maneuvers, and would be rescued.

SIMON (on camera): Was any search and rescue launched?

ARTHUR: We did not launch a search and rescue mission, because we didn't have contact with him without the communications. He went down in an area where you would not launch anybody in to just start a systematic search pattern.

SIMON (voice-over): But that's the not the

impression the navy was giving to his wife, Joanne. On February 2nd, Speicher's commanding officer sent her this message--"All, repeat, all theater, search and effort were mobilized."

And that wasn't all.

PETE WILLIAMS, PENTAGON SPOKESMAN: We still have reconnaissance flights flying all over Iraq.

SIMON: On March 7, 1991, right after the war, Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams assured Americans the military would comb the sands for every one of its fallen.

WILLIAMS: And we will intensify that search effort, and we won't rest until that's completed. It's the highest priority for us at this point.

SIMON: When the POW's were released at the end of the war, Tony Albano, Speicher's roommate, was sent to Saudi Arabia just in case Speicher was among the prisoners being freed.

(on camera): Did you think he might be among them?

ALBANO: I had some guarded optimism that he could have been in the group. I couldn't rule out anything. I stayed there till--till the last group came back, and--and then I was sent back to the ``Saratoga."

SIMON: Back to the ``Saratoga," without Scott Speicher.

(on camera): When Speicher wasn't among the POW's released by Saddam, there seemed little reason to believe he could still be alive. Then, weeks later, hopes dimmed even further. The Iraqis sent the Americans a pound and a half of flesh claiming it was the remains of a pilot named Michael. Now, Speicher's first name was Michael, and there was

no other Michael among the missing. One DNA test and the case would be closed forever, but that's when things started getting strange.

VICTOR WEEDN, FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST: It's from this tissue.

SIMON (voice-over): Victor Weedn, a forensic pathologist, tested the flesh.

WEEDN: I feel very comfortable in saying, "This is not Speicher."

SIMON: Were Saddam and the Iraqis trying to hide something or had they just made a mistake? Apparently no one asked, because the very next day, May 7, the navy began the process to officially declare Scott Speicher KIA.

WEEDN: After we submitted our test report, we hear that a decision was made to call Scott Speicher killed in action. I was a little surprised at that, because our test report didn't show that he was dead.

SIMON: Joanne Speicher was asked to sign off. The Navy sent her its best guess as to where Speicher was shot down. Since she had been told all search efforts had been exhausted, and no radio contact had been made with her husband, she agreed. The navy was eager to close its books and get on with the parade.

While America was publicly celebrating its victory with pride and patriotism, a private and lonely memorial service was being held in Arlington National Cemetery. There was no body, but there was now a tombstone in hallowed ground. Scott Speicher had joined the legion of fallen heroes, as President Bush acknowledged in his state of the union address.

BUSH: A few days after the war began, I received a telegram from Joanne Speicher, the wife of the first pilot killed in the Gulf, Lieutenant Commander Scott Speicher. Even in her grief, she wanted me to know that some day when her children were old enough, she would tell them that their father went away to war because it was the right thing to do.

SIMON (on camera): The case of Scott Speicher was closed and forgotten. And forgotten he would have remained, but then in December 1993, an army general from the tiny Gulf state of Qatar came here to the western desert of Iraq. He and his party were hunting for rare falcons, when they stumbled across another kind of bird which had fallen from the sky. It was a fighter jet, an American F-18.

(voice-over): The Qatari and his party took pictures--lots of them. The condition of the nose suggested the plane had not disintegrated in the air. The Qatari took his pictures and pieces of the plane to the American embassy in Doha, the Qatari capital. The photos and this piece of radar equipment were sent to Washington where a check was run on the serial numbers. The results stirred the Pentagon. Nearly three years after the Gulf War, Scott Speicher's jet had been located in the western desert of Iraq.

ARTHUR: And of course the thing that got my attention immediately was the fact that the pictures showed that the canopy was some distance from the airplane.

SIMON (on camera): Which means?

ARTHUR: That an ejection attempt had most likely taken place.

SIMON: When you saw those photos indicating that an

ejection attempt had probably taken place, how did it make you feel?

ARTHUR: Not very good. Not very good.

SIMON (voice-over): The Pentagon went back and checked the satellite imagery it used to track scud launches during the war, and guess what it found? A crash site, with the outlines of a jet in the sand. It was Speicher's F-18, right where his fellow pilot had said it was, right where the navy told Joanne Speicher it was. Despite three years of assurances, no one in the U.S. government or the military had ever bothered to look for Scott Speicher's plane.

ARTHUR: You get this sinking feeling that there's something, something really wrong here; that you missed something. Is he there? Did he get out? If he got out, where is he? What can we do to find him?

SIMON: The world's greatest superpower can do quite a bit to find a missing man. But did it? The man declared dead by the Pentagon and the president might have walked away. The evidence in a moment.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

SIMON: Why did secretary of defense Richard Cheney declare navy pilot Scott Speicher dead in the first hours of the Gulf war when there was no evidence to support it? We asked Cheney for an interview or even a statement. He declined. Why did the navy persist in declaring Speicher killed in action when there was no evidence to support that? Secretary of the navy Richard Danzig and his predecessor John Dalton did not want to answer our questions either. In fact, the more we learned about the Speicher case, the more reluctant Pentagon officials were to

talk to us about it.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

(voice-over): These are the last pictures of Scott

Speicher landing his F-18 on the ``Saratoga," just before the war began.

Three years later, the Pentagon had photos and wreckage of that same plane in the Iraqi desert, and it had indications that Speicher may have ejected. That gave Admiral Stan Arthur, commander of all allied naval forces during the Gulf War, nightmares.

ARTHUR: My worst fear was what happens if someday he shows up in Baghdad on a TV screen, and it's a surprise to everybody? How would you explain that?

SIMON: There was no time to lose. It was April 1994, and Arthur favored launching a covert mission into Iraq to check out the site. So did Tim Connolly, then the deputy secretary of defense in charge of special operations, but Pentagon policy officials were concerned about casualties. They wanted to ask Saddam for permission to go to the site under the Red Cross flag. Connolly couldn't believe it.

CONNOLLY: You don't preserve your options when you essentially announce to the Iraqi government that A, you know that you found a crash site, and B, you found something at the crash site that might lead you to conclude the pilot is alive. Because if, in fact, the pilot is alive and being held by the Iraqis, the pilot isn't alive anymore.

SIMON: Classified documents show that the chance of success for a secret mission was considered high, the risk of detection, low.

ARTHUR: I thought that we could probably get in

there and out of there probably fairly easily.

SIMON: One might have thought that after not searching for Speicher the day he crashed or the next day or the next three years, the Pentagon would have grabbed this opportunity. One would have been wrong. A decision that should have taken days or weeks took months. And Tim Connolly simply didn't see the threat.

(on camera): The only people in the vicinity, at best, were bedouins...

CONNOLLY: Correct.

SIMON: ... who don't have much of an anti-aircraft capability.

CONNOLLY: Correct. But you know as well as I do, that there is a growing feeling in this country that our military should not be put in positions of risk.

SIMON: Taking off from an aircraft carrier the first night of a war and flying near Baghdad, that's a high-risk mission?

CONNOLLY: That would fit my definition of high risk, yeah.

SIMON: Speicher got shot down, and three years later, no one's willing to take a low-risk mission to find out what happened to him?

CONNOLLY: Correct.

SIMON (voice-over): The climactic meeting was held in December 1994 in the Pentagon. The Secretary of Defense William Perry and the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, General John Shalikashvili, would make the final call on how to approach the site.

CONNOLLY: I argued that we owed it as a nation to go

after Michael Speicher. I quoted the fifth stanza of the ranger creed.

SIMON (on camera): What does it say? Remind me?

CONNOLLY: It says--among other things it says that,

"I shall never leave a fallen comrade to fall in the hands of the enemy." And I closed by saying--and I directed these at General Shali--I said, "I will go out the door of this conference room to stand in the hall, and I will stop the first five people who walk by in military uniform, regardless of service or gender. I will explain to them what we are trying to do, and ask them if they will get on the helicopter. And I will guarantee you that all five will get on the helicopter." And then I shut my mouth. And the chairman said, "I do not want to have to write letters home to the parents to tell them that their son or daughter died looking for old bones."

SIMON: "Old bones"--was that the end of the meeting?

CONNOLLY: That was pretty much it.

SIMON (voice-over): That was it. No covert mission.

The U.S. government was going to appeal to Saddam Hussein. General Shalikashvili would not talk to us about his decision, but Speicher's fellow pilots would, and did.

STUMPF: I had a visceral reaction. I thought that's what our armed forces were all about. I thought that we did, in fact, send our forces to recover somebody's bones, and that was our contract with our soldiers.

HULL: If his bones are out in the desert, go get them.

SIMON (on camera): Would you have been willing to go

on such a covert mission?

STUMPF: I would have volunteered.

SIMON (voice-over): On March 1, 1995, Saddam agreed to allow American experts to visit the crash site. But because of what Baghdad called ``unforeseen bureaucratic delays," it took nine months before the Americans got there. Alan Liotta of the defense department's POW/MIA office helped put the team together.

(on camera): When you got there with your team, there was no cockpit, was there?

ALAN LIOTTA: Well, when we got there, that area that we were searching for had already been dug through and tampered with before we arrived.

SIMON (voice-over): The cockpit was missing. The Iraqis had gotten there first. Still, the Americans found a plane which had not disintegrated in the sky. They found the canopy, which ejects with the pilot, about a mile from the aircraft, spent flares and parts of a survival kit were also located. There was not a bone or a drop of blood or a trace of Scott Speicher anywhere. But towards the end of their six-day search, the Americans found a surprise in the sands.

CONNOLLY: There, laying on the desert floor is the flight suit.

SIMON: A tattered flight suit--they could barely believe their eyes. It did not seem to be bloodied. It did not seem to have been there very long.

CONNOLLY: Looks like you had just thrown it on the desert floor 10 or 15 minutes before. Now immediately, it begs the question of where has the flight suit been?

SIMON: There were definite signs Speicher could have survived an ejection. But that's not what the Pentagon told the American people on December 19, 1995, just days after the crash team returned to the United States.

KENNETH BACON: Nothing the team found indicates that the pilot survived the crash.

SIMON: In fact, the investigators reported the crash site provided no evidence Speicher had died. Only now does the defense department acknowledge this, and only grudgingly.

LIOTTA: We know from the evidence that we recovered and from our crash site investigation that there was an ejection. What we do not know is, what was the condition of the pilot during that ejection sequence? The F-18 has some very interesting statistics. Ninety percent of pilots who eject survive that ejection sequence. Was he part of the 90 percent or was he part of the 10 percent?

SIMON: CBS News has learned there wasn't a drop of blood or any remains whatsoever on the flight suit, shown here on a model. Speicher's roommate Tony Albano was asked to identify the suit.

ALBANO: It looked like the right size. The patches on the sleeves on the upper left side looked like the--and also on the left or right breast area, looked like the patches that he had on his flight suit. To me, that looked like his flight suit.

SIMON: And investigators now agree. But none of that explains why, if Speicher survived the crash, no one ever received his radio call. And as retired Air Force General Buster Glosson, who helped run search and rescue, tells it, no radio call, no rescue. Glosson now a CBS consultant says before the war, pilots were told...

RET. GENERAL BUSTER GLOSSON, AIR FORCE: ``If you only have one thing, make sure this stays with you. This is the most important single thing for your rescue, or your recovery, or us finding you if you go out of that airplane."

SIMON: Which takes us back to the ``Saratoga" minutes before Speicher took off. Ted Phagan was in charge of the pilots' radios, and he was a worried man that night. Speicher and his fellow pilots had just been given a new radio.

TED PHAGAN: I've never seen this radio, and it was much larger than the radio that was in their vest, and it didn't fit. It extended probably two to three inches higher than the other radio, and the flap that came down to secure the PRC-90 radio--the one that they usually had--would not fit over this, this new radio that they gave them.

SIMON (on camera): Did this worry you?

PHAGAN: Extremely. But as the pilots are walking out, I'm telling them, I said, ``You know, you're going to lose this radio, if you have to eject."

SIMON: You said that?

PHAGAN: I said that, yes. I said that to several pilots. I said, ``If you eject, it's not going to stay. It's going to go."

SIMON (voice-over): So when the pilots returned to the Saratoga after that first mission, minus Scott Speicher, Ted Phagan told anyone on the ship who would listen that if Speicher had survived, he was on his own.

PHAGAN: Basically I says, ``If Lieutenant Commander Speicher ejected, he doesn't have a radio. You know, and if he's still

alive, he's wandering around in the desert with no communication."

SIMON: By the second launch, Phagan had fixed the problem with a new flap.

(on camera): So, this was a flaw that only was there during the very first launch, and during the very first launch, one pilot was lost, and his name was Speicher?

PHAGAN: Right.

SIMON: And if you think the navy brass has ever asked Ted Phagan about the radios that night, you'd be mistaken.

GLOSSON: That's very tragic and sad, the way you described it. I'm appalled that a commander of a fighter organization would permit his people to take off if that, in fact, was the case.

SIMON: But a radio was no guarantee of a rescue. A fear of casualties meant fewer search and rescue attempts.

GLOSSON: We only rescued three people. That meant every time a fighter pilot got into an airplane to fly a mission, if he was shot down his chances of being recovered even if he was alive was less than 20 percent. That's deplorable.

SIMON: By mid-1996 even General Shalikashvili, the man who had vetoed the secret mission, was growing uneasy. 60 MINUTES II has learned the general wrote to the CIA expressing his misgivings about Speicher's status, misgivings which Admiral Arthur--now retired--has had for years.

(on camera): Do we have any evidence at all that he's dead?

ARTHUR: None that I'm aware of.

CONNOLLY: We have none. I don't believe we have any

evidence that tells us he's dead.

SIMON (voice-over): Yet, the navy hasn't budged. To this day, Speicher's status remains "killed in action."

(on camera): But now, with mounting evidence that he survived the crash, and without a single shred of evidence that he ever died, U.S. Intelligence agencies are launching a new search, and this search isn't just for old bones. The government is not ruling out the possibility--slim though it might be--that Scott Speicher could be alive today somewhere here in Iraq.

(voice-over): American investigators tell 60 MINUTES II, an Iraqi defector recently made his way into Jordan with a story. In the first days of the war, he had driven an American pilot--alive and alert in his flight suit--from the desert to Baghdad and the authorities. The defector was given a photo lineup. He pointed right at Scott Speicher. The defector passed a lie detector test twice. He was convinced he had seen the only American unaccounted for in the Gulf war.

(on camera): Do you believe he could be alive today?

LIOTTA: We're exploring every single possibility.

The real answer to that question isn't necessarily what my office believes. The answer is what does Saddam know, and what can Saddam Hussein provide us?

SIMON: If you could see Saddam today what would you ask him?

LIOTTA: Does his government have knowledge of our pilot, either dead or alive. We would like to have him show us conclusively that, in fact, there is no record of our pilot being in his prisons.

SIMON (voice-over): We went to the head of the Iraqi air force, General Khaldoun Khattab, a member of Saddam's inner circle.

GENERAL KHALDOUN KHATTAB (through translator): We handed over all the prisoners, all the pilots after the war. Why would we keep one pilot, whether he is dead or alive?

SIMON (on camera): Did you ever hear anything about what might have happened to the American pilot who was shot down?

KHATTAB (through translator): It's possible he was seriously injured after he ejected from the plane, and there are lots of wolves in the area. Maybe he was attacked by wolves.

SIMON (voice-over): We went to the crash site a few weeks ago, 150 miles southwest of Baghdad, a million miles from nowhere. The Iraqis cooperated, sending armed guards along to protect us from wolves, they said.

After nine years, much of the plane has been lost to the desert, to the Iraqis, to the Americans who came with their shovels four years ago. But enough remains to pose a number of haunting questions. If he survived, could he move? Which way did he walk? How far did he get? Was he found? Where is he? Most haunting of all is the fact that for nearly five years, no American came looking. That's what still torments the man who sent Speicher into battle, the commander of allied naval forces in the Gulf War.

(on camera): Do you think we may have left somebody behind in Iraq?

ARTHUR: We could have, yes.

SIMON (voice-over): So where is Scott Speicher's real tomb? This empty grave in Arlington? Or this monument of metal in the

desert? Or should there be no tomb at all?

(END VIDEOTAPE)

RATHER: He has held his family together for almost 40 years.

How does Ted Kennedy do it? Some answers tonight from the senator himself, and from his niece, Caroline, in interviews with CBS NEWS correspondent Gloria Borger.

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GLORIA BORGER, CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT (on camera):

He is the patriarch of his family and the patriarchs of the Democratic Party. After 37 years in the Senate it's no secret where Edward M. Kennedy stands on the issues. What's hard to figure out is just who he is and what keeps him going. Last summer, when John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s plane crashed, we all watched Kennedy guide his family through yet another ordeal as they gathered in Hyannis to try and cope with the loss. We went back there with Senator Kennedy 10 days ago.

KENNEDY: Well, that was a very difficult time. We've had, you know, the difficult losses in the family. I remember the Friday night--I guess night, actually--that he was lost, and we gathered at Ethel's house. I think we better walk along.

BORGER (voice-over): Talking about loss is not the way Kennedy gets through it. He just moves on.

KENNEDY: You try to live with the up side and the positive aspects of it, the happier aspects and the joyous aspects, and try to muffle down the other kinds of concerns and anxiety and the sadness of it, and know that you have no alternative but to continue on. And so you do.

BORGER (on camera): How are you consoled? What consoles you?

KENNEDY: The prayers, the notes make a great deal of difference to me. And they did last summer. I suppose I don't do as well as maybe others in being able to sort of talk about those inner feelings and emotions that have been very close to my--deep in my heart and soul. And I don't do that terribly well.

KENNEDY-SCHLOSSBERG: I guess it's hard for me to realize that people don't see Teddy the way that we in our family do.

BORGER (voice-over): Caroline Kennedy-Schlossberg almost never gives interviews, but she sat down with us at her home in Manhattan to talk of her uncle.

KENNEDY-SCHLOSSBERG: Nobody was more amazing than Teddy last summer. He really. I think if there was anything that came out of that I think it was kind of an appreciation that I got for how lucky I am to be, you know, in our family. And he really just did--he was everywhere; he took care of everything. He really brought people together in an amazing way.

BORGER (on camera): Who is the Ted Kennedy that you know?

KENNEDY-SCHLOSSBERG: I think the thing that sets him apart from everybody is his thoughtfulness and his sort of huge heart. He's just there for all of us all the time. He has been really for my while life. He loves kids and he is really a pied piper. He was that way for me and my brother growing up and all my cousins, and now he's doing it all over again with another generation of great-grandchildren.

BORGER: When he talks about what it was like for him

growing up, what does he say to the kids?

KENNEDY-SCHLOSSBERG: You know, being able to look at it through him and through the generations, they really begin to get a sense of history and, you know, what things are like--you know, what Boston was like. And it's just a fantastic way for them to learn about their family and the past.

BORGER (voice-over): As a child, Teddy spent a lot of time with grandpa Fitzgerald, the irrepressible mayor of Boston known as "Honey Fitz." He loves telling stories about him. When he tells them to the family, this is how he does it.

KENNEDY: Well, he'd get up very early in the morning, and he'd call Clem Norton, who was a figure in the last hurrah, and he'd go down to the fish pier in Boston to find out what fish was a pound. And then he'd say to Norton, "Norton, let's go over and watch the bows row over in Cambridge." And Norton said, "Fine, Honey Fitz." And the two of them would get in the car, and they'd go over and watch the sculls row along. "Who's that boy?" "Oh, that's young Tarrington, isn't it? Father in the insurance business." "Write that down." "Who's that number three? Isn't that young Givens' boy?" "Yes, it is." "Write that down."

And grandpa would go on down and meet these presidents of insurance companies or banks, impress them, tell them how their boy was doing.

My name is Ted Kennedy.

(APPLAUSE)

BORGER: The family patriarch also has a day job.

Kennedy is a full-fledged Senate baron. He's third in seniority and first

in demand on the stump in Iowa--at least on this day--for Vice President Al Gore.

KENNEDY: Now, are you glad to see old Kennedy? Are you glad to see me?

BORGER: For Kennedy, politics and family are inseparable. And Teddy is his mother's son.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Our children were always told they had been given unusual opportunities, so they had unusual obligations.

KENNEDY-SCHLOSSBERG: He was incredibly close to my grandmother. And I think he really shares her faith. But I think they learned a lot about politics from her. And she was really the person who, you know, made it fun and got everybody off on that track, more than a lot of people realize.

BORGER: What people also don't realize is how many of Kennedy's issues have a family story behind them.

(on camera): Health care, minimum wage, civil rights, voting rights, immigration. How is somebody who was born to such great wealth, ends up devoting his life to these issues?

KENNEDY: I look at all the causes which I'm involved in through a human face. I've seen what long-term care, with my parents here in this house, the difference that has made to our family on long-term care. I had a son who had cancer--lost his leg to cancer, and had that treatment every three weeks for three days. I know what parental leave is really all about.

BORGER: Senator, this is sort of an amazing historic room we're in right now.

KENNEDY: Well, that's right.

BORGER (voice-over): Senator Kennedy opened the family home in Hyannis to us. Being there is like walking through a museum. The images of the Kennedy's at play here are easy to recall--carefree, young, athletic. The brothers remain frozen as they were. There is no model for an aging Kennedy brother, no road map for the later years. The sunroom is filled with Teddy: the youngest of nine, the family favorite, the child of privilege.

In another room a new wife, Vicki Regi (ph). On the piano in the living room, pictures that still breathe politics: his father, Joseph Kennedy, Sr., ambassador to England; brother Bobby, attorney general; and Jack, the president. It's our history; it's his flesh and blood.

KENNEDY: This piano was the piano my mother played, and she played very, very well. One of her wonderful songs that--towards the end that I used to sing to her was ``Sweet Rosie O'Grady." And it's--Sweet Rosie O'Grady; my dear little Rose; she's my special lady most everyone knows and when we are married how happy we'll be; I love sweet Rosie O'Grady and Rosie O'Grady loves me.

BORGER: Kennedy also likes to reminisce about his brothers. When he first became a senator, Boston based northeast airlines was about to lose its roof. So, he had a little talk with the president.

KENNEDY: So I remember going to my brother and saying, ``Look, you got it in 1959, 1960. We just want to keep just what you started off." And he said, ``That's your problem now."

(LAUGHTER)

Very quickly, too. I mean, he didn't really give me

much more time than that.

BORGER: His other brother, Bobby, was a senator from New York when Ted was still learning the ropes. A little family competition developed over naval bases in their states. They were called in to see secretary of defense Bob McNamara.

KENNEDY: He said, ``I have to close one of the two of them." And Bobby just roared with laughter on that kind of thing. He said, ``You brought me all the way over here? You and I are close, bob. We've just gone through the Cuban missile crisis, and you bring me over--close Teddy's."

(LAUGHTER)

BORGER: With his brothers gone, he's been the one to fill the void for a generation of Kennedys.

KENNEDY-SCHLOSSBERG: He's just been sort of a godfather, a grandfather all rolled into one. He's done it for all my kids. Actually, the stuffed animal that Rose sleeps with is called Uncle Teddy, not teddy. So he's just, you know, an incredibly active presence in their lives, and someone that they think of as, you know--they know whenever he comes around, you know, it's going to be fun.

BORGER: Senator you are the patriarch of this family; you are the role model now for your children and for your grandchildren. But it hasn't always been that way. There was Chappaquiddick and there were other times over the years I'm sure you'd rather forget. How did you find your way out of it?

KENNEDY: Well, I'd made mistakes in my past, but I've always tried to learn from them, and I've always tried every day to be a better person. And being down here reminds me of all the forces in my

life that were just so powerful and continue to be inspirational to me--the great sense of family that I have being here. And they remind me of those important forces, the importance of faith in my life.

BORGER (voice-over): Still, a picture of JFK Jr. on his office wall is tough to handle.

(on camera): ``To Teddy. I could have gone on forever, but no introduction could match the eloquence of your example. You're always there for all of us, and I'm proud to let the world now. Love, John Kennedy."

KENNEDY: (UNINTELLIGIBLE) here. So these are some of the other things around here.

BORGER (voice-over): Other pictures bring other memories. The senator was much closer to Jackie Kennedy than many of us realized.

KENNEDY-SCHLOSSBERG: They really had a special affection, and I think I probably saw it the most, when Ed and I got married and Teddy gave me away. And I think it was really, you know, obviously a big day for my mother as well. He just really helped her through all that.

KENNEDY: It was touching in so many different ways. I mean, her gown had the little shamrocks on it. It was something that I think, you know, her father would have been very, very touched by. And I know underneath it all is the fact that you're missing a person that you--we all loved, and would have been very proud of her--and that's her father.

BORGER (on camera): The first time, I think, we all mourned with your family was when President Kennedy was shot.

KENNEDY: Well, that was really one of the occasions, and obviously the one that's had the most sort of public aspect. But I'd lost my brother Joe when I was a boy, a small boy, and he'd been a great hero of mine, and my sister Kathleen--and now other members of the family. And it's--Just a day doesn't go by where I'm not thoughtful about them and don't miss them. I mean, I do in a very, very real way. And it's still a very--those are raw occasions that are very close to the surface in terms of my life, I think, and for all of the members of our family.

BORGER (voice-over): Raw because it never ends. Most of us are allowed to grieve privately--not Ted Kennedy. He's the family eulogizers, the memorializer.

(on camera): So when somebody says to you, you know, there's a curse on the Kennedy family...

KENNEDY: I don't--I don't--no that's not--in many respects, we've been very, very fortunate and very lucky. I mean, I understand that every day of my life. I'm basically, a hopeful and optimistic person. I believe deeply in hope. I believe, you know, in the--you know, in love, the power of love.

BORGER: I want to read you something that Jackie Kennedy wrote actually to you in a thank you note after you gave Caroline away at her wedding here. And I'll just read you a part of the letter. "On you, the carefree youngest brother, fell a burden a hero would beg to be spared. Everyone is going to make it, because you are always there with your love. Jackie."

KENNEDY: Well, that's about as nice as you can get.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

RATHER: In the mail this week, a lot of letters about Mike Wallace's classic on the Reverend Al Sharpton.

Most of them sounded like this.

"Your aforning (ph) interview has cost you and your fellow phonies in the news business your credibility with the public."

And this, "Give me a break. Al Sharpton comparing himself to Martin Luther King. Other than both being black there is no comparison."

Actually the Reverend Sharpton didn't compare himself to Martin Luther King. But that comparison was made in the story, by Mrs. Martin Luther King.

I'm Dan Rather. We'll be back two weeks from tonight with another edition of 60 MINUTES II.

Now here's a look at what's coming up on "THE EARLY SHOW," and on the "CBS EVENING NEWS."

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BRYANT GUMBEL, CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT (on camera):

I'm Bryant Gumbel.

JANE CLAYSON, CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT (on camera):

I'm Jane Clayson.

GUMBEL: This week on the early show, the high cost of medical care; how to protect yourself from going broke.

CLAYSON: Also, Vince Gill, Amy Grant and Cybil Shepherd.

GUMBEL: That and more this week on "THE EARLY SHOW."

(END VIDEO CLIP)

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ANNOUNCER: On tomorrow's ``EVENING NEWS" getting college kids hooked on credit. The card companies are behind it, but wait until you hear who's getting millions to help them.

"Eye on America" investigates.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

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In today's issue:

JFK Jr. was target of three kidnapping attempts.

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Today's top stories as of 8:00 a.m. ET:

Tuesday, June 20, 2000

U. S.

MOB SCENE OUTSIDE STAPLES CENTER

Moments after the Lakers won the NBA title, an unruly mob outside the Staples Center began trashing vehicles, throwing rocks and setting fires.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/sports/DailyNews/mobscene000620.html>

JFK JR. KIDNAP PLOTS REVEALED

According to 162 newly-released FBI records, John F. Kennedy Jr. was the target of at least three kidnapping plots, the latest occurring four years before his fatal plane crash last year.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/us/DailyNews/jfkjr000619.html>

P O L I T I C S

GORE: INVESTIGATE BIG OIL

Al Gore says big oil companies should be investigated for collusion and price gouging as gas prices soar past the \$2 mark in some cities.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/politics/DailyNews/gasprices000619.html>

DEATH PENALTY REMAINS IN FAVOR

Growing questions about the way capital punishment is carried out in America have not dampened public support for the practice, a new ABCNEWS.com poll finds.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/politics/DailyNews/poll000619.html>

W O R L D

TAIWAN PRESIDENT PROPOSES CHINA SUMMIT

The president of Taiwan has proposed a first-ever summit with his Beijing counterpart to define the "one China" policy.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/world/DailyNews/china000620.html>

SEARCHING FOR CLUES IN U.K. TRUCK DEATHS

Two survivors found among 58 corpses inside a truck have been taken to a secret location. British police fear that an international crime ring will try to prevent the pair from talking.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/world/DailyNews/london000620.html>

B U S I N E S S

INVESTIGATE BIG OIL, SAYS GORE

Vice President Al Gore says big oil companies should be investigated for collusion and price gouging, as gas prices soar past the \$2 mark in some U.S. cities. Click here to find out how gas prices are affecting you.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/business/DailyNews/gasprices000619.html>

VIVENDI, SEAGRAM IN \$33B DEAL

France's Vivendi will take over the Canadian liquor and entertainment group Seagram in a \$33 billion deal. The new company will be a powerful international rival to AOL-Time Warner.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/business/DailyNews/vivendi000620.html>

T E C H N O L O G Y

NEW VIRUS SPREADS QUICKLY

A new computer virus, the biggest once since the "Love Bug" disaster, is infecting computers. After first saying not to worry, computer experts now say the hacker attack poses a "high risk."

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/tech/DailyNews/virus000620.html>

S C I E N C E

FORECASTERS PREDICT SPACE WEATHER

Many weather reports never make the news. That's because they are forecasts from space: predictions of solar eruptions that can buffet the Earth and endanger the delicate web of satellites that envelope the planet.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/science/DailyNews/spacecaster000619.html>

H E A L T H & L I V I N G

CRUSADER BELIEVES WATER CURES ALL ILLS

Pennsylvania auto parts dealer Bob Butts is on a mission. Following the teachings of an unconventional physician, Butts is preaching the gospel of water's healing power. Some doctors, and his family, think he is all wet.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/living/DailyNews/water000619.html>

T R A V E L

ECONOMY CLASS: SUMMER BARGAINS

The trick to enjoying that summer vacation time is finding a deal that fits your plan. Whether it's the tropical beach or a fishing pond you're after, half the struggle is finding a bargain. Read how to find it in Economy Class.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/travel/Economyclass/econ.html>

S P O R T S

NBA FINALS: LAKERS WIN

The Los Angeles Lakers are NBA champs, defeating the Indiana Pacers 116-111 in Game Six at the Staples Center. Shaquille O'Neal was named MVP.

http://abcnews.go.com/sections/sports/DailyNews/nbafinals_game6_000619.html

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIEGOERS DIG 'SHAFT'

Samuel L. Jackson's update of the 1971 "blaxploitation" classic "Shaft" kicked some box office bootie, debuting at No. 1, and grossing an estimated \$21 million over the weekend.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/entertainment/DailyNews/boxoffice000619.html>

ABC NEWS ON TV

WNT: UNBELIEVABLE TIGER WOODS STRIKES AGAIN

How did Tiger Woods win the U.S. Open and break six records and tie four more? Some say he has transcended the zen of golf -- or was it practice?

ABCNEWS' Bill Redeker takes a Closer Look.

http://abcnews.go.com/onair/CloserLook/wnt000619_CL_tigerwoods_feature.html

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Hey there! I've got a hard copy of JFK Jr. guidance from NTSB - what's your fax?

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Today's top stories as of 8:00 a.m. ET:

Friday, June 23, 2000

U. S.

GARY GRAHAM EXECUTED BY LETHAL INJECTION

Convicted murderer Gary Graham, whose case sparked a national firestorm on the death penalty, was executed by lethal injection after several last-minute attempts by his lawyers to stop his death sentence from being carried out.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/us/DailyNews/graham000623.html>

NTSB TO BLAME KENNEDY CRASH ON PILOT ERROR

A published report says that the National Transportation Safety Board will blame the plane crash that killed John F. Kennedy Jr. and his wife last year on "spatial disorientation."

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/us/DailyNews/jfkjr000623.html>

P O L I T I C S

BUSH BACKS GRAHAM EXECUTION

"Justice is being done," said GOP presidential candidate and Texas Gov. George W. Bush as convicted killer Gary Graham was put to death in a highly controversial case.

http://abcnews.go.com/sections/politics/DailyNews/Bush_Death_Penalty000622.html

SPECIAL COUNSEL RECOMMENDED FOR GORE FUND-RAISING

A Justice Department prosecutor is recommending that a special counsel investigate Vice President Al Gore's fund-raising tactics during the 1996 re-election campaign.

http://abcnews.go.com/sections/politics/DailyNews/Gore_sc000622.html

W O R L D

SYRIA OFFERS TO RESUME PEACE TALKS

Syria has offered to resume peace talks with Israel, but says it will not compromise on the return of all occupied land.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/world/DailyNews/syria000623.html>

18 FEARED DEAD IN AUSTRALIA FIRE

Fifteen backpackers were killed and three are missing after a vicious fire at an Australian hostel.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/world/DailyNews/fire000623.html>

B U S I N E S S

GROUP LISTS FIVE WORST TEEN JOBS

Teens beware! Every year 200,000 young workers under the age of 18 are injured on the job and more than 70 are killed, says a consumer watchdog group. The group listed five kinds of hazardous jobs for young people. Also, take a poll on teen workplace injuries.

http://abcnews.go.com/sections/business/DailyNews/teenjobs_000622.html

DAIMLERCHRYSLER TO BUY HYUNDAI STAKE

DaimlerChrysler says it's about to enter an alliance with South Korea's Hyundai. There are rumors that this is only the start: the automakers may then launch a joint bid for Daewoo.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/business/DailyNews/daimler000623.html>

T E C H N O L O G Y

CUTTING EDGE: TIQIT'S TINY PC

Who says bigger is better? The Tiqit, though small and quiet, may be the next big thing in computers. Check out this stripped-down PC that's about as big as a matchbox but powerful enough to serve Web pages.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/tech/CuttingEdge/cuttingedge000623.html>

S C I E N C E

LIQUID WATER ON MARS?

In an exciting announcement, NASA scientists say gullies, streaked crevices and deposits of soil and rocks may be evidence of water on the surface of Mars.

http://abcnews.go.com/sections/science/DailyNews/mars_water000622.html

H E A L T H & L I V I N G

STUDY FINDS GONORRHEA RATES CLIMBING

A government study is showing that gonorrhea is on the increase in the United States after years of decline. The Midwest had the highest increase.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/living/DailyNews/gonorrhea000622.html>

T R A V E L

AIRBUS ANNOUNCES HUGE NEW JET

It's huge, has two decks, can seat 555 -- and it can fly. Find out more about the what Airbus hopes will be the jet of the not-too-distant future.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/travel/DailyNews/airbus000623.html>

S P O R T S

YANKS TRADE FOR GONZALEZ

The Yankees and the Detroit Tigers have agreed to a tentative deal that could bring Juan Gonzalez to New York. First, Gonzalez must waive his no-trade clause and then sign a contract extension with the Bombers.

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/sports/DailyNews/Yanks000622.html>

E N T E R T A I N M E N T

CARREY AT HIS SCHIZOID BEST

Jim Carrey returns to physical comedy in "Me, Myself & Irene," opening around the country alongside clay animated "ChickenRun."

<http://abcnews.go.com/GMAMovies/Diehl/diehlreviews000622.html>

A B C N E W S O N T V

WNT: REMEMBERING THE KOREAN WAR

This weekend marks the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. ABCNEWS' Aaron Brown talks to veterans who have felt for a very long time that their sacrifices have been forgotten.

http://abcnews.go.com/onair/WorldNewsTonight/wnt000622_forgottenKorea_feature.html

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was there a story on the JFK jr crash? What paper?

Jenni R. Engebretsen
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Subject: guidance for 1pm, please

nec/ceq/cab affairs

oil (nyt) - direct response to Bush criticism of admin. for lack of
coherent policy, failure to "open spigots"? OPEC ministers blame
US

(wp) - lott/others: too little, too late?

(wt) - list of actions admin could take -- poitin by point
response, please

dpc

drug addict treatment (nyt a1) -- treatment vs. jail time; statewide order
of unprecedented scale -- a model for other states?

online pornography (nyt) -- statute ruled "fatally flawed"

meat inspectors death (nyt) -- federal involvement in investigation?

AIDS (nyt) -- new report: shift to rural areas in 3rd world - policy
implications?

tobacco (wp) -- attacks on cigarette industry: just election year
politics? veto threat?

cab affairs

john kennedy, jr./pilot error - update

nec/nsc

money-laundering (nyt, wp) -- Financial Action Task Force list of 15
"noncooperative nations" - expected admin action in the wake of this

warning? prospects for bill in Cong?

health care

HMOs (nyt) - TX law upheld; expanding legal liability of HMOs -- impact on patients' rights?

Rx drugs (nyt) - Senate defeat of Dem bill -- political victory? next steps?

omb

privacy (wp) - highlights of director's memo?

ostp

human genome (wsj, usa today) -- announcements scheduled for Monday?

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SUBJECT: nothing in the papers -- wire stories and cnn coverage

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TEXT:

^BC-Kennedy Crash, 1st Ld-Writethru,0680

^NTSB to attribute Kennedy crash to pilot error

^Eds: CHANGES dateline from BOSTON; UPDATES thruout with new material;
also moving on aaa-level wires

^By GLEN JOHNSON= ^Associated Press Writer=

WASHINGTON (AP) Nearly a year after John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane spiraled into the ocean, killing him, his wife and her sister, federal investigators have concluded what they suspected from the start: The son of the late president became disoriented in the night sky and lost control of the aircraft.

The National Transportation Safety Board, in a report that may be released as early as next month, is expected to conclude that pilot error caused the July 16, 1999, crash off Martha's Vineyard, Mass., according to government and industry sources with close knowledge of the investigation.

The wording in the report, however, is expected to blame the crash on "spatial disorientation," confusion in the brain that results from a loss of balance in the inner ear, said the sources, all of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Killed were Kennedy, 38, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her 34-year-old sister, Lauren Bessette.

"I think it's pretty much what we had been thinking," one source said of the findings.

Federal investigators found no problems with Kennedy's Piper Saratoga II, and autopsies on all three victims found no abnormalities.

Contributing to Kennedy's disorientation, said the sources, were the night sky, a lack of visible horizon over the open water and a haze that blanketed Kennedy's flight path from New Jersey over Long Island Sound to the Vineyard.

Without visual references, a pilot can easily become disoriented boring through the night sky. One pilot likened the conditions Kennedy faced to riding Walt Disney's "Space Mountain" ride, a twisting, turning roller coaster, in the dark.

The safety board is not expected to make any sweeping safety recommendations, except more publicity about spatial disorientation and the need for training to cope with it, one source said.

"You can recognize that and stop chasing cues that are misleading because your ear is screwed up," the source said.

Typically, pilots in trouble are taught to ignore physical sensations and instead follow a recovery regime that includes focusing on key navigation equipment. Kennedy, who received his pilot's license in

April 1998, did not have an instrument rating.

“What happened to him we've seen happen to disoriented pilots,” said one source. “The more experience you have, the more you can cope with it, but experienced pilots can get disoriented themselves.”

Kennedy, the namesake and son of the nation's 35th president, and his wife had been planning to drop off her sister before flying onto Cape Cod for a family wedding the following day. Instead, their plane mysteriously plunged out of the sky.

After an intensive search by the Coast Guard, Navy and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the plane with its passengers still strapped inside was found July 21 about 7 1/2 miles off shore.

In the aftermath of the crash, there was a debate about whether pilots without an instrument rating should be allowed to fly at night.

The practice is legal in the United States as long as the pilot has visibility of three miles, but a basic license requires only three hours of night flying including 10 takeoffs and landings plus a 100-mile night flight and three hours of instrument training.

In Canada, by contrast, pilots seeking to fly at night must not only have a basic license, but an additional 20 hours of flying 10 hours at night and 10 hours using instruments.

Investigators initially thought Kennedy had as few as 100 hours in the cockpit. They were later able to determine that he had more than 300.

“It was not irresponsible in any way for him to have booked the flight and tried to fly it,” said one source. “For what he knew of the conditions, he was certainly qualified to take the flight.”

A spokesman for the Kennedy family declined comment on the news.

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TEXT:
talking points from ntsb:

the ntsb investigation of the crash of the aircraft piloted by John F.
Kennedy, Jr. is on-going

The Board hopes to issue a final report sometime in July

as the report is not yet complete, any discussion about its contents would
be speculation at this time

any further inquiries about the investigation should be directed to the
National Transportation Safety Board

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To: Television Writer

Contact: U.S. Newswire, 202-347-2770

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Bob Jamieson New York 2:10
- 3 Justice Official Recommends New Probe Of Gore's Fundraising
Jackie Judd Washington 2:05
- 4 Drug Maker Says New Osteoporosis Drug Increases Bone Formation
Peter Jennings New York 0:10
- 5 Elian's Relatives Lose In Court Again; High Court Only Option
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- 6 Gas Prices In Midwest Going Down
Peter Jennings New York 0:25
- 7 USDA Secy To Declare Areas Of US Disaster Because Of Drought
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- 8 LA's Subway - The Most Expensive In World - Is Now Complete

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| 13 | Gas Prices Slowly Begin To Drop In Midwest; Americans Driving More | | |
| | Cynthia Bowers | Chicago | 2:45 |
| 14 | US Buys 4.5 Million Barrels Of Oil A Day From OPEC | | |
| | Dan Rather | New York | 0:35 |
| 15 | US Politicians Slam OPEC, But There's No Good Options For Action | | |
| | Eric Engberg | Washington | 1:55 |
| 16 | Gas Issue Is Slippery Issue For Oil-State Governor Bush | | |
| | Bill Whitaker | Los Angeles | 2:05 |
| 17 | Gore Releases Transcript Of His Testimony In Finance Probe | | |
| | John Roberts | Washington | 2:10 |
| 18 | Elian's Miami Relatives Lose Another Round In Court | | |
| | Jim Stewart | Washington | 1:25 |
| 19 | Official Report On JFK Jr.'s Wreck Will Find Disorientation | | |
| | Dan Rather | New York | 0:20 |
| 20 | US Involvement In Africa: Is It Worth The Price? | | |
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| 21 | Researchers Report Possible AIDS Vaccine | | |
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| 22 | Headhunters Urging Undergrads To Quit School To Take Jobs | | |
| | Wyatt Andrews | Cambridge, MA | 2:55 |
| 23 | Airbus Wants To Build Huge Jumbo Jet | | |
| | Dan Rather | New York | 0:30 |

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| 24 | Elian's Relatives Lose Another Round In Court | | |
| | Andrea Mitchell | Washington | 2:40 |
| 25 | Gore Goes On Offensive As Reno Considers Special Prosecutor | | |
| | Pete Williams | Washington | 2:35 |
| 26 | Execution Of Prisoners Is Becoming Headache For Bush | | |
| | Jim Cummins | Dallas | 2:05 |
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| | Tom Brokaw | Los Angeles | 0:25 |
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| | Chip Reid | Los Angeles | 2:10 |
| 29 | Monumental Bridge Between Sweden & Denmark To Open Soon | | |
| | Dawna Friezen | Copenhagen | 2:25 |
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## TOP STORIES

The Supreme Court "handed abortion rights advocates a double victory Wednesday, striking down one state law that banned 'partial birth' abortion and upholding another that restricts protests outside clinics," the Washington Post reports. USA Today quotes Al Gore saying the close vote makes the election crucial. Meanwhile, the court's decision "likely throws out Illinois' similarly worded ban as well, those on both sides of the issue said Wednesday. But the high court's impact on Missouri's law is less clear. Backers of Missouri's version say it's safe, while opponents assert that it will eventually be knocked off by the courts, too," according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Meanwhile, the court "upheld the constitutionality of a federal program that lends computers, software and library books to religious schools as well as public schools," the Washington Times says.

President Clinton "defended Vice President Al Gore against accusations of campaign finance irregularities, saying Mr. Gore did nothing wrong and arguing that the 'so-called scandals' of the last eight years 'were bogus,'" the NY Times reports. (Excerpts of Clinton's remarks are available.) Meanwhile, Congress "moved decisively toward enacting the first major change in the nation's campaign finance law since 1979," another NYT article says. Nonetheless, the Washington Post says "tax and election lawyers are looking for new ways to funnel secret money into this fall's campaigns."

The House of Representatives "passed a bill offering prescription drug benefits to 39 million elderly and disabled people on Medicare," the NY Times reports. The Wall Street Journal (subscribe) says the GOP plan, which "would pay insurers to get them to offer such coverage to Medicare recipients," passed 217-214. After the vote, Democrats walked off the floor in protest, according to the Washington Post.

Eli n Gonz lez and his family arrived in Cuba, "seven months after his rescue off the Florida coast kicked off an international custody battle that made worldwide headlines," the Miami Herald reports.

## RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

The Big Picture: "The electoral system's design finds candidates Bush and Gore visiting key swing states -- even ones where they have barely a hope of winning -- several times, making for something less than a truly national campaign," the Wall Street Journal (subscribe) reports.

George W. Bush "is raising money for a final pre-convention TV ad blitz touting his presidential bid," USA Today reports. "The Texas governor has raised more than \$90 million, had \$7.1 million left at the end of May and continues to raise more. In an e-mail to people who registered on his Internet site, Bush pleaded for donations to counter the DNC ad campaign on behalf of Vice President Gore. The Bush ads could appear any time between now and Aug. 3."

Al Gore "explained how he would nudge Americans to use energy savers, like electric cars and latticed roofed homes, in their daily lives: with tax credits," according to the NY Times. Meanwhile, Salon reports on "Gore's houseguest from hell: Democrats allege that the investigator who interviewed Gore at home is playing partisan." And Sen. Arlen Specter sent Gore "a second letter demanding an apology as Gore aides maintained that the Pennsylvania Republican 'employed McCarthyite tactics,'" the Washington Times says.

Running Mate Watch: A call from Warren Christopher, who is heading Al Gore's search for a running mate, can make Democrats "[jump] to attention," the AP reports in a piece that reveals how one such phone call to NJ Rep. Bob Menendez went: "Mr. Menendez, who is little known outside of New Jersey and Washington, said Mr. Christopher was interested in his thoughts on how ethnicity, gender and religion would affect a presidential ticket. What about a Jewish vice presidential candidate? Or Catholic? Female? Hispanic?" On the Republican side, Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel is being "vetted" by George W. Bush's veep search committee, the Omaha World Herald reports.

For the latest campaign news, see our Election 2000 Wire, Bush Wire or Gore Wire.

## POLITICS AND ISSUES ACROSS THE NATION

In California, Insurance Commissioner Charles Quackenbush, "one of the state's Republican stars, resigned from office today as he faced allegations that he funneled money intended for earthquake victims to his own political slush funds," the Washington Post reports. The San Francisco Examiner says that, according to the state attorney general, "a judge would have to decide" whether Quackenbush "would be personally responsible for legal fees incurred during the scandal."

In New York, Hillary Rodham Clinton "defended her two-week-long wave of attacks on Representative Rick A. Lazio, asserting that she was simply trying to highlight contrasts between the two candidates for Senate," the NY Times reports.

In Wisconsin, "a state law making it a crime to depict nudity without the subject's consent was struck down Wednesday by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The high court, in a 5-2 decision, ruled that the law was unconstitutionally broad because it interferes with First Amendment rights to free expression," the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel reports.

In Mississippi, "a black teenager who was found hanging from a tree in his front yard in what investigators ruled a suicide may instead have been killed for dating two white girls, the Rev. Jesse Jackson tells the AP. "Jackson asked Gov. Ronnie Musgrove and the U.S. Justice Department to launch an investigation into the death of 17-year-old Raynard Johnson."

Attorney General Janet Reno is profiled by the Washington Post and called "the maiden aunt of this administration, treated with dutiful respect by other members of the family, but not as someone they really want to sit

by. She is set apart by her extraordinary reputation--one conferred, inadvertently, by Bill Clinton."

The Green Party "plans to enter candidates in 39 congressional races, including some who could help decide whether Republicans retain control of the House," The Hill reports.

In Illinois, "state lawmakers returned to the capital Wednesday to consider making gasoline cheaper by suspending the state sales tax on gasoline, a plan that has inspired plenty of alternatives and opposition," the AP reports.

President Clinton, "despite his lame-duck status...is out raising millions for Democrats and offering advice--even to Republican candidates," the LA Times reports.

Political Gossip: "Nearly a year after his death, lawyers are still trying to untangle the estate of John F. Kennedy Jr. and [Tuesday], a title examiner was in Boston poring over the will left by his late father, President John F. Kennedy," the Boston Herald reports.

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## COMMENTARY

A San Francisco Examiner editorial argues that "The U.S. Supreme Court thinks protecting political parties is more important than letting all the voters vote."

A Hartford Courant editorial argues that "Mr. Nader will speak from the heart and strike sparks as the campaign unfolds. If he can force the two major-party candidates to do the same, he will have made another impressive contribution to public life."

The San Francisco Chronicle editorial board met with Green Party Presidential candidate Ralph Nader and concludes: "After sleepwalking through a presidential bid four years ago, Nader and his Green Party have found new life, chiefly from disaffected Democrats... But the thinly-organized Green Party so far is on the ballot in fewer than half of the 50 states. Let Nader build up his party and its poll-tested numbers. Then he can fairly ask to join the national debates."

A Richmond Times-Dispatch editorial looks at the Al Gore's missing emails: "When asked about the e-mails during a television interview, Gore stumbled through an incoherent answer, and concluded, I am not an expert on computers. AlG may not be an expert on the computers that some might consider essential to the operation of the Internet, but he is a state-of-the-art expert on something else."

A Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel editorial looks at the new WebGov.gov site and argues: "It should surprise no one that business has been ahead of government in using the Internet and that state and local governments are

ahead of the feds. This all comes under the heading of, 'Duh.' But despite its uncanny imitation of a dinosaur floundering in a swamp, the federal government may finally be moving in the right direction."

Michael Kelly of the Washington Post argues that "Journalists like to think that they think (and write) without bias. But everyone else knows that this is absurd. What journalists choose and how journalists frame inescapably arises out of what journalists believe. And, as a group, journalists believe in liberalism and in electing Democrats."

Albert Eisele of The Hill writes that "There's been a lot of talk about 'Clinton fatigue'...But I don't think the problem is that voters are tired of Clinton, who probably would win easily if he ran again. I think they're tired of a vice president who still doesn't know, after all these years in public office, who he is or what he stands for. In short, Gore fatigue."

David Nyhan of the Boston Globe writes about "William the Conqueror: I just have this feeling that one year from now, Clinton's approval ratings will be higher out of office than they are now. And that many Americans will be singing, perhaps under their breath, 'Come back to the White House, Billy Cee, Billy Cee.'"

Robert Wright writes in Slate about the problems Green Party Presidential candidate Ralph Nader's candidacy is giving Al Gore and writes: "The fact is that this kind of threat was foreseeable, and the Clinton administration could have done much to dampen it."

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The National Transportation Safety Board today released its final report on the crash of a Piper Saratoga II aircraft last summer that killed the pilot, John F. Kennedy, Jr.; his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy; and her sister, Lauren Bessette. The airplane crashed about 9:41 p.m., on July 16, 1999, near Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts.

The probable cause of the accident, as stated in the accident report, is:

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Press Guidance  
Friday, July 7, 2000

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## **WEEK AHEAD**

### **Saturday, July 8**

The President's weekly radio address will be broadcast live Saturday morning at 10:06 AM. (Topic: Congressional agenda)

There are no other public events on the President's schedule for Saturday, July 8.

### **Sunday, July 9**

The President has no public schedule.

### **Monday, July 10**

The President will travel to Pennsylvania late Monday morning (departs White House via Marine One at 11:30 a.m.)

The President will make remarks at the National Governors' Association Annual Meeting in State College, Pennsylvania (2:00 p.m. -- OPEN PRESS)

The President will then travel to Philadelphia where he will make remarks at a dinner for Ron Klink for U.S. Senate (6:25 p.m. -- POOL PRESS)

The President will return to DC that evening, arriving back at the White House at about 9:10 p.m.

### **Tuesday, July 11**

The President's schedule is TBD

(The President is expected to travel to Camp David to participate in the Camp David Middle East Peace Summit. Departure time is TBD)

### **Wednesday, July 12**

The President's schedule is TBD

### **Thursday, July 13**

The President will participate in the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony for Father Theodore Hesburgh on Capitol Hill (2:00 p.m. -- PRESS TBD). Father Hesburgh was the longtime president of the University of Notre Dame and is an activist on behalf of civil rights and other social issues (see attached biography).

The President's schedule for the rest of the day is TBD.

### **Friday, July 13**

The President's schedule is TBD

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**Death Penalty**  
**July 7, 2000**

**What about the Garza case? Will the clemency guidelines be established in time for them to be applied to his case? Will the President stay Mr. Garza's sentence?**

The judge in Mr. Garza's case set an execution date for him before the clemency guidelines for capital cases were complete. The President is committed to making sure Mr. Garza has a full opportunity to submit a request for clemency, and that the President has a full opportunity to review the matter. We expect the President will stay Mr. Garza's sentence to make sure that process can take place.

**Who is developing the procedures for prisoners on death row to apply for clemency?**

The Department of Justice, together with the White House, is establishing guidelines for those on death row to request executive clemency from the President.

**Why do we need them? Is there some lack of clarity in the current clemency guidelines?**

We are not developing these procedures as a response to a lack of clarity in current clemency guidelines. Because there has not been an execution in the federal system for nearly 40 years, the current guidelines do not specifically address clemency for prisoners on death row

**When did the process of developing procedures begin? Who initiated that process? How does it work?**

The Department of Justice and the White House began developing those procedures several months ago, in anticipation of, for the first time since 1963, having a prisoner on death row who had exhausted all of his judicial remedies.

The guidelines that apply to the clemency application process are agreed upon by the President and the Attorney General. Once they are final, they are printed in the Federal Register and in the Code of Federal Regulations as advisory regulations (meaning they exist for the internal guidance of DOJ personnel, and to give the public information about the process, but they are not required and do not restrict the President's pardon power).

**Who initiated the review that's underway at the Department of Justice?**

The Department began conducting a statistical survey as part of a periodic review process they perform to examine their handling of potential death penalty prosecutions. It has both expanded and refined its review and its collection of data as the review has progressed. DOJ has kept the White House informed of the progress of the review.

**When do we expect that study to be complete? What do we plan to do in response?**

We expect to have more information about that soon. We can't know what should be done in response until we have a chance to look at the results.

**How does the clemency process work? Who makes the decisions?**

The President makes all clemency decisions. While Presidents are not bound to follow any particular process in reaching clemency decisions, there is a process that has been established for individuals to petition the President for clemency.

In general, individuals who seek executive clemency apply through the Department of Justice's Office of the Pardon Attorney. After conducting an investigation of a petition, the Department of Justice forwards it, along with the Department's recommendation as to whether clemency should be granted, to the President.

**What are some of the procedural protections that exist within the federal system that help ensure the death penalty at the federal level is administered fairly?**

The federal system contains greater protections than many states that defendants will be represented by competent counsel. Capital defendants in the federal system can request that two lawyers be appointed to represent them, at least one of whom must be "learned in the law applicable to capital cases." Also, funding is provided for representation in capital cases from pre-trial through clemency.

In addition, under Department of Justice practice, the Attorney General reviews any case in which a U.S. Attorney plans to charge a defendant with a crime that can carry the death penalty. As part of that process, defense counsel get the opportunity to present to the prosecutor, and to the Attorney General's capital case committee, information they think should influence the AG's decision as to whether to authorize the prosecutor to seek the death penalty.

**President Lincoln and Soldiers' Home National Monument**  
**July 7, 2000**

**This monument is unusual in that the historic structure is located on the grounds of a retirement facility for military veterans. Will restoration and management of the national monument take money away from the retirement home, which is already on a tight budget?**

No. The U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home's primary responsibility is the care of our elderly veterans. Its specific funding sources are established by law, include a small deduction from the pay of all active duty military, and are to be used for the management of the retirement facility. However, the Home is specifically authorized by statute to receive grants to protect the historic sites on the property. Funding for the historic preservation and management of the monument will come from other sources, such as the Save America's Treasures grants, to rehabilitate and maintain the monument. As you know, today the President announced an initial award of \$1.1 million from Save America's Treasures for these purposes.

**Will the monument designation undermine the purposes of the retirement home?**

If anything, this designation can enhance those purposes. The monument proclamation specifically requires that the monument be managed as an integral part of the existing facility. An important part of the management planning effort will be to ensure that public access to the monument is done in a way that is compatible with the lifestyle of the residents of the Home. In addition, the veterans who make this their home are quite proud of their national heritage and have a special affinity for Lincoln and his time on the grounds. Those who visit the national monument will be exposed not only to Lincoln's history, but also to the vast history that is embodied in our veterans who live here.

**How can a national monument be managed by the Armed Forces Retirement Home? Their expertise is clearly outside the area of historic preservation.**

As a matter of law, the Antiquities Act does not place any restrictions on which federal agency can manage a national monument. As a matter of practice, the Department of the Interior has an active role in each of our national monuments and this would continue here. The Proclamation directs the Armed Forces Retirement Home to consult with the National Park Service on planning and management issues.

In addition, the Home is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with any public or private entity that brings appropriate expertise to the management of the monument, and has an existing agreement with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. As a practical matter, the Home has been the caretaker and steward of this valuable historic site for many years and, despite the absence of any funding for this purpose has maintained it intact and with great respect for its character.

**The building is in such bad shape. Are there plans to renovate?**

Yes. Today the President announced a \$1.1 million "Save America's Treasures" grant and the National Trust for Historic Preservation has offered to take an active role in raising funds to properly restore this site.

**How much is this monument going to cost?**

In the short term, costs for managing the monument will not change. We hope that rehabilitation will take place under a combination of public and private funding. The management plan required by the proclamation will address issues of cost as well, and determine what is necessary and what funding is likely to be required in the long term.

**Will the management planning include public input?**

Yes. The Armed Forces Retirement Home is a federal entity covered by the National Environmental Policy Act, and the planning process will be carried out in full compliance with that law, including a full opportunity for public input.

**Is this about building a political legacy for President Clinton?**

No. This is about protecting important historical resources in this country. The people of the U.S. already own these lands; there is no land grab here. The Congress has given the President clear authority to do this. Many Presidents have exercised this power, with wondrous results. This is a gift to future generations. It is political only in the sense that everything the President does is political.

**Medicare**  
**July 7, 2000**

**Governor Bush is saying that the Clinton-Gore Administration has consistently opposed reforms that would strengthen the Medicare program and extend its solvency. What is your response?**

The Clinton-Gore Administration has done more to extend the life of the Medicare Trust Fund than any other Administration in history through both anti-fraud and abuse initiatives, through legislative reforms in 1993 and 1997. We have extended the life of the Trust Fund from 1999 to 2025. As a result, the Medicare Trust Fund is in as strong financial condition than it has ever been. Moreover, we have rejected flawed structural reforms that would explicitly raise Medicare premiums over 25 percent, raise the eligibility age without implementing new protections for the newly uninsured, allow for unlimited home health care copayments, would not dedicate any of the on-budget surplus to extending the solvency of the Medicare program, and would limit a drug benefit to seniors with incomes below \$11,300. We have also rejected the Gingrich Medicare proposals that would provide for excessive cuts in the program, and would, as the speaker stated, “wither the Medicare program on the vine”.

But as we’ve rejected these flawed proposals that would harm Medicare beneficiaries, we have proposed specific initiatives that would modernize and strengthen the program – to take Medicare Part A completely off-budget, provide for a long overdue, voluntary, and affordable Medicare prescription drug benefit, make the program more competitive and efficient, and extend the life of the Medicare Trust Fund to at least 2030. We’re proud of our record, and Governor Bush and his surrogates need to understand the facts before they spew their inaccurate rhetoric.

NTSB Advisory  
National Transportation Safety Board  
Washington, DC 20594  
July 6, 2000

**NTSB RELEASES FINAL REPORT ON INVESTIGATION OF CRASH OF AIRCRAFT  
PILOTED BY JOHN F. KENNEDY, Jr.**

WASHINGTON - The National Transportation Safety Board today released its final report on the crash of a Piper Saratoga II aircraft last summer that killed the pilot, John F. Kennedy, Jr.; his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy; and her sister, Lauren Bessette. The airplane crashed about 9:41 p.m., on July 16, 1999, near Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts.

The probable cause of the accident, as stated in the accident report, is:

“The pilot’s failure to maintain control of the airplane during a descent over water at night, which was a result of spatial disorientation. Factors in the accident were haze and the dark night.”

**White House Web Site Launch  
July 7, 2000**

**Q: Why are you launching a new web site with only eight months left in President Clinton's term?**

A: This project was undertaken to bring the White House web site up-to-date with new, more efficient technologies, while improving the look and navigation of the site. The technologies that are incorporated into the site will greatly improve the updating and maintenance of the site, and provide flexibility well into the future. Aesthetically, the site was given a more contemporary look and improved navigation and organization to benefit its millions of users.

**Q: Will the next administration be constrained to this new design?**

A: No. Each web page is a template made up of five different elements - the masthead, the main navigation area, the footer navigation area, a sub-navigation area, and the content. Any or all of these five elements can be changed on the template by the next administration to create an entirely new and customized look.

**Q: Was this done to help the campaigns of the Vice President and First Lady?**

A: No additional web pages were added for either the Vice President or the First Lady. The only change was a navigational one, combining the President's and First Lady's pages into a single link, and the same for the Vice President's and Mrs. Gore's pages.

**Q: What improvements were made?**

A: The new design provides clearer and shorter paths to content; a navigation bar on every page; search capability on every page; text-only option on every page; and browser recognition so that the appropriate format is delivered to users.

**Q: Why is there so much white space on the right margin?**

A: Not all users have 17" monitors that capture a lot of screen "real estate". We developed the new site using a 640x480 resolution so that users with 15" monitors can view the site with minimal horizontal scrolling.

**Q: Does the new site meet accessibility requirements?**

A: Yes. It is in compliance with W3C (World Wide Web Consortium) Accessibility Guidelines 1.0. These guidelines not only make pages more accessible to people with disabilities, but also have the side benefit of making pages more accessible to users using different browsers or one of the emerging handheld or voice-based computers.

**Q: What about privacy? Are “cookies” used?**

A: No. The White House web site does not use – nor has it ever used – cookies or any other mechanism to collect personal information from its users. The site is in compliance with W3C P3P (Platform for Privacy Preferences) guidelines, the current industry standard.

**Q: Who did the work?**

A: CTGi

**Q: How long did it take?**

A: A little over a year ago, the White House recognized the need to find a way to increase the efficiency and improve the cost-effectiveness in managing the growing number of web pages and information provided by its web site, and began the process of selecting a contractor to develop a content management system. CTGi was selected, and began work 7 months ago.

**Q: How much did it cost?**

A: Approximately \$600,000 for the redesign, layout, and new production and content management systems.

**Q: Who will maintain the site?**

A: Content will be managed by the White House Office of Communications working in conjunction with the Office of Administration’s Information Systems and Technology (IS&T) division, who handle the daily technical support and maintenance.

**Q: What are the cost savings of the new site?**

A: As the updating process becomes more and more automated, we will be able to streamline the support required and reduce maintenance dollars.

**Q: How many hits does the web site get?**

**A:** For privacy reasons, we do not measure or track visitors or visitor sessions - we measure only “hits” or html pages. On average, we receive approximately 1,200,000 hits each week.

**Q: What about hacking? Are there any new security measures in place?**

**A:** Security is an on-going process and a high priority. New security measures are constantly being put in place to anticipate and address the threat of cyber attacks.

**Q: How many e-mails does the President receive?**

**A:** The White House receives approximately 7,500 e-mails per day (6,000 to the President, and the remainder to the First Lady, Vice President, and Mrs. Gore).

## **NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS GUIDANCE**

**July 7, 2000**

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## UKRAINE/CHORNOBYL SARCOPHAGUS PLEDGING CONFERENCE

July 6, 2000

*BACKGROUND: During the President's June 5 visit to Kiev, the Ukrainian government announced its decision to close the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant by December 15, 2000. In support of this decision, Germany hosted a July 5 donors conference in Berlin to help raise funds for rebuilding the sarcophagus that surrounds the site of the reactor destroyed in the 1986 accident. While we are still awaiting a final readout, the conference raised approximately \$325 million of the needed \$370 million. (The United States pledged \$80 million.) The total cost for the project is estimated at \$768 million, of which approximately \$400 million were at the first pledging conference in 1997.*

### **If asked:**

#### **Any comment on the results of the Chornobyl sarcophagus pledging conference?**

- U.S. played a major role in supporting the Chornobyl sarcophagus pledging conference hosted by Germany in Berlin on July 5. We pledged \$80 million to help rebuild the containment structure that surrounds the reactor destroyed in the 1986 accident. This pledge is in addition to the \$78 million the United States pledged in 1997.
- While the final figures are still coming in, approximately \$325 million was raised. This is on top of the approximately \$400 million raised for the project in 1997.
- The results of the conference underscore that the international community has rallied in support of Ukraine in its courageous decision to close the remaining operating reactor at Chornobyl by December 15 of this year.

**UKRAINE/DPM TYMOSHENKO AND CORRUPTION ALLEGATIONS**  
**July 6, 2000**

*BACKGROUND: This morning's Wall Street Journal (7/6/00) article on corruption in Ukraine mentions the case of former Prime Minister Lazarenko, now in US custody. The article expands upon corruption allegations contained in the Lazarenko indictment involving current Deputy Prime Minister for Fuel and Energy Tymoshenko. Corruption, including high-level corruption, is a serious problem in Ukraine. We have made our concerns known to the Ukrainian government.*

**If asked:**

**Any comment on the corruption problem in Ukraine and, more specifically, on the corruption allegations against Deputy Prime Minister Tymoshenko?**

- We do not comment on law enforcement investigations.
- We continue to emphasize the need for Ukraine and other countries to focus on corruption, strengthening anti-money laundering efforts and improving the rule of law.
- We will continue to work with Ukrainian authorities to bolster efforts in these areas.

**BOSNIA: GAO REPORT ON CORRUPTION**  
**July 7, 2000**

*BACKGROUND: This morning's New York Times reports on a draft GAO report that suggests endemic corruption in Bosnia is undermining implementation of the Dayton Accords. It recommends that the Clinton Administration consider suspending aid to Bosnia until steps are taken to curb corruption.*

**Is corruption in Bosnia undermining implementation of the Dayton Process and interfering with our ability to eventually leave?**

- Corruption remains a problem in Bosnia as it does in other transitional societies.
- Our presence in Bosnia helps build a stronger civil society, including respect for the rule of law and greater transparency in government.
- Most of U.S. assistance has been directed toward developing the rule of law and civil society and supporting the return of refugees to their homes.
- We and the international community have confronted head on the problem of corruption and have aggressively pressed for reforms.
- We condition assistance we provide on the Bosnians meeting certain benchmarks necessary for the implementation of Dayton, which includes economic and democratic reform, greater transparency, and return of refugees, all important objectives to ensuring a stable and peaceful Bosnia.

## SERBIA: MILOSEVIC CHANGES CONSTITUTION

July 7, 2000

***CONTEXT:** This morning's Washington Post reports on the FRY parliament's approval of constitutional amendments that will pave the way for FRY President Milosevic to seek another term through direct elections. The constitution previously required the FRY president to be elected by the Parliament and serve only one term. In addition, the constitutional changes would institute direct elections for the upper chamber, thereby reducing greatly Montenegro's influence in the parliament. Currently, the upper chamber has 40 deputies, half from Serbia and half from Montenegro. The Montenegrins have said they will not accept the constitutional changes and have scheduled a parliamentary session Friday, July 7, to discuss the matter. We have opposed unilateral moves to declare Montenegro independent. However, we have avoided making this explicit statement.*

**What is your reaction to the Yugoslav Parliament's proposed change to the constitution that would allow Milosevic to be re-elected in a popular vote?**

- This is a desperate attempt by Milosevic to hang on to power. The regime has manipulated the parliamentary rules to restrict the expression of views opposing the regime's. The size of the vote shows that the current parliament is little more than a rubber stamp.
- Milosevic clearly wants to stifle prospects for democratic, peaceful change in the FRY. He is changing the rules because he cannot win.

**Doesn't this change give the Serbian people the opportunity to express directly their rejection of Milosevic?**

- We don't know yet the mechanics of the proposed elections. The amendments were approved in principle before they were written. We seriously do not believe, however, that these maneuvers by Milosevic are intended to expand democratic processes in the FRY.
- We support the opposition's call for early free and fair elections at all levels, including the Serbian Parliament. Then Serb voters could reject Milosevic and elect a democratic leader who could lead Yugoslavia out of the disaster this regime has caused.

**(if asked)**

**What about Montenegro's announcement that it will take further steps toward independence?**

- This change was undertaken without any consultation with Montenegro, Serbia's sister republic in Yugoslavia. It is yet another of many examples of Belgrade ignoring Montenegro's rights under the Constitution.
- We share with President Djukanovic the goal of a prosperous and democratic Montenegro within a democratic and reformed Yugoslavia.

## NORTHERN IRELAND: RIOTING IN BELFAST

July 6, 2000

**CONTEXT:** *A fourth night of rioting took place in Belfast as Protestant extremists protested the government's ban on an Orange Order march at Drumcree. Political leaders, and even the Orange Order itself, have issued calls for calm. Tourism officials are pointing to devastating effects on the tourism industry this year and beyond. Such appeals will likely ring hollow on the small minority of extreme loyalists who are playing on unionist frustration and unleashing selected acts of violence against Catholic communities and the police force. The violence may get worse before it plays itself out after July 12th.*

### Core Points:

- We deplore the acts of violence by a small minority who are abusing the right to peaceful protest that characterizes any democratic society.
- We join in the appeals by political and religious leaders, and by the Orange Order itself, for calm and restraint.
- As the President said last week, recent progress in the peace process offers a new sense of possibility in Northern Ireland -- this ought to inform the marching season as the people of Northern Ireland begin to work together for lasting peace.

## CANCELLATION OF AMBASSADOR LADER'S VISIT

**CONTEXT:** *Amb. Lader was to have led a small group of entrepreneurs to Belfast today following a conference near London, but yesterday decided not to proceed with the visit. Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment Sir Reg Empey has publicly expressed disappointment for the cancellation and pointed to images of violence being beamed around the world as a hugely negative factor for Northern Ireland's economy (see Reuters story).*

### Core Points:

- Various logistical factors figured in the cancellation of the visit -- the trip just didn't work out. [Note: Amb. Lader strongly favors the "didn't work out" line.]
- **[If Pressed]** We have no basis to conclude that the visit was cancelled due to the violence in Northern Ireland -- but, obviously, all visits have to take the local environment into account.

**MEXICO: PRESIDENT-  
ELECT FOX'S COMMENTS**  
**July 7, 2000**

**What is the U.S. reaction to statements Mexican President-elect Fox made calling for a deepening of our cooperation with NAFTA ?**

- In the seven years since it was created, NAFTA has proven to be a great success for Mexico, the United States and Canada. We welcome President-elect Fox's willingness to deepen our cooperation on NAFTA.

**What is the U.S. reaction to President-elect Fox's comment about working on a multilateral approach to replace the drug certification process?**

- Mexican President-elect Fox has pledged to combat drug trafficking and related corruption as a matter of national priority, and he has also emphasized his view that regional cooperation is essential to effective international counterdrug programs.
- We have worked closely and effectively with President Zedillo to address this urgent shared problem, and we look forward to continuing that cooperation with President-elect Fox and his administration. Moreover, we agree completely that international programs – on a bilateral, regional, and global basis – is indispensable to effective counterdrug programs.
- The goal of the annual U.S. drug certification process – which is current U.S. law – is to promote increased cooperation on a bilateral basis. While the certification process has clearly had positive impacts, there are those who believe a better approach to promoting bilateral cooperation is called for. There is a search underway for an alternative, but the Administration must and will continue to implement the process so long as it remains U.S. law.
- On a regional basis, the USG has been strongly supportive of the initiative – under OAS/CICAD (Inter-American Commission on Drugs) auspices – to develop a hemispheric mutual evaluation mechanism (MEM) for assessing and enhancing the counterdrug efforts of participating countries. This function is similar to that performed by NATO for its members in terms of defense planning; the OECD and the IMF perform a comparable function with respect to members' economic planning.
- We expect the first round of OAS MEM evaluations to begin shortly. While not a replacement for the U.S. drug certification process, the OAS initiative is highly complementary, and – assuming it proves successful in practice – the initiative will probably influence ongoing consideration by Congress and the Administration of possible alternatives to the drug certification regime.

**SIERRA LEONE: UN RESOLUTION ON DIAMOND EXPORTS****July 6, 2000**

***BACKGROUND: On Wednesday, July 5th, the United Nations Security Council passed a resolution to ban the export of rough diamonds from Sierra Leone outside a credible and effective certification regime established by the Government of Sierra Leone.***

**How strongly does the United States support this move by the Security Council?**

- The United States strongly supports this resolution. Competition over Sierra Leone's diamond resources are at the root of this conflict, and diamonds are the primary funding source for rebel activities in Sierra Leone.
- We look forward to the UN hearings called for in the resolution that are intended to gain a better understanding of the link between the illicit diamond trade and the conflict in Sierra Leone.
- In addition to countering the trade in illicit diamonds from Sierra Leone, the resolution also calls for building up the legitimate and credible diamond trade in Sierra Leone. We are working with the international community, the legitimate diamond industry, and the Sierra Leonean Government to help in this effort.

**What might be the role of the diamond industry for fighting conflict diamonds?**

- Industry players are a critical component of an international strategy to counter the affects of conflict diamonds, not only in Sierra Leone, but also in other areas of the world.
- Responsible industry representatives are increasingly focused on ending the trade in conflict diamonds, and have issued strong public statements condemning the trade in illicit diamonds. They have been helpful in providing expertise to the Government of Sierra Leone's efforts to develop the institutional structures to regulate and control its legitimate diamond trade.
- The revenues from this trade should be used to benefit the people of Sierra Leone and to aid the country's recovery from a decade of civil war.

**U.S. MARINE INCIDENT IN OKINAWA**  
**July 7, 2000**

**How will the recent incident involving the U.S. marine and the affect Okinawan/Japanese views about the upcoming G-8 Summit?**

- The incident is under investigation and it would be inappropriate to comment on it.
- However, as has been reported, Lieutenant General Hailston, Commanding General of Marine Forces in Okinawa, said on Wednesday that the military will continue its education efforts to improve conduct, reduce such incidents, and become the kind of neighbors the Okinawans deserve.
- General Hailston has met with the Deputy Governor and local Mayor of Okinawa City and will continue to keep the lines of communication open to address community concerns.
- These efforts should help ensure a successful G8 Leaders Meeting

**MEPP/TUNISIAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT**  
**July 7, 2000**

**What will the impact of the Peace Summit be on the planned state visit by Tunisian President Ben Ali?**

- President Clinton spoke with President Ben Ali yesterday to discuss recent developments in the peace process, including the upcoming Peace Summit. The two agreed that, in the interest of the peace process, it would be best to postpone President Ben Ali's state visit to Washington until a later date.
- As you know, Tunisia is a close friend and President Ben Ali has played an important role in advancing the peace process over the years, and as such understood President Clinton's need to focus fully on this historic summit.
- President Clinton looks forward to hosting President Ben Ali as soon as a mutually acceptable date can be arranged, and to continuing to work with him to advance peace in the Middle East.

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

Earlier today, the President spoke with President Ben Ali of Tunisia, who was scheduled to come to the White House for a State Visit on July 13. In light of the Middle East peace summit scheduled to begin on July 11, the two leaders agreed that it would be best to postpone the State Visit until a later date.

Tunisia has always been a strong proponent of the peace process. President Ben Ali's graciousness in accommodating our need to focus fully on this summit is yet another example of Tunisia's support for peace.

We look forward to hosting President Ben Ali for a State Visit as soon as a mutually acceptable date can be arranged.

**NMD: CORE POINTS**  
**June 22, 2000**

**Core Points:**

- Emerging threat. Prudent to explore appropriate response
- Can and if possible should be done consistent with adapted ABM treaty. Treaty provides for adjustments
- Working with Russians who acknowledge threat but disagree over response.
- Decision later this year whether to move forward next spring
- Four criteria (threat, cost, technology, overall security including arms control)
- Prepared to share appropriate technology with Allies and Russia
- **Welch\_Report**
  - Valuable contribution which provides independent assessment
  - Key findings
    - Important progress in the last year
    - The program is technically feasible to meet the Phase I requirement (up to a dozen or two warheads with simple decoys), but further attention is needed to the problem of discriminating decoys from real warheads for Phase II.
    - Meeting the schedule remains high risk, but Welch does not recommend changing the schedule at this point
- **Perry, Shali, etc/Boost phase:**
  - Open-minded about boost phase approach—but technically not available by 2005 when threat projected to emerge
  - Could be valuable supplement to our architecture; prepared to discuss with Russians and others; our negotiations with Russians to permit our Phase 1 would not preclude further agreed amendments to accommodate this approach.
- **Reinterpretation of ABM Breach**
  - No decision yet on deployment
  - Treaty does not define what constitutes breach/range of interpretations possible
  - Only prudent that lawyers review possible interpretations

- Legal consideration/treaty interpretation one of many factors that President will take into account (feasibility, cost, threat, overall security including arms control)
  
- **Hill arguments in favor of postponing decision and deferring negotiations with Russians**
  - Have been pursuing NMD development program for a number of years
  - President's responsibility is to do what he believes is necessary and appropriate for our security
  - Will consult closely with Congress, but ultimately President must decide what is appropriate
  - No decision yet
  
- **Korean Summit/undercuts need/urgency for NMD**
  - Welcome summit – important and historic; hope it leads to real reduction of tensions on Korean Peninsula
  - Appreciate KDJ raising nuclear and missile issue, important to reducing regional tensions
  - Too early to say what changes summit will bring in terms of DPRK behavior; will watch closely
  - Missile testing moratorium also an important step; that's why we lifted some sanctions; but some aspects of program continue
  - Hope that missile talks will lead to real end to DPRK missile program (indigenous and exports)
  
- **Postol/Decoys**
  - Pentagon reviewing allegations, but appears that at least some of the charges based on incomplete understanding of test program
  - Program accepts need to discriminate decoys (although this is more a factor for Phase II than Phase I)
  - Welch panel noted important progress and accepted basic approach, while cautioning that schedule should reflect actual technical progress, not artificial deadlines, and urged further attention to the problem of decoys.

**AIDS: INTERNATIONAL THREAT**  
**July 5, 2000**

**The Washington Post reported on July 5<sup>th</sup> that the USG government, including the Clinton Administration waited too long to respond to the global AIDS pandemic. The Post also reported that the Clinton Administration is planning to add another \$250 million to global AIDS prevention and is working with the World Bank and UNAIDS to develop a multi-billion HIV/AIDS prevention program in sub-Saharan Africa. Is this accurate, and given the President's announcement last week that the USG surplus is in the trillions of dollars, is the Administration doing enough to help forestall disaster in Africa?**

**Also, the UN just reported that Africa is worst off on its misery index. What is the role of AIDS?**

- AIDS is clearly a factor in the UN report. The human toll of AIDS is staggering: 50 million people worldwide have been infected, and AIDS is now the leading cause of death in Africa. HIV/AIDS has begun to reverse recent advances in life expectancy and economic growth, while perpetuating the cycle of sickness and poverty in the hardest hit regions.
- The U.S. and all concerned countries should be doing more – much more. We have been pushing for increased international resources to fight this epidemic for over a decade – with USAID alone spending over \$1.2 billion in the last ten years in foreign assistance for AIDS. The U.S. continues to provide more bilateral assistance for AIDS than all other donors combined.
- In the last two years, the President has more than doubled our investment in international prevention and care programs. This year he is asking Congress for \$325 million for international AIDS programs, more than 4 times more than the next largest donor. Plans for further increases for prevention and care are under discussion.
- But bear in mind that two things are necessary to fight and win the war against AIDS. One is resources. But the other, and equally important weapon is leadership. Leaders throughout the world need to make the fight against AIDS a priority, now, and do all they can to alert and educate their people now. We will fight the fight to get more resources, but all the money in the world will not wipe out this epidemic unless we have the leadership we need.
- Uganda is a telling example. Because of Museveni's vocal leadership in the fight against AIDS, over the past decade USAID was able to make greater contributions and have greater impact on the fight against AIDS. As a result, Uganda successfully turned around its HIV infection rates. The President is urging other African leaders to follow this example.
- No single nation can solve this problem alone. That is why the President will ask the G-8 to increase support dramatically for the battle against AIDS. With our strong support and encouragement, Jim Wolfensohn at the World Bank, will be making substantial funds available for AIDS – and these are the levels of resources that can really have an impact.

- In the Cologne Debt Initiative we promised to make resources freed up by debt relief available to the poorest countries for use in AIDS programs. Congress must increase funding for debt relief, especially for the HIPC countries, to provide the levels of resources for neediest countries to fight the epidemic.

**USE OF FUNGUS TO KILL COCA IN COLOMBIA****July 6, 2000**

*BACKGROUND: A July 6<sup>th</sup> NYT (Tim Golden) front-page article states that Colombia has "reluctantly agreed to take the first step" toward developing a fungus to use as a biological herbicide for eradication of the coca plants from which cocaine is produced. The initiative announced by Colombian Environmental Minister Juan Mayr is being implemented in conjunction with the United Nations Drug Control Program (UNDCP) with financial support from the United States. Before any decision to use this herbicide, the fungus will undergo rigorous tests to determine whether it is naturally present in Colombia and, if so, whether it is effective against the Colombian coca crop and safe in terms of human health and the environment. Golden asserts that U.S. pressure to proceed, from Director McCaffrey, Southern Command, and an unidentified "powerful Republican in Congress," has been a key factor in the Colombian Government's decision on the eve of President Clinton's signing a bill that delivers some \$1.3B to Colombia (most of which will go to combating the drug trade). While the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been conducting research on the use of fungal herbicides to control illegal drug crops for more than 10 years, and the State Department has contributed to funding the current UNDCP initiative with the Government of Colombia, to our knowledge no decision has been made to proceed beyond testing this alternative herbicide which shows some promise of being safer and more effective than chemical herbicides.*

**What is your reaction to the reported announcement by the Government of Colombia to proceed with a plan to use a fungus to control coca cultivation? And has U.S. pressure forced Colombia to approve an unsafe biological herbicide?**

- Working together with the United Nations and the United States, the Government of Colombia is in the process of developing a proposal for testing fungal herbicide for possible use in controlling coca cultivation in Colombia. Our understanding is that the Government of Colombia will not proceed with actual use of a fungal herbicide until extensive testing reveals whether the herbicide is both effective and safe for humans and the environment.
- We support the Government of Colombia's decision to proceed with additional research and testing on this basis. And while the magnitude of the shared drug problem confronting both our nations warrants exploring each and every promising avenue for enhancing our inventory of counter-drug tools, we would not support use of any tool that is not both effective and safe. In this regard, we would point out that Colombia is already using chemical herbicides that meet both these criteria.
- As for Hill intent, the recent Colombia supplemental passed by Congress does highlight the possible use of fungal herbicides in Colombia, but the explicit reference is to "tested, environmentally safe mycoherbicides." The Government of Colombia's testing program should help in determining whether such herbicides meet these criteria.
- For further details, I would refer you to the Department of State.

**Would the use of a fungal herbicide in Colombia with support from the United States be a violation of the Biological Weapons Convention?**

- No.
- Briefly stated, if – and I emphasize if – a fungal herbicide is determined to be effective and safe for humans and the environment, any decision by the Government of Colombia to proceed would constitute a determination by a sovereign government to use a herbicide, not a weapon, on its own territory, for a universally accepted purpose, i.e., the destruction of illicit drug crops that contribute to a global problem of staggering dimensions.
- Such circumstances would be quite different than those contemplated within the scope of application of the Biological Weapons Convention, which prohibits the development and production of microbial or other biological agents and toxins of types and in quantities that have no justification for prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purpose as well as weapons to use such agents for hostile purposes or in armed conflict.
- As already noted, while the U.S. Government has contributed to the funding available for this research and testing initiative, we would not support the actual use of a fungal herbicide in Colombia unless scientific evidence confirms its effectiveness and safety.

**But doesn't the well-publicized use of a biological agent in this fashion raise broader proliferation and security concerns?**

- We recognize that there are a number of broader nonproliferation and security concerns that will need to be taken into account as part of any decision by Colombia to use mycoherbicides.
- But the current focus is determining whether this approach is effective and safe.