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FOX SPECIAL REPORT WITH BRIT HUME
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BRIT HUME, HOST: Next on SPECIAL REPORT, a close Clinton associate expected to be indicted in the campaign finance scandal.

Why are foreign governments hoping the U.S. missile defense test fails?

And Jeff Birnbaum tries to answer the question, who is Al Gore anyway?

First, other headlines.

(NEWS BREAK)

HUME: Welcome to Washington. I'm Brit Hume.

It appears the Justice Department investigation into the Clinton-Gore fund-raising scandal is about to move forward against a long-time friend and financial supporter of the president. Fox News has learned that prosecutors are seeking to indict James Riady, the billionaire leader of an Indonesian banking operation known as the Lippo Group.

For months, prosecutors have been attempting to interview Mr. Riady about several conversations he had with President Clinton, but as Fox News correspondent David Shuster tells us, time may be running out.

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DAVID SHUSTER, FOX CORRESPONDENT (voice-over):
Barring a last-minute cooperation agreement, investigation sources say that James Riady, a long-time Clinton friend will be indicted as early as next week on charges of money laundering and conspiracy. Furthermore, sources say that prosecutors will view President Clinton as an unindicted co-conspirator.

The case, which still has to get through the office of the attorney general, dates back to 1992. Riady took a limousine ride with then-presidential candidate Clinton and promised to raise a million dollars for the Democratic Party. Riady made good on his pledge with the help of John Huang, Riady's employee at the Indonesian banking conglomerate known as the Lippo Group. Wire transfers began pouring in from overseas.

Last year, Huang pleaded guilty to money laundering,

admitted the donations were illegal and told investigators about the Riady-Clinton conversation. For months, prosecutors have been attempting to interview Riady about the president, but defense attorneys acknowledge the talks have gone nowhere.

James Riady has surfaced before in other scandal investigations. His payroll at the Lippo Group included convicted Whitewater figures Webster Hubbell and former Arkansas governor Jim Guy Tucker. His name also came up at White House coffees. Vice President Al Gore, who has known Riady for 12 years, can be heard off camera mentioning Riady's name while referring to a media blitz paid for by donations to the Democratic Party.

AL GORE, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: We ought to show Mr. Riady the tapes of some of the ads we have accumulated.

SHUSTER: But a Riady indictment might cause the greatest embarrassment for President Clinton. Riady visited Mr. Clinton at the White House more than 20 times, and a conspiracy allegation would fuel more criticism over the Justice Department's refusal to appoint a special counsel.

JOE DIGENOVA, FORMER INDEPENDENT COUNSEL: A decision about James Riady and his relationship with the president, and even the vice president, is precisely the type of conflict of interest that the regulations and the old independent counsel statute contemplated.

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SHUSTER: Still, there is no indication that the Justice Department is now considering an outside investigator or a special counsel. Justice Department sources are suggesting that the campaign finance task force will continue to handle the investigation and be responsible for the Riady indictment. That will likely be as far as the case will go, because James Riady is living in Indonesia and nobody expects him to return here to defend himself--Brit.

HUME: David, we're now getting word that Charles Bakaly, whom we all remember is Kenneth Starr's former spokesman, has been ordered to stand trial this coming week on charges of criminal contempt growing out of alleged leaks during the Monica Lewinsky investigation. What is that all about?

SHUSTER: Well, Brit, many of the documents in this case were filed under seal, so these are the first documents to suggest that this case is actually moving forward to a trial.

Originally, Charles Bakaly was charged with violating rule 6-C, which is the rule governing grand jury secrecy. He was charged with leaking a story to "The New York Times" alleging that prosecutors might consider indicting President Clinton when he leaves office. That started the investigation. There have been reports and suggestions that Charles Bakaly hasn't cooperated in this probe and that may be part of the trial that plays out next week.

HUME: All right, David Shuster, thank you very much.

The Pentagon says all systems are go for Friday's anti-missile test. The launch over the Pacific Ocean is only expected to last 30 minutes, but its implications are far-reaching--in fact, the future of the U.S. national missile defense system could hinge on the outcome.

But as Fox News's Wendell Goler tells us, foreign nations are also monitoring the test and hoping it fails.

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WENDELL GOLER, FOX CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): On the eve of the national missile defense system's defining test, a group representing more than half the country's Nobel Prize-winning scientists warn building it would be a mistake.

HENRY KELLY, FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS: It could certainly stimulate a Chinese missile build-up and encourage the Russians to maintain a dangerous launch on warning system.

GOLER: Most attention has been focused on Russia's opposition. President Vladimir Putin said earlier this week, building the system would undermine the global balance. U.S. officials say the system is not aimed at Moscow or Beijing.

RICHARD BOUCHER, STATE DEPT. SPOKESMAN: We have been quite up front about the fact that this consideration is not directed at any existing arsenal like the Chinese or the Russians.

GOLER: But China is even more opposed than Russia. Prime Minister Zhu Rongji introduced a new factor into the equation: Taiwan.

ZHU RONGJI, CHINESE PRIME MINISTER (through translator): The system would aim to put Taiwan in a sphere of protection. This would be blatant interference in Chinese affairs.

GOLER: U.S. officials say the missile defense would not be able to protect Taiwan, but China has other reasons to oppose it. With Russia's huge arsenal and multiple warhead technology, it could easily overwhelm the missile defense. China's entire arsenal of 20 single warhead missiles would be neutralized by a system that U.S. officials say is only intended to protect against threats from rogue states like North Korea, Iran and Iraq.

Meanwhile, critics say Friday night's test will be too easy--the Pentagon will fire a missile with a single decoy from Quajelein (ph) atoll and shoot an interceptor at it. The Pentagon says there is no point in making the test too hard.

REAR ADM. CRAIG QUIGLEY, PENTAGON SPOKESMAN: This is a walk before you run process. This is the way to evolve a system of this complexity, and we think it's the right path to take.

GOLER: Even if the test succeeds, the president says other factors may weigh against building the missile defense, which he opposed until it became an issue in the 1996 campaign.

(on camera): Analysts think Mr. Clinton will keep the missile defense from becoming an issue in this year's campaign by ordering the Pentagon to begin taking bids for construction the next president would feel free to cancel.

In Washington, Wendell Goler, Fox News.

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HUME: And coming up, find out what Al Gore is fired up about now. Stay tuned.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

HUME: Vice President Gore is on a campaign crusade to convince voters he has the right Medicare plan. He's been stumping all week, touting his health care proposal, and the vice president has been quick to tell voters how much money he's willing to invest in Medicare and other programs in an effort to show he's a man of the people.

Fox News's Jim Angle explains.

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JIM ANGLE, FOX CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): Al Gore

offered a group of seniors a show-and-tell on Medicare as he continued a week-long effort to portray himself as the protector of the common man standing against greedy corporations.

Gore: I want to fight for you. Not the oil companies. Not the pharmaceutical companies. I want to fight for you. And by golly, that's what I'll do.

ANGLE: Gore said the fundamental choice in this election is whose side the candidates are on. Without offering specific examples, Gore charged that George W. Bush is only protecting the powerful.

Gore: That's why the big oil companies are supporting Governor Bush. That's why the big polluters are supporting Governor Bush. That's why the HMOs and the insurance companies are supporting Governor Bush.

ANGLE: And Gore told this group of seniors that the pharmaceutical companies are intentionally charging them more than any other group. Gore rejected the industry argument that it pours many of its profits back into developing new drugs which save lives and avoid expensive surgeries and hospital stays. Gore says they're just price-gouging.

Gore: Somebody needs to call their hand and say, "Wait a minute. You are spending twice as much on advertising and these other marketing expenses, including lobbying, than you are spending on research and development." So let's just have a little reality check here.

ANGLE: Actually, a reality check raises some questions about Gore's figures. The drug companies spend some \$24 billion a year on research and development--twice that much for advertising and lobbying as Gore argues would be \$50 billion a year. Industry sources claim it's actually about 1/4 that much.

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ANGLE: One of the purposes of Gore's new populist anti-corporate warrior mode is to project himself as a fighter. The other is to try to draw support away from consumer crusader Ralph Nader. But Gore isn't likely to get a break from Nader himself. He recently told reporters that Gore is--quote--"a plastic person, a great environmental impostor," and, concluded Nader, "he doesn't know who he is anymore"--Brit.

HUME: And what do the Bush folks have to say about all of this?

ANGLE: Well, late today, the Bush people were pointing out that there is a whole slew, a handful of Gore advisors inside and outside the campaign who have, or do, work for the pharmaceutical industry. They noted that Carter Askew, for instance, one of Gore's closest advisers, often his speech writer, the message man, once made ads, those controversial ads for the pharmaceutical industry, and long-time friend Tom Downey, a former congressman, once lobbied for them--Brit.

HUME: Was that the Harry & Louise ads?

ANGLE: It was not the Harry & Louise ad.

HUME: All right, Jim, thanks very much.

The New York Senate race is the first time a president's wife has sought public office, but the first lady's presence isn't giving the campaign, so far it seems, any particular dignity. Hillary Clinton and her Republican opponent, Congressman Rick Lazio both

seem to be taking their campaigns to deeper levels of negativity.

As Fox News's Eric Shawn tells us, the campaigns are trading barbs in scathing fund-raising letters.

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ERIC SHAWN, FOX CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): It's getting nasty. Not five weeks into the New York Senate race, the battle between Hillary Clinton and Rick Lazio is turning ugly, and it happened faster than a New York minute.

CHRIS SMITH, "NEW YORK" MAGAZINE: It's going to be this way through November. I mean, everybody says, "Oh, yes, we want to run a positive, issue-oriented campaign," but you can't name a contested close race for a major office in the last 15 years where it hasn't become a series of back-and-forth attacks.

SHAWN: In a fund-raising letter, Lazio brands his opponent this way: "Hillary Clinton and her husband have embarrassed our country and disgraced their powerful posts. She covets power and control and thinks she should be dictating how other people run their lives." Lazio says he didn't write the words, but he does not disavow them.

SMITH: He's going to go after them on Monica Lewinsky and on Filegate--and that's legitimate.

SHAWN: For her part, Mrs. Clinton is hammering away at Lazio's congressional record, trying to link him with Newt Gingrich and right-wing Republicans, and in her fund-raising letters saying he was selected by--quote--"Republican Party king-makers."

MERRYL TISCH, LAZIO SUPPORTER: In the fund-raising letter, when you are talking basically to who you believe your constituents are going to be, you can couch things in ways to draw distinctions between yourself and your opponent.

SHAWN: Merryl Tisch is a Lazio supporter and fund raiser who wants both candidates to focus on the issues.

TISCH: I just can't understand why, with so much at stake, people would choose to act like children in a schoolyard. This is not what this race is about.

SHAWN: But liberal radio talk show host Lynn Samuels thinks Lazio won't stick to the issues.

LYNN SAMUELS, WABC RADIO TALK SHOW HOST: He has nothing to talk about except to insult Hillary and Bill Clinton. That's all he has going for him. And that cute little face, you know--that makes him look so innocent when really he's just slick Rick.

SHAWN (on camera): Will either candidate turn the other cheek? Not in this town, pal. A Clinton campaign spokesman claims that--quote--"New Yorkers are getting tired of Rick Lazio's excuses, evasions and insults." It seems in this race, even the responses to attacks are attacks.

In New York, Eric Shawn, Fox News.

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HUME: Coming up next, Jeff Birnbaum tells us what Vice President Gore is for and since when he's been for it. We'll be right back.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

HUME: Vice President Gore bristles at the idea that he has switched his positions on major issues over the years. He has steadfastly insisted, for example, that his position on abortion has

always been in support of a woman's right to an abortion. But has it? And what about the vice president's positions on other issues such as gun control and gay rights?

Fox News contributor Jeff Birnbaum, the Washington bureau chief of "Fortune" magazine, has been looking into the matter and joins me now.

Now there have been criticisms that Gore is a guy who says one thing and does another, and so on--that being George W. Bush's frequently repeated phrase. What's the record on this?

JEFF BIRNBAUM, "FORTUNE" MAGAZINE: Well, I think that there is clearly an old Al Gore and a new Al Gore, sort of the 1980s Al Gore and the 1990s Al Gore. And he has been on both sides of most major issues. I think if the new Al Gore were to meet the old Al Gore, they wouldn't even like each other, some of their positions are so different.

HUME: Let's look at some of these positions.

BIRNBAUM: Well, on--let's go through them. On tobacco, for example, in the 1980s he was--he took tobacco industry money into his campaigns and spoke really affectionately of tobacco farmers and said he was among them. In the 1990s, of course, there is no more active opponent of the industry and smoking than Al Gore.

On abortion rights, during the 1980s, Al Gore voted against public funding for abortions and wrote constituents saying that he didn't much like abortions, was very much against it. In the 1990s, he is as pro-choice on the abortion issue as any liberal lawmaker in Washington.

On gay rights, for example--this isn't very often talked about--but on gay rights, during the 1980s, he said that homosexuality was abnormal. He said that it was wrong. He refused to take money from gay rights organizations. He voted against something that was called the Gay Bill of Rights. That was the 1980s. 1990s, Al Gore has gotten a lot of money from homosexual organizations and is one of the strongest advocates of gay rights there is in Washington.

HUME: Now, the change came when, really?

BIRNBAUM: After he was...

HUME: You're saying '80s and '90s.

BIRNBAUM: Right. He was a congressman from a conservative district in Tennessee at the end of the '70s and into the mid-'80s, in 1984 he was elected to the Senate. But once he reached that perch in the Senate, he became a national politician, and in 1987 he began to run for the Democratic nomination for president, and that is when, I think, we can trace most of the change from the old to the new Al Gore.

HUME: You mean the beginning of the change, or all these positions?

BIRNBAUM: Just about all of them. It was around this period. The change on gun control, for example. He was A-rated by the National Rifle Association--the gun lobby--for most of the 1980s. But--in fact, '84 was A-rated.

In 1987, when he began running for the Democratic nomination for president, he told Sarah Brady, who is a major gun-control advocate, and Handgun Control that he would do anything to get hand guns out of the hands of criminals and switched positions, when he was, in particular, running for the Democratic nomination in relatively liberal places on gun-control, like New York state where he needed a lot of votes. This was a "New York Times" story just on Thursday.

HUME: Now, there is nothing wrong with a politician

changing positions. This happens. People change their minds on issues. Opinions evolve. We've seen this in other political figures. Frequently, politicians will explain their change.

George W.--George Bush the elder did a complete change on abortion and attributed it to a devotion he had come to find to the idea of adoption as an option, it had happened in his family, and he spoke about that and did his best to make it appear at least that this was a conviction that he--a new conviction that he felt.

Has Vice President Gore done that? I mean, has he spoken openly of his changed views? And--I mean, I know he's been resistant to saying that he changed his views on abortion. But what about these other issues?

BIRNBAUM: Well, the record is pretty clear. I think he would say that he has evolved. It's--rather than a big change...

HUME: Does he say that?

BIRNBAUM: Yes. I think clearly he is...

HUME: Well, on abortion, he won't acknowledge it at all, though.

BIRNBAUM: No, on abortion. But on the issue of tobacco, he says that he is--has not--was not for smoking, so much, but did favor farmers. There are some nuances involved in some of these things. I think that his voting record...

HUME: For tobacco farmers, but not for tobacco use?

BIRNBAUM: Yes, exactly. And in gay rights, it was clear that there was a major change, at least in his rhetoric.

I--and I agree that all of us change and grow. And politicians change, let's say, more than the rest of us. But I think with the Gore flip flopping, this vacillation, it's more than usual, even for a politician, and I think we're reading in some of the polls a view of this. I think a lot of voters look at Al Gore and say, "Does he know what he believes? Does he know who he is? Does he have confidence in himself?" And I think enough people are saying "no" that the polls are reflecting it.

HUME: So in other words, you think this strong leadership number which he does poorly on reflects people's sense that he's flip flopped?

BIRNBAUM: Right. In a number of polls, there has been as much as a 10 or 12-point gap between George W. Bush and Al Gore on the question, who is the stronger leader, and I think it's because of this confidence in oneself that Gore is falling behind. Because when they see changes so often--changes, for example, even in staffing at the Gore campaign--they wonder, does he have enough sense of himself to be our leader, to command?

HUME: And to be the same guy on one day that he is on another, perhaps.

BIRNBAUM: Right.

HUME: Well, now what about these recent changes? Do you see Gore making, as campaigns do, sort of frequent adjustments and course corrections and so on. Most recently he's been the fighting populist pounding away, as you've noted, at the drug companies, and once again, at the tobacco companies and so on, oil companies and drug companies in particular. That has widely been attributed by observers to a response to Ralph Nader's populist appeal in some states, which is seen as a threat to Gore.

Is it your sense that this simply feeds this perception of him?

BIRNBAUM: Yes. Is he an old Democrat or a new Democrat? Lately, I think you can argue that he's been an old liberal Democrat...

HUME: You've got a little difficulty there. Here, let's give you some water.

BIRNBAUM: Pardon me. Well, thank you.

HUME: You know, Gore, of course, has consistently able to respond and adjust his campaign. He did it with Bradley, adjusted his campaign, and overwhelmed, swamped Bradley. So why should we not believe that his adjustments that he's making as he goes along here will not, you know, after some early criticism, perhaps be similarly convicted?

BIRNBAUM: Well, they could well, but the question is, does he know who he is? Is he the populist Democrat appealing to the liberal base as he is now, attacking drug companies, for example, or is he the Gore--the new Democrat who is for welfare reform, for example, and deficit reduction, as he was in the beginning of the Clinton campaign? The question is, do we know where he will be in November? And if the American public thinks otherwise, they won't vote for him.

HUME: Very interesting, Jeff Birnbaum. Great to have you. Thanks very much.

Coming up, find out what you can't smoke if you are attending the Democratic National Convention. We'll be right back.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

HUME: The latest now from the ``Political Grapevine."

The Republicans have announced that House Speaker Dennis Hastert will be the chairman of the party's convention in Philadelphia. His deputies will all be House members, Jennifer Dunn of Washington, Henry Bonilla of Texas, and J.C. Watts of Oklahoma; a woman, a Hispanic, and a black. Meanwhile, political tea leaf readers may note that Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating, a vice presidential possibility in some people's minds, has been named a ``national caucus team co-chairman for the convention," but another V.P. hopeful, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge got no official convention role.

Fidel Castro says he was practically overcome with emotion at the sight of Elian Gonzalez, when the 6-year-old returned to Cuba last week. He said in a speech that not even after the Cuban Revolution or the Bay of Pigs invasion did he--quote--"experience such intense emotion as when he saw the private plane door open and Elian and his father emerge." Castro said Elian and his father had become--quote--"gigantic moral symbols of our homeland." Cuban dissident leader Oswaldo Pala (ph), who supported Elian's return to Cuba, calls the Castro government's propaganda campaign over the issue--quote--"a poisonous cloud," which he said obliterates all other political discussion.

The organizing committee for the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles is still \$3-\$4 million short of its fund-raising goals, but is steadfastly refusing to accept any money from tobacco companies. ``The New York Times" quotes party officials as saying--quote--"We look forward to showcasing Los Angeles as the largest

smoke-free city in the nation." Los Angeles forbids smoking in restaurants and many other public places, though the smog-filled city is usually not thought of as smoke free.

Nearly a year after John F. Kennedy Jr.'s death, a federal agency has issued its final report into the crash that took his life. Kennedy, his wife, Carolyn Bessette, and her sister Lauren all died when the plane he was flying plunged into the Atlantic Ocean.

As Fox News's Brian Wilson tells us, the report indicates Kennedy himself was at fault.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

BRIAN WILSON, FOX CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): It took a year for the National Transportation Safety Board to recover the aircraft wreckage from 120 feet of water off the coast of Martha's Vineyard and complete a detailed investigation. The final report from the NTSB lists the probable cause of the crash as ``the pilot's failure to maintain control of the airplane during a descent over water at night which was the result of spatial disorientation."

In other words, John F. Kennedy Jr., a relatively inexperienced pilot, became confused when he lost sight of the horizon in the hazy conditions that night. Spatial disorientation is one of the most common causes of fatal aircraft accidents. Experienced pilots learn over time to trust their instruments, but JFK Jr. had completed only half of the training required for an instrument rating.

MICHAEL GOLDFARB, AVIATION CONSULTANT: He knew just enough to be dangerous. Less skill, less experience, he wouldn't have made the flight. More skill, more ability to rely on the cockpit instruments, he could have probably navigated safely.

WILSON: We now know the Piper Saratoga slammed hard into the waters off Martha's Vineyard nose first, impact speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour. But a subsequent investigation of the wreckage revealed no mechanical problems with the plane.

Because John Kennedy was a member of one of the nation's most powerful and influential political families, there were early hints the NTSB would stop short of blaming the accident on the pilot. But former NTSB investigator Vernon Grose says there is no sign the NTSB pulled any punches.

VERNON GROSE, FMR. NTSB INVESTIGATOR: They did acknowledge here that he failed to make the correct descent from altitude.

WILSON (on camera): One other interesting tidbit from the final report: 53 minutes before the plane crashed, JFK Jr.'s plane came close enough to an American Airline commuter plane to set off that plane's collision avoidance warning system. However, the NTSB says it did not qualify as a near miss.

In Washington, Brian Wilson, Fox News.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

HUME: Coming up, teachers' unions generally oppose performance-based bonuses, but could these programs help the nation's schools? We'll ask education expert and author Chester Finn, coming up next.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

HUME: The National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers' union has once again rejected the idea that teacher pay should be tied to the performance of students, but the NEA did

decide to let local teachers' unions negotiate some form of job performance bonuses. With education being a major preoccupation of both major party presidential candidates, and with Vice President Gore having been endorsed by the NEA, the issue of teacher pay could wind up in the midst of the fall campaign.

To help sort it out we turn to Chester Finn, an authority on education who was an assistant secretary of education in the Reagan administration. Welcome.

CHESTER FINN, MANHATTAN INSTITUTE: Thank you very much.

HUME: Nice to have you back.

FINN: Appreciate it.

HUME: So what happened here with this NEA vote?

There was a--the NEA leadership was for something that--well, you tell me.

FINN: The followership wasn't for. Well, you know, every fourth of July, the NEA has its convention somewhere and the leadership usually tries to position this enormous union on the good side of some education reform issue and make them not look like total stick-in-the-muds. This year the issue was merit pay, the notion that good teachers might get paid more than bad teachers.

And the leadership went through this elaborate process of putting forward a resolution that would under very limited circumstances encourage local districts to experiment with certain kinds of merit pay, particularly the kind where teachers observe other teachers and say, we think that's a good teacher, and maybe they could get some more money.

HUME: So it wouldn't--but it wouldn't be based on student performance, even under the NEA leadership proposal?

FINN: It would never have been based on student performance. They were dead set against that. Meanwhile, it's important to note that six or eight communities around the country, including a couple of NEA cities are actually doing something like this. There are some experiments under way.

HUME: Not student performance, but what? Peer judgment or something like that?

FINN: Peer judgment, administrator judgments. And a couple of places, Dallas, Texas, for example, heading near student performance as a way of measuring teacher effectiveness. There is some very interesting research in this area on measuring teacher effectiveness by student test scores.

HUME: What does the research say?

FINN: The most important thing it says is that there are big differences from teacher to teacher in effectiveness if you look at the gains the kids in their classes make during the course of the year.

HUME: Now, does this establish that the teachers' abilities--or the teachers' effectiveness is the thing, or does it not establish it?

FINN: It doesn't make it the sole cause, but it sure shows patterns that are very suggestive that kids who get the very effective teachers several years in a row have their scores go like this. Kids that get the less effective teachers several years in a row go like this. The differences get very big. And so, there is some very interesting work being done on this. But no, the NEA was never going to endorse student achievement-based merit pay.

HUME: This may seem like a dumb question, but why?

FINN: It's deep in their credo that teachers should not be judged by the amount their students have learned. Why is this? It goes partly back to the industrial unions, the auto workers, the steel workers, the garment workers who didn't want to be judged by how many napkins they sewed, or how many tons of coal. This is old industrial union attitude, and the NEA, and to a lesser extent the AFT have swallowed it and have not given it up, even though they want to be called a profession.

I mean, whether an industrial union that thinks that way can actually claim to ever be a profession to me is nuts, but the NEA leaders, Bob Chase and his colleagues put forth this very limited proposal for--they would call it performance-based pay, and after endless debate, the delegates voted it down. They turned their back on their leaders. They said "nothing doing" and in fact they strengthened the wording of their previous resolution against every form of merit pay and performance-based pay.

HUME: So when I'm reading news stories that are telling me that they slightly softened their position, what does that mean?

FINN: Well, the newspapers really messed this one up. About two thirds of newspapers said the NEA came out against merit pay and about a a third of the newspapers, I think following a misguided wire service story, reported more or less the opposite. The only thing they ended up doing, and they had to do this...

HUME: Allow local autonomy?

FINN: Yes, but they always allow local autonomy. Local unions can do what they like regardless.

HUME: OK, so that's not the news? That's the olds.

FINN: That's--yes, exactly. The news is that the national leadership wanted to reposition the national union on this very sexy and very hot topic of...

HUME: Now, does--one assumes that teacher pay based on performance is popular with parents and with the public.

FINN: That's exactly why the politically correct thing for the NEA to do was to reposition itself.

HUME: Well, now, is this bad news politically for Al Gore, who is tied by virtue of an endorsement to the NEA possibly?

FINN: It could become that, especially if Bush exploits it cleverly.

HUME: Now, is there anything that he has said--you've followed his positions on education more carefully than I have--is there anything he has said that indicates that he would be willing to be aggressive on this, or not?

FINN: That Bush would?

HUME: Yes.

FINN: He's pretty clearly in favor of judging teachers by performance, but he hasn't, to my knowledge, embraced anything that you would call real merit-pay proposal. I don't think he wants to really irk teachers, and most of them do get irked by that notion.

HUME: But most of them also vote Democratic anyway, don't they?

FINN: Yes, though it was reported out of the NEA convention by NPR that a third of the delegates called themselves Republicans.

HUME: Remarkable. Chester Finn, great to have you, hope you'll come back and keep us up to date on this issue.

FINN: Will do.

HUME: All right, don't touch that remote, folks. Our all-stars are coming up next.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

HUME: Frederick, with a C., Barnes is the executive editor of "The Weekly Standard." Morton, not Mortimer, Kondracke is the executive editor of "Roll Call." And from the White House, Mara Liasson is the White House correspondent of National Public Radio.

All are Fox News contributors, and all may be able to enlighten us further on what it means that Charles Bakaly, Kenneth Starr's former spokesman is going to trial on charges of criminal contempt.

First of all, what is the case all about? David Shuster mentioned earlier it was about leaks that led to a story in the "New York Times" that said what, Mort?

MORT KONDRACKE, "ROLL CALL": Well, that said that the special prosecutor had concluded that legally it was possible to indict a sitting president for perjury, or something--that in other words, Ken Starr could have taken the facts of the Monica Lewinsky case and turned it into an indictment against Bill Clinton, which, of course, didn't happen. It was a "New York Times"--it was not a big deal story.

HUME: In fact, I remember reading it and thinking that I knew that.

KONDRACKE: Yes, I mean, because lots of law professors and people--other people had said that it was possible, but coming out of the Starr office--everybody was very conscious of leaks. The Clinton administration was accusing Starr of leaking all over the place. So apparently, as best you can understand from the--what's public now, there was an investigation of this. Bakaly was asked about it internally by investigators and apparently fibbed.

HUME: Well, he also was--he was let go by Starr, who referred the case--Starr referred the case to the Justice Department, which is now prepared to try him on charges of criminal contempt, but so far the exact details of the charges remain under seal.

What are we to make of this?

FRED BARNES, "THE WEEKLY STANDARD": Well, on the basis of what I know, it would seem to--it would strike me as a non-prosecutable case. In other words, if he leaked--if it's based on this information that the special counsel had found that the independent counsel had determined that the president was indictable, that's not grand jury information.

It's perfectly leakable--legally leakable information, if that's what he did and said publicly that, gee, we don't know where that information came from, that that's something he shouldn't have done, but I don't know why you would charge him with anything for that.

Now, if, in the investigation, he lied to investigators, that's a different thing entirely, and that may be what he's being prosecuted for.

MARA LIASSON, NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO: Right. And we're not--I agree with Fred. We're not quite--we're not completely sure

that the leak is about Starr's opinion about whether or not the president can be indicted. If it is, I agree, that's not grand jury information, that's just Starr's legal analysis.

But it is interesting that he was kind of turned in by his boss. Starr is the one who referred him to the Justice Department. But if it's nothing more than Starr's opinion on the possibility of indicting President Clinton, I can't imagine that he's going to be convicted.

HUME: Unless, of course, he didn't--unless it is alleged that he failed to tell the truth in some forum where you are legally required to do so.

LIASSON: That's right. And he has always denied publicly leaking any grand jury information.

HUME: Right, but I wonder if he also leaked--I mean, has he also denied that he was the source of the story. That may be what the problem is.

LIASSON: Right, that's--that we don't know.

BARNES: He did.

(CROSSTALK)

KONDRACK: ... from Starr's office.

HUME: Starr's office.

All right, now, what we don't know--the reason we don't know very much about this is a lot of this remains under seal, and while Judge Johnson, the chief judge down there, has OK'd the case and sent it to trial, she still has issues to resolve about what material may be introduced because a lot of that is grand jury information under seal, so a lot of this remains a little murky here. It's a little like trying to figure out something with your eyes closed. So that's the best we can do, folks. We're sorry.

Let's turn now to an interesting column that appeared this week by our colleague Michael Kinsley, who makes a career of sorts of spotting what he considers to be hypocrisy, and he has lampooned the national media and particularly the conservative movement for what he thinks is a case of selective blindness to a lot of policy prescriptions by George W. Bush which he considers to be big spending and the kind of thing they would climb all over Al Gore for.

And in his column he says--quote--"Bush promised to triple the current funding for disability research to create a technology transfer fund. It would subsidize small business efforts to spend \$20 million buying computers so that disabled workers can telecommute, to swiftly implement the recently passed Ticket to Work Act," and he writes, "and on and on and on."

Well, gentlemen and lady, does he have a point?

LIASSON: I think he absolutely has a point. I think there is no doubt about it that George W. Bush is stealing a lot of plays from Bill Clinton, and the right is being absolutely silent about it. But what's interesting is, I have talked to conservatives who say, "Look, we don't like this. We think, you know, a lot of these spending proposals are not very good. But number one, we want to win."

And number two, as long as he doesn't break with Republican orthodoxy on the two issues that are the most important to Republicans--and that's abortion and tax cuts--if he wants to, in an era of big surpluses throw, you know, a couple of million dollars or a couple of billion dollars here and there at education and health care and

low-income housing, which are not--never have been the top priorities for Republicans--but if he stays true-blue on tax cuts, and he sure has, it's a big tax cut he's proposing, he has stayed true-blue on abortion, they think that that's OK.

KONDRACKE: Well, you know, poor Michael, you know, has to find something bad to say about George Bush. He can't say ``hooray," you know, George Bush has decided to become a compassionate conservative. He's got to sort of back into it by--and beat up on the right wing somehow. And the fact is that there will be more examples. Next week, Bush is going to speak to the NAACP, and then he's going on another compassionate conservatism tour and talk about, you know, what the government can do to help poor people, which is--which I think is great.

(CROSSTALK)

BARNES: Wait a minute.

HUME: Hold it, Mara, hold it, hold it. I'm going to let Mort finish here, and then Fred is about to explode.

(CROSSTALK)

KONDRACKE: You know, I mean, I think--and the thing is--I mean, Michael actually does have a very good last paragraph, which is typical Michael Kinsley, a great observation about how, you know, one party is always stealing the other party's ideas and adopting them for their own, and eventually, everything becomes mush in the middle, and terrific, wonderful.

BARNES: For those who hadn't noticed...

HUME: Mort Kondracke, professional moderate.

BARNES: ... no, but Mort is a charter member of the hooray school for Bush being a compassionate conservative. Mort often forgets that he is a conservative as well. One thing I'll--I'll say two things, since I'm the only representative of conservative media here--that may be worth something.

HUME: There are people who would suggest otherwise.

BARNES: OK, not many, though.

The amount of spending that Bush is proposing is dwarfed by the amount that Al Gore is proposing. But I'll have to say I have winced at a couple of his proposals that sounded like the one for 1,500 health care centers, it sounded more like LBJ Great Society stuff even than it did Bill Clinton. But it--look, here is why--it's not just abortion and tax cuts. It's because Bush has laid out an agenda that conservatives think is important, that it's so much more important than any of the spending on these small programs.

Missile defense, which Bush has laid out a strong platform on--a program on that, that has completely discombobulated the Clinton administration and forced them to have to consider missile defense. Secondly, tax cuts, that Mara mentioned. Thirdly, Social Security reform, which Bush is the driving force on that--not an idea stolen from Democrats. It's a Republican idea that some Democrats have adopted. And lastly, Bush has talked about getting the corruption out of the Justice Department, which is a huge, huge issue.

HUME: A huge issue to conservatives?

(CROSSTALK)

BARNES: To conservatives in particular, but to a lot of other people as well.

LIASSON: But you know, don't discount just the sheer hunger to get the White House back.

BARNES: Well, that's a factor as well, of course.

LIASSON: Because Bill Clinton did this in '92, you didn't hear a whole lot of squawks from the labor movement and other elements of the left who had every reason to be suspicious if not downright angry about some of the things he was proposing. They want to win and there is no doubt about that.

Look at the Christian right. He never talks about abortion, though I think he's sent plenty of signals to them that they have nothing to worry about, but they're not--they don't want to upset the apple cart. He looks like he's doing pretty well and I think that's a big element of it, too.

KONDRACKE: And there are--there is another example, Medicare. I mean, his approach to Medicare, he's going to provide a prescription drug benefit, but it's not going to be run through the same old Medicare bureaucracy. I mean, look, he is to the right of center, and you know, it's just that he's not as far right to center as, you know, some of his predecessors in that job, and surpluses make a lot of things possible that wouldn't be otherwise.

BARNES: I mean, that is the whole point of calling yourself a compassionate conservative. You're saying ``Look, I'm not like those other conservatives. I'm not Newt Gingrich." And he's adjusting for the fact that the country has moved a little toward the center.

HUME: All right, that seems to wrap that up and that probably does it for the panel here. Fred Barnes gets the last word.

Stay tuned, though, folks, for a look at the good hands president. We'll see who that is in just a moment.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

HUME: Finally, President Clinton spoke at a dinner Wednesday aboard the USS Intrepid, which is now a museum in New York Harbor commemorating the long service of that fabled aircraft carrier, which was in service from 1943 until 1974. He was given a memento of the event, which led to this moment. Watch.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We have for the president this evening, a replica of this great ship--notice its durability.

(LAUGHTER)

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

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By Scott Shuger

The WP leads with details of Al Gore's to-be-unveiled-today campaign platform, which the paper describes as brushing aside liberal concerns to affirm centrist stands on trade, education reform, debt reduction and foreign intervention. USAT leads with details on George W. Bush's convention plans, which apparently include: An appearance but no speech from his father; Prime-time speeches not just from the previously announced Colin Powell and John McCain, but also from Elizabeth Dole, advisor Condoleeza Rice, and GWB's wife, Laura. While speakers will contrast Bush's positions with Al Gore's, Bush has determined there will be no "attack night." The NYT leads with the Clinton administration's plans to postpone the first federal execution in nearly 40 years so that clemency procedures for the federally condemned can be completed and so that the DOJ can complete a report on whether minorities or defendants in certain parts of the country are inordinately sentenced to death in the federal system, something President Clinton admitted last week was a concern of his. The LAT leads with a dispatch from the paper's Balkan correspondent Paul Watson detailing how on Thursday, within a matter of hours, Slobodan Milosevic managed to get the Yugoslav federal parliament to rewrite the constitution to allow him to run for reelection. His current term of office expires next summer. Also, the paper explains, the new law provides for a presidential election based on the popular vote rather than the current parliamentary one. The WP runs Watson's story inside. The WSJ tops its world-wide news box with word that Mexico's president-elect is planning to push the

U.S. to greatly increase the number of entrance visas for Mexicans.

The NYT lead has a few holes. It doesn't explain why although the federal death penalty was re-established in 1988, there haven't been any federal clemency procedures written to go along with it until now. The story makes a good prima facie case that the implementation of the federal death penalty reflects geographical bias, stating that almost half of all the death penalty cases submitted to the DOJ for review in the past five years have been in five judicial districts (tops: Puerto Rico). But not so with the issue of racial bias. The story states that since the 1988 reinstatement, of the 199 defendants the attorney general has authorized the death penalty for, 103 have been black. But this doesn't establish bias. If for instance the proportion of blacks in the total pool of federal convicts being considered for death is around ? or higher, the above condemnation rate suggests instead colorblindness. And the Times doesn't say what that total pool racial proportion is.

The WP goes right below the fold with a story that gets a lot of attention today: tonight's \$100 million test to see if an interceptor can hit a pretend incoming warhead 140 miles above the South Pacific. This will be the third test of this kind and, the story explains, the track record is one hit, one miss. Tonight's tie breaker will probably dictate whether or not President Clinton presses ahead with national missile defense. The story explains that critics think the test is rigged in favor of success and hence in favor of funding, because it involves only one decoy besides the nominal warhead, whereas it is claimed that a real attack of the sort the system would have to defend against could and would include many more.

This is the point elaborated on in the NYT op-ed by Theodore Postol and George Lewis, who advocate creating a non-Pentagon entity to design tests of the missile defense system before Congress writes any checks for it. If Postol and Lewis are calling for a civilian review board, over on the WSJ op-ed page, Frederick Seitz, a missile defense advisor to the Heritage Foundation (Who knew Heritage was under missile attack?) is Dirty Harry. His answer to Postol and company: "The science behind missile defense is solid, and we certainly do possess the capabilities to defend ourselves. The only things holding us back are outdated treaties and a lack of political will." Seitz, in describing extant military systems that he alleges already possess the kind of capability required for a national missile defense, makes some interesting choices. There's the Patriot PAC-3, which he claims is the descendant of the weapon that "helped protect U.S. troops against Iraqi Scud missiles in the Gulf War," even though post-Gulf analyses have been unable to conclusively document any Scud intercepts. And there's his citation of the Navy's Aegis air defense system. That's the one that protected the U.S. fleet from an Iranian airliner.

The LAT and USAT front the National Transportation Safety Board's final report on the crash that killed JFK Jr. The others carry the

story inside. The bottom line is that the board found that JFK Jr. was not experienced enough to avoid and/or overcome becoming disoriented in the dark during his night flight over water. There's some interesting variety in the headlines. The LAT flags the story with "INSTRUCTOR OFFERED TO FLY WITH JFK JR., REPORT SAYS," and the WP goes with "NTSB SAYS DISORIENTATION LIKELY CAUSED JFK JR. CRASH." The NYT puts the point much more plainly: "SAFETY BOARD BLAMES PILOT ERROR IN CRASH OF KENNEDY PLANE," as does USAT: "PROBE PINS BLAME FOR AIR CRASH ON JFK JR."

The WP and NYT report that state manslaughter charges have been filed against a Lord & Taylor security guard apparently involved in the death of a man allegedly interfering with the shoplifting arrest of his stepdaughter. The Times article stresses that congressman John Conyers of Michigan has asked Janet Reno to investigate whether or not the matter, involving as it did a black man struggling with authorities, involved racial profiling. Since the guard charged yesterday is black, the case raises an interesting issue: Can profiling of blacks be racist if blacks do it? It's curious, however, that the NYT, while mentioning the race of the dead man in the first sentence, waits until the tenth paragraph to reveal the race of the guard charged.

How flaccid is journalism's once-rigid ardor for matters Lewinsky? Well, nobody fronts the news that the former spokesman for Ken Starr, Charles Bakaly, has been ordered to stand trial for criminal contempt. The case apparently has to do with Bakaly's quoted claim in a NYT article that no one in the Starr office discussed prosecution plans with the press. The story was followed by the special prosecutor's internal investigation of the sourcing of the story, which was then followed by Bakaly's resignation. Of course, there's another reason the papers may not be keen on the story: they probably all know whether or not Bakaly leaked to them, but to cover the trial they will have to pretend otherwise.

The WSJ's "Washington Wire" says that Bill Bradley will appear alongside Al Gore next week. USAT has this too and passes along this news from the Gore camp: Gore aides "believe Bradley has been one of several factors in Gore's failure to command stronger support among Democratic voters." ?????????????????????????????????

It has come to Today's Paper's attention that yesterday's NYT story about how the Clinton administration is pressuring Colombia to field-test an anti-coca herbicide as part of the proposed \$1.3 billion U.S.-funded war on drugs in that country is not quite the scoop it seemed. Turns out substantially the same story (with a few additional wonky details) ran on the Mother Jones online site, Mojo Wire two months ago. Congrats to the authors Sharon Stevenson and Jeremy Bigwood. The question remains: Did the Times know about this piece or not? If so, it should have informed the reader, who is entitled to a further independent look at any worthwhile topic. If not, why not? Insufficient web research? Snobbery about the alternative press?

Both the WP and NYT report that Tony Blair's 16-year-old son was arrested Wednesday night in downtown London (where the drinking age is 18) for public drunkenness. He was found by police after vomiting and collapsing during a celebration of the end of his exams. At first, say the papers, he gave a false name to police. They also note the incident comes just days after Tony Blair called for sterner measures to be taken against drunken hooligans.

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international papers

M?xico Libre!

June Thomas

The Financial Times compared Vicente Fox's victory in Mexico's presidential election and the defeat of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) after 71 years in power to the fall of the Berlin Wall. It said:

PRI, born in the era of silent movies, was ousted in the era of the internet. As the privileged received more education, so they turned away from the party that had long twisted history books to play up its triumphs.

In another historical analogy, Spain's El Mundo described PRI as a dinosaur surviving from a political era that had disappeared in other parts of the world, and it called on other parties--such as Fox's PAN or the leftist PRD--which are better adapted to modern parliamentary democracy, to take its place.

The Montreal Gazette was quick to take credit for "the end of a political era and the beginning of a new chapter in [Mexico's] remarkable transformation into a fully functioning, modern democracy." It claimed:

For Canada and the United States, Mexico's partners in NAFTA, the results were an encouraging vindication of the view that liberalized trade and investment in Mexico eventually would lead to political reform.

Most other papers paid tribute to President Ernesto Zedillo, whose bold \$1.5 billion program of electoral reform may well have helped bring down his party. A story in Canada's National Post outlined the extensive anti-fraud precautions: 350,000 "scrutineers," chosen at random from Mexicans with April birthdays, matched election cards that included a fingerprint, signature, hologram, photograph, and encrypted voting information with a voters' list, which showed a photo of each voter. The author continued:

Undoubtedly, there has been vote buying and intimidation. But the real problem with democracy here is no longer procedures but poverty. Excessive birth rates have resulted in a growing underclass. Who wouldn't sell their vote to feed their children?

An editorial in the South China Morning Post of Hong Kong was particularly optimistic about the voters' behavior:

[T]heir choice offers a useful lesson for other developing countries with social problems. Mexicans did not choose a rabble-rousing populist who promised the moon; instead, they elected a wealthy rancher and former Coca-Cola executive who promised a more honest government, starting with reforms of a corrupt judicial system and police force. ... This suggests that people will make careful judgments when given real options, and should be trusted more than feared.

The arrival of political diversity was universally lauded. An editorial comment in the FT said, "It does not mean the end of the road for one-party states so long as communist rule survives in mainland China. But it marks a big step along the way." Britain's Independent managed to include a dig at Mexico's neighbor to the north in its ovation for the election results:

"So far from God, so close to the United States," it has been said of Mexico. Nothing can change geography. But if true godliness really does lie in multi-party democracy, the country has just taken a giant step towards the Almighty.

Among all the applause, several papers wondered at the task facing Vicente Fox. The Independent reminded:

Fox has a job on his hands. The PRI has not been wiped from the map, and may have done enough to deny Mr Fox a working majority in parliament. The Mexico he inherits is a volatile, vastly complicated country with huge disparities of wealth.

The Khaleej Times of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, echoed this note of caution. Its editorial concluded by noting that President-elect Fox "has already declared that the six-year one-term presidency is too short to solve all the problems--of poverty, crime and access to education."

The paper's other Tuesday editorial, on the "thumping victory" of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party in that country's parliamentary elections, also held Sunday, seemed a particularly apt juxtaposition. According to the Khaleej Times, the "impatient electorate" threw the MPRP out of office in 1996, after 70 years in power, but the program to replace the MPRP's Soviet-style cradle-to-grave welfare system with a free-market economy "involved too much pain for too little gain." In Sunday's election, the MPRP took 72 out of 76 seats. In a snarky "Passnotes" on Mongolia, the Guardian of London made much of MPRP Chairman Nambaryn Enkhbayar's fondness for British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Enkhbayar, who went to university in England, told the Guardian:

We were very much inspired by this "New Labour" image of Tony Blair. ... We have tried to keep our leftist tradition, but we have moved towards the centre. We now call ourselves a centre-left party.

Blair may not be the best role model for the new Mongolian leader. Days after the prime minister proposed on-the-spot fines for drunken and loutish behavior, the papers had a field day when his eldest son, Euan, was arrested in central London Wednesday night for being "drunk and incapable." A report in the London Evening Standard said the incident "presented his parents with a family nightmare--and massive personal and political embarrassment." An op-ed in the Guardian was more forgiving, concluding:

[Blair's spokesman] said the boy's parents wanted him to have "as normal an upbringing as possible." On Wednesday night's evidence they seem to be doing pretty normally.

International Papers travel tips: Avoid cat-meat pies when riding Russian trains. The St. Petersburg Times ran a horrifying story Tuesday, under the headline "Diarrhea Victims Get Ticket To Ride," the lead of which deserves to be run without comment: Between checking tickets, handing out sheets and taking orders for tea, train conductors must find time for a particularly thankless task: keeping a vigilant eye on the toilet and its frequent visitors. "Diarrhea sufferers will be forced to get off trains,"

the Moscow Railways said in a press release distributed last week.

Further down, the announcement explained that by diarrhea sufferers, or ponosniki, it was referring only to carriers of infectious gastrointestinal diseases such as dysentery, cholera and typhoid, and that passengers suspected of carrying these diseases would be inspected by doctors and sent to medical institutions.

A spokeswoman for Moscow Railways explained:

When passengers travel in the summer they take fruit, vegetables and chicken in plastic bags with them or buy pies with cat meat at train stops, and then there is a chance they will either get food poisoning or an infectious disease.

Although one enthusiastic conductor discussed the special medical equipment the trains carry--"buckets for vomit and isolation sheets soaked in chlorine that are hung around the seats," another dismissed the notion of a rest-room watch. Zakira Kurtdinova told the paper, "Some passengers go to the lavatories very often. They drink beer and then go to the toilet all the time."

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READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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. 8

The accident report may be accessed on the NTSB's web page at:
www.ntsbt.gov/Aviation/NYC/99A178.htm

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SUBJECT: Re: Schlossberg/Kennedy

TO: Ellen M. Lovell (CN=Ellen M. Lovell/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: bobbie_greene@nthp.org (bobbie_greene@nthp.org [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Just checked internet sites...confirmed that JFK, Jr.'s plane went down
the night of July 17th. Event will be on first anniversary.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Joan M. Brierton (CN=Joan M. Brierton/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

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SUBJECT: Re: Ellis Island

TO: laura e. schiller (CN=laura e. schiller/OU=who/O=eop@eop [who])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

As you know, the SAT Ellis Island event is planned for Monday, July 17th.
Unfortunately, this is the first anniversary of the death of JFK,
Jr.....thought you'd want to know...talk to you soon.

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SUBJECT: FYI

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from the wires:

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^HOLD FOR RELEASE until 12:01 a.m. Tuesday

^New book is detail-packed tear-jerker about John Kennedy Jr's life and death

^AP Photo

^By KATHERINE ROTH= ^Associated Press Writer=

NEW YORK (AP) Long before the Piper Saratoga that John F. Kennedy Jr. was piloting crashed off Martha's Vineyard on the hazy night of July 16, 1999, Jackie Kennedy Onassis feared her son would die in a plane crash.

``In the latter years of her life, Jackie had a recurring premonition that John would be killed piloting his own plane. She pleaded with Maurice (Tempelsman, her longtime companion) to do whatever it took to keep John from becoming a pilot," says a new book, ``The Day John Died," which chronicles the details surrounding the fatal accident.

Although she encouraged her son to take chances and he had numerous brushes with disaster his mother could not stand the thought of his piloting a plane, says the book by Christopher Andersen.

It also says that an American Airlines passenger jet changed its course to avoid a collision with Kennedy's plane that evening, that Kennedy and his wife Carolyn Bessette Kennedy had worked out the difficulties in their marriage and were ready to have a family, and that as early as January 1997 Kennedy had expressed an interest in running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by New York's Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Kennedy did not follow through because he feared his wife might not be able to stand the pressure of a heated political campaign, it says.

Andersen, whose book is being released Tuesday by publisher William Morrow, said it is based on interviews with hundreds of family members, friends, classmates, teachers, co-workers, neighbors, lovers, fellow aviators and employees, as well as photographers and journalists who covered the Kennedy family over the years.

It is the final chapter of his Camelot trilogy, which also includes "Jack and Jackie" (1996) and "Jackie After Jack" (1998). It also follows his similarly framed 1998 book on Princess Diana, "The Day Diana Died."

Calls Sunday to Kennedy's cousin, Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy, and to Sen. Ted Kennedy, the traditional spokesman for the Kennedy family, were not immediately returned. Andersen said John's sister, Caroline Kennedy, and the family of Carolyn Bessette Kennedy did not agree to be interviewed for the book.

For anyone who watched the days of media coverage surrounding Kennedy's death last year, most of the material is familiar.

There's the flawed weather report Kennedy saw on the Internet, indicating that the weather was good when it was not. There's pilot Kyle Bailey, who says he was the last to see Kennedy, his wife and her sister Lauren as they took off from Essex County Airport in New Jersey.

Then there's the huge shrine of flowers, cards and other gifts left outside Kennedy's TriBeCa loft at 20 North Moore Street. And the private star-studded funeral on Manhattan's Upper East Side, and Caroline Kennedy's wan smile and wave to the waiting masses on Madison Avenue.

Many of the book's 60 photographs, tracing John's years as a toddler in the White House through his days as a Manhattan golden boy and magazine founder, are also etched in the public psyche: Little John Kennedy peeping out from under President Kennedy's desk in the Oval Office, his famous salute at his father's funeral, the tabloid headline "The Hunk Flunks" about his failed bar exam, the 1995 unveiling of his magazine, "George," and the photo of Kennedy and his ethereal bride leaving the humble Georgia church where they were wed.

"The main thing I want to do is to set the record straight," Andersen said Sunday. "First, there have been a lot of rumors and stories that divorce was imminent. I found absolutely no evidence of that. They had gone through a period of crisis and were through the other end. They were on the verge of starting a family of their own," he said. "I also found no evidence behind rumors that Bessette had a drug problem."

"There has been a lot of posthumous character assassination. But I'm a warts-and-all biographer and if John had any character flaws, I couldn't find them," he said. "If anything, the surprise was that people seemed more upset about John's death than I had realized. More people burst into tears during interviews than you can imagine. It is all just so painfully tragic."

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READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Ellen M. Lovell (CN=Ellen M. Lovell/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Realized over the weekend that I believe July 17th is the one year anniversary of the death of JFK, Jr. I know we talked about Schlossberg and their involvement in exhibits, but this certainly could be a factor. I know for certain it was that weekend last year.

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CC: Julie Schwartz (CN=Julie Schwartz/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Please DO NOT CALL Edwin Schlossberg just yet. As you know, he is the husband of Caroline Kennedy. Unfortunately, the first anniversary of JFK, Jr.'s death is July 17th...the day of our event.

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SUBJECT: Re:jfk jr

TO: ana lee sanchez <analeesanchez@excite.com> (ana lee sanchez <analeesanchez@excite.com> [UNKNOWN])

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TEXT:

I look forward to receiving it from you - thank you.

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TO: Kris Engskov <Kris@madrona.com> (Kris Engskov <Kris@madrona.com> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

nope.... the anniversary of JFK, jr and Carolyn and her sisters' death.

very sad.

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NATIONAL ENQUIRER IS EVERYWHERE..BUT SOME THINGS ARE MORE
IMPORTANT THAN MAKING ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY

I AM 52 YEARS OLD AND HOPE I DON'T HAVE NIGHTMARES READING
ABOUT JFK JR DETAILS OF HIS BODY CONDITION IN THE CURRENT
ISSUE IF NATIONAL ENQUIRER BEING HOW HIS BODY WAS BENT HAVING
A BROKEN SPINE ETC..THE T.V NEWS MEDIA WAS NOT THIS CRUEL

PERSONAL GRIEF IS PRIVATE AND NOT TO BE SHARED WITH
THE PUBLIC

THE KENNEDY FAMILY DESERVES RESPECT FROM ANY TABLOID AND
OTHER NEWS MEDIA TO LET CERTAIN THINGS REMAIN PRIVATE

CAN ANYONE WHO READS THIS FOWARD THIS TO PRESIDENT
CLINTON....GOD BLESS AMERICA AND THANKS YOU FOR READING THIS

HONESTLY MARIE SPENCER P O BOX 130584 TAMPA FLORIDA
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Tornado ki
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A tornado touched down on Friday evening at a campground near Red Deer,
Alberta, Canada, killing at least seven people and injuring more than 30 as it

flipped dozens of trailers, authorities said.

The storm hit the
southwest corner of Pine Lake at the Green Acres campground and lasted about 20

minutes. The number of dead and injured were not yet final, Jim Squire, a
public information officer for Red Deer County said early Saturday.

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'Big Tobac
co' defiant in face of record \$145 billion verdict

Attorneys for "Big Tobacco" reacted defiantly Friday after being hit with the
single biggest punitive damage award in history.

A Florida jury
ordered the tobacco companies to pay almost \$145 billion in the class-action
lawsuit filed on behalf of up to 700,000 sick Florida smokers.

"This
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Fiji's deposed Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudry is calling for his government to

be reinstated and democracy restored to the island nation in the wake of an armed coup.

Chaudry's comments came in his first public statement since his release on Thursday after more than seven weeks as a hostage of armed

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Volcano outside Mexico City spews ash

A large volcano outside Mexico City erupted Friday night, spitting ash more than a mile into the air.

Popocatepetl, a 17,886-foot-high volcano about 40 miles southeast of Mexico City, spewed ash for about six minutes, shortly after 8 p.m.. The ash was blown northward but did not fall over any major population centers, according to the National Center for the Prevention of Disasters

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Clinton meets with Barak, Arafat at summit after U.S. withdraws proposals

U.S. President Bill Clinton met separately with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat at Camp David on Friday -- a day after Arafat apparently was offended by U.S. proposals he thought too similar to Israel's.

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Soldiers help dig for bodies as toll rises in Bombay landslide

Frequently using bare hands, soldiers and firefighters retrieved more bodies Friday from a landslide that buried a shantytown. The confirmed death toll rose

to 71 but was expected to rise past 100.

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A California judge Friday allowed prosecutors to proceed with new criminal charges against three Los Angeles Police Department officers implicated in the

city's worst corruption scandal.

Friday's action was largely a technical matter as the officers -- Michael Buchanan, Brian Liddy and Sgt. Edward Ortiz -- had already entered pleas of not guilty to the charges the day

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Families quiet, but anniversary revives Kennedy story

The driftwood memorial has long since disappeared from the beach where wreckage from John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane washed ashore. And most of the questions about why the Piper Saratoga crashed off Martha's Vineyard a year ago

-- killing him, his wife and her sister -- have been answered.

Family

and friends plan no public tribute to mark the first anniversary of their July

16, 1999 deaths, and police on Martha's Vineyard say they don't expect a throng

of the Kennedy-curious to gather in remembrance.

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Gephardt urges Gore to look elsewhere for running mate

House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt is refusing to submit to a background

check by the team conducting Al Gore's search for a running mate.

Several Democratic sources said Gephardt had told the vice president

he thought it would be best if Gore chose someone else to wage a vice presidential campaign

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Government not to blame, Waco jury concludes

Representatives of both sides in the Branch Davidian wrongful-death lawsuit agree many will take Friday's jury recommendation as the tragic story's resolution.

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Critics take aim at Bush record in Texas

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Critics questioned how compassionate George W. Bush's conservatism really is Friday as the Republican presidential hopeful tried to fend off attacks on his

record as governor of Texas. While the Texas governor needed the first lady, Vice President Al Gore and President Clinton in New York, he found himself interrupted by opponents of the death penalty and fending off criticism of his

management of state finances and conditions along the Mexican border.

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Sources: Gore campaign and Gephardt in "serious" running mate talks

Al Gore's presidential campaign and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt are engaged "serious" discussions about the possibility of Gephardt becoming Gore's

vice presidential running mate, Democratic sources on Capitol Hill reported Friday. Sources told CNN the notion of a Gephardt candidacy has been actively promoted by three Gore aides with close ties to the House minority leader --

campaign manager Donna Brazile, campaign chairman Bill Daley, and media adviser

Robert Shrum. The discussions have included "at least one" recent conversation

between the two men.

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Despite pressure from business interests and the White House, Senate Majority
Leader Trent Lott won't schedule a vote on normalizing trade with China while
negotiations over a related weapons non-proliferation measure remain stalled.
Supporters of granting China permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) have
pushed Lott to schedule a Senate vote on the issue before the Senate's summer
recess begins in late July.

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U.S. stocks sizzle

The Nasdaq composite index surged more than 70 points Friday, extending three straight sessions of gains and closing the week up 5 percent. The gains came on the back of strong corporate quarterly reports from technology firms, putting the index 25 percent above its May 23 low of 3,164.

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Amazon up on upbeat note

The beaten-down Web retailing giant Amazon.com soared Friday in response to positive comments from a Wall Street analyst, who predicted that its sales in the third and fourth quarters would be good and that it has enough cash on hand

to survive. Amazon stock rose 7-1/2 to close at 42-1/2 Friday, a 21 percent gain, on volume that was three times its daily average. However, even after Friday's gain, Amazon (AMZN: Research, Estimates) is still down 62

percent from the high of 113 it reached late last year.


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Tobacco -
up in smoke?

The verdict is in. The world's biggest tobacco companies are ordered to give
ailing smokers a whopping \$145 billion in penalties in the Florida lawsuit that

has dragged on for the last two years.

That amount, one of the largest
awards to plaintiffs in a class action suit, is more than enough to bankrupt
each of the companies.


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The case f
or value stocks

You could forgive the people at Sysco Inc. for envying the folks at Cisco
Systems.

Sysco delivers food, not the sexiest of industries. Cisco
makes the routers and switches that speed information delivery. Cisco's CEO
gets flashy magazine profiles. Sysco's chief doesn't. Cisco shares catapulted
more 100 percent last year. Sysco shares didn't.


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Another strong solar flare heads toward Earth

Scientists detected a strong Coronal Mass Ejection, also called a CME or a solar flare, leaving the sun Friday morning. Experts said a CME of this size and strength will probably trigger unusually strong displays of the northern lights on Saturday and Sunday nights. It is also possible, though less likely,

that the flare could interrupt satellite communications or disrupt power transmission on Earth.

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Orca whales blamed for Aleutian sea otter decline

Sea otters, the cuddly animals beloved by tourists but hunted nearly to extinction by Russian and American fur traders centuries ago, are again vanishing from Alaska's Aleutian islands.

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Lawyers call for global Internet commission

An American Bar Association (ABA) committee this week said laws around the globe need to be changed and unified in order to keep up with the constant changes brought about by the Internet and to ensure fairness and a solid legal

structure for businesses and customers engaging in e-commerce transactions.

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Mac on 15-
day DL with back injury

A sore right knee kept St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Mark McGwire from
going to the All-Star Game. Now it has landed the record-breaking slugger on
the disabled list.

McGwire was placed on the 15-day DL Thursday,
retroactive to last Friday, with right knee tendinitis. He already has missed
three games and is not eligible to return until July 22.

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'This is o
ne you've got to do,' says Delaware coach

Notre Dame, seeking an NCAA tournament berth for the first time in 11 seasons,

turned to a coach who guided Delaware to consecutive NCAA appearances.

Mike Brey, 99-52 in five seasons as coach of the Blue Hens, was named

the Irish coach on Friday, just three days after Matt Doherty left to coach
North Carolina.

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Spielberg
to make international films on Holocaust

Steven Spielberg and documentary film maker James Moll have assembled a group
of international directors to make documentaries about the Holocaust set in
five countries, a foundation established by the Academy Award-winning director

said Thursday.

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Singer P.J.
. Olsson's 'Words' drawing praise

P.J. Olsson likes the Eagles and Pink Floyd, but he doesn't listen to them much

these days -- or anyone else, by that matter -- all because of "So," Peter
Gabriel's 1986 album.

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Dear MR. President....or should I say webmaster:

I just have an idea that I suggested less than a year ago to this website and never recieved a response. My suggestion was to have a statue of JFK, Jr. done in the pose of when he was saluting his father's casket when he was a child. I think this should be put standing above JFK, Sr. and Jackie O's gravesite. I think this would be a wonderful getsture on behalf of our great country to show the Kennedy's how much we really admire their involvement with this country. Can you please email me or write me or something regarding this please.

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TO: Debra S. Wood (CN=Debra S. Wood/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Editor, Tim Appelo

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Rep. Delahunt's office contacted me today regarding the President's trip to the Cape on the 4th & 5th of August. I have a letter that I will fax to you but, they indicated that they never ask the President to do events during his stays for vacation but, would like to ask that the President make a brief stop at the Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, which is a ten minute flight away from the Vineyard. Mr Delahunt would like to give the President the opportunity to thank the Cape and Islands Coast Guard personnel for the support and security they have given the First Family during their many visits to the region. The Coast Guard are very dedicated and widely respected: a number of heroic sea rescues, the JFK Jr plane crash and tragedy, two White House Environmental awards.

FYI: Delahunt has been Co-Chairman of the Coast Guard Caucus in the House, is a former Coast Guardsman and has actively promoted the Coast Guard's agenda. The event we are interested in could take place at the Air Station hanger, which is on the Massachusetts Military Reservation (AF1 has landed there, Bush made a visit there, and Kennedy made frequent visits there.

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--IS IT A HEAD FAKE? NBC's Mitchell: "The Cheney information did not ...
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the head fake."

--DOWNSIDE?<i>Wall Street Journal</i> 's Calmes and Farney: "Cheney's resume could be seen as outshining not only those of other vice-presidential wannabes, but of Bush himself."
--WHAT IF IT ISN'T CHENEY? CNN'S Novak: "If they pushed [Cheney] up ... flew him all the way up to Wyoming to go into the courthouse and re-register in order to stamp down the McCain voting, that would be a disaster."
--WHEN? CBS' Whitaker: "It's gotten crazy in Austin. Depending on who you talk to, the governor either has, or hasn't, made up his mind, and will make his announcement Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday -- take your pick." (#1)<!--END-spot--><!--|--><!--|-->

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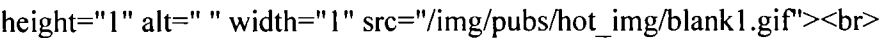
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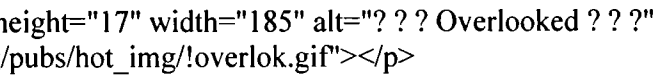
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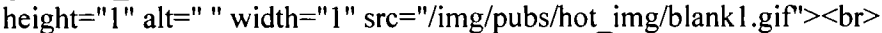
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If Cheney (R-WY) is the GOP VP nominee, Time's Matt Cooper asks, when was the last time we had a prez or VP candidate from a major party claim as his residency a state with as few as 3 electoral votes. The best we could come up with was McGovern (D-SD) in '72 who hailed from, at the time, a 4 electoral vote state. SD has since lost the 2nd CD and is currently a 3 electoral vote state. Email your answers to hotmail@nationaljournal.com

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GOP VEEPSTAKES: Cheney Smokes All Others In Rumor Mill

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<i>Boston Globe's</i> Zuckman writes that "as drenching rain pounded the Texas hill country yesterday," Bush "remained secluded at his ranch, weighing his choice of a running mate." Aides to Bush maintained that "no announcement is likely before" tomorrow, "and all signs continued to point" to ex-DoD Sec. Dick Cheney as the leading contender. As of last night, Bush "had made no telephone calls informing any of the potential candidates for vice president that they had been cut from his short list." (7/24). In "seclusion at his Texas ranch, Bush tentatively planned" to introduce his running mate tomorrow, but "even his closest advisors said they did not know if he had made up his mind" yesterday. The "silence from Bush on a day he had promised to decide prompted aides to caution that he could make a surprise pick" (Fournier, AP, 7/24). Heading from DC to Dallas yesterday, Cheney deflected questions on whether he was about to be named as the nominee. Cheney: "You'll have to ask somebody above my pay grade" (Keen, <i>USA Today</i>, 7/24). Bush is scheduled to return to Austin today "where he has at least two network television interviews scheduled." Bush comm. dir. Karen Hughes "acknowledged that she told reporters to be in Austin" today, but added, "I really don't expect a decision" before tomorrow (Leubsdorf and Jackson, <i>Dallas Morning News</i>, 7/24).

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Tomorrow ... You're Always A Day Away
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NBC's Gregory on Bush's VP search: "Tonight Bush prepares to end the speculation, advisers say consulting his wife, Laura, and his father, who was in the same position 12 years ago. A final decision is expected to be announced Tuesday" ("Nightly News," 7/23).

CBS' Whitaker: "It's gotten crazy in Austin. Depending on who you talk to, the governor either has, or hasn't, made up his mind, and will make his announcement Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday -- take your pick. What we do know, is that he is up at his ranch with his wife and his conscience, as one staffer puts it. And when he comes down from the ranch, he should have made up his mind" ("Evening News," CBS, 7/23).

Hughes: "Sometime early this week I expect him to call and let us know that he has made a decision and is prepared to make an announcement" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 7/23).

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Would Cheney Head Fake Equal Huge Head Ache?

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<i>Wall Street Journal's</i> Calmes and Farney write that either Bush "has already chosen Republican wiseman" Cheney to be his running mate or, "by leaving speculation unchecked during the past few days, has set a high bar for his ultimate pick to be measured against." The 59-year old Cheney "would bring substance without risk, doing much to close the 'gravitas gap' separating Bush" from Al Gore. "At worst, Cheney's resume could be seen as outshining not only those of other vice-presidential wannabes, but of Bush himself" (7/24).

<i>Wall Street Journal</i>'s Al Hunt on Bush's VP: "For Bush's sake, it better be on the level or he's made a huge mistake, because anyone else selected, other than Colin Powell would be compared to a Cheney or a John McCain and would come up short" ("Capital Gang," CNN, 7/22).

CNN'S Novak on whether the Bush campaign is intentionally misleading people in veepstakes: "If they pushed [Cheney] up ... flew him all the way up to Wyoming to go into the courthouse and re-register in order to stamp down the McCain voting, that would be a disaster" ("Capital Gang," 7/22).

Columnist Elizabeth Drew, on Cheney's registration switch: "The fact that Cheney went today to Wyoming ... is very significant, but not conclusive. It turns out that today is the last day that you can register in Wyoming. ... I don't think this was just a feint today to try to stop the McCain talk, but because of the deadline in Wyoming. ... If Cheney is picked, I think the question will arise,

was this process on the level all along?" ("The News," MSNBC, 7/21).

The "only thing that was clear" yesterday was that Cheney has replaced McCain, "last week's media chatter favorite, as the man reporters, commentators and talk-show spinners loved to talk about." What "was not clear was whether Bush was spinning the names or whether it was merely media bloviation" (Price, <i>Washington Times</i>, 7/24). However, Knight Ridder's Hutcheson and Goldstein quote one Bush

advisor as saying yesterday: "I think it's going to be Cheney" (7/24).

NBC's Russert on Cheney: "If it's not Cheney, then who? The speculation, the bar now has been raised so high. ... There is no one else on the list who has been mentioned who can match that, other than John McCain" ("Today," 7/24).

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<i>Time</i>'s Margaret Carlson on possibility Bush campaign is trying to mislead people in veepstakes: "It looks like a frat boy prank if they went that far to keep it a secret and to move McCain off the front page" ("Capital Gang," 7/22).

NBC's Russert, to Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE): "If [Cheney's] not selected, will he not be held up for a sophomoric gesture of putting him through hoops?"

Hagel: "Well, I don't know. That depends, obviously, on, first, Governor Bush's decision, and then second, how the press would frame that" ("Meet the Press," 7/23).

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IL Sen. Dick Durbin: "I've been listening carefully as this Dick Cheney speculation has surfaced, And I think there are two possibilities. Either the Bush campaign is trying to kill the speculation about John McCain as a running mate or Dick Cheney's very serious" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 7/23).

For more messages from pundits to the Bush camp on a possible Cheney head fake, read today's <i>Talking Heads</i>!

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Or Is Danforth The Head Fake?

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NBC's Mitchell, on Cheney and Danforth: "The Cheney information did not ... come out from a Bush leak. It was not a head fake. I think Danforth is the head fake. Danforth is the attempt by the Bush team to try to quiet down this Cheney business for a couple of days" ("Meet the Press," 7/23).

ABC's Stephanopoulos on Danforth and Cheney: "Both Danforth and Cheney share a lot of similarities. They both meet Bush's top criteria: loyalty and stature. They're both clearly conservative but have a reputation for working with

the Democrats" ("World News," 7/22).

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Or Was The Head Fake A McCain Trial Ballon?

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ABC's Douglass on how Cheney's name may have arisen: "The Bush campaign did let his name surface. That is unusual. And they did it just hours after these reports that John McCain might be willing to take the job. And so there is some speculation that Cheney's name surfaced simply to squelch that talk about McCain" ("This Week," 7/23).

More Durbin, on Cheney being a ploy to draw attention from McCain: "I don't know whether this rumor and speculation about Cheney is designed to really float a name or whether it's designed to kill the speculation that John McCain might be the running mate for Governor Bush. I can't tell from the outside and I'm not sure anyone can" ("Late Edition," CNN, 7/23).

CNN's Novak on the chance Bush campaign is floating vp names to deflect McCain attention: "The Bush people were very anxious to say that McCain was not going to be the person. I think McCain would have been a very good choice, as you know, but I can't believe they went so far in that campaign as to pull off this stunt" ("Capital Gang," 7/22).

<i>Washington Post</i>'s Ceci Connolly on Cheney's prospects: "I wouldn't put it past Bush to make a little mischief the weekend before the announcement and drive everybody a little bit batty" ("Special Report," FNC, 7/21).

WH CoS John Podesta on Cheney: "I think the Dick Cheney thing is an elaborate head fake ... to get the press off of looking at John McCain" ("This Week," 7/23).

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The Cheney Reaction

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Cheney "has been the focus of attention" since NBC's Lisa Myers reported on 7/21 that Cheney had switched his voter registration from TX to WY to avoid possible constitutional problems associated with electoral college voting rules. In addition, as Bush "privately pondered his choice" for a running mate, there were "new signals" yesterday that Cheney "may be the top contender." According to a member of the Halliburton Co., where Cheney is the chairman and CEO, Cheney told board members last week that there was a "strong likelihood he would be asked to be Bush's running mate." The board member, who asked not to be named: "He in effect told us it was virtually certain if there wasn't a glitch. ... But he also made it clear that it wasn't 100%." According to one board member, in his meeting with Halliburton board members, Cheney "made it so clear that the selection was close to a done deal that board members engaged in a long discussion about his successor and the transition." (Balz, <i>Washington Post</i>, 7/24).

Also, <i>New York Times</i>

reports that Houston cardiac surgeon Denton Cooley, "who described himself as a longtime friend of the Bush family," said yesterday that both George W. Bush and his father, former Pres. George Bush, "has asked him on Friday to consult by telephone" with a doctor for ex-DoD Sec. Dick Cheney to help determine if Cheney was "up to a strenuous campaign." In an interview yesterday, Cooley "said that after the Bushes made the request

st, he spoke almost immediately with"

Cheney's doctor. After "several hours," the Bushes got back in touch with Cooley "to check his findings about Cheney, which were favorable."

One reason "many Republican officials were surprised" that Cheney has emerged as a leading contender to join Bush on the ticket is that "more than a decade ago, he had three mild heart attacks." However, Cheney "has apparently not had any heart trouble in recent years, and Cooley said that that he told both Bushes, who placed

separate calls to him," that Cheney's doctor in DC "thought he was certainly capable and fit enough to go through a national campaign." Cooley added that both Bushes "seemed pleased by that news." The three heart attacks, in '78, '84 and '88 "were all mild, and he had bypass surgery in '88, before his high-profile assignment in the Bush administration." Cooley "said that he did not review specific test results or data with Cheney's physician, but simply listened carefully to his assessment of Cheney's health." Cooley added that "what the Bushes wanted to know about Cheney was how fit he was, and was he up to a strenuous campaign." Cooley "concluded that he was."

The "way in which Cooley's help was solicited raised questions about the extent" that Bush's father was involved in choosing a running mate. Asked last night about the elder Bush's role, Bush comm. dir. Karen Hughes maintained: "Only the governor can answer that question, and I'm sure he'll be happy to once the process is complete" (7/24).

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A Healthy Debate

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Bush strategist Karl Rove, on concerns about Cheney's health: "Those heart attacks occurred in the 70s and 80s. He then served as President Bush's Secretary of Defense and presided over Desert Storm. I don't know a more stressful situation than being Secretary of Defense during armed combat. He seemed to do just fine" ("Face the Nation," CBS 7/23).

More Rove, on Cheney's health: "He served as secretary of defense during the Gulf War. I can't imagine a more stressful situation than being a secretary of defense in a shooting war. And yet this is not an issue. He's a person of great energy and ability.

... He's a high altitude skier. He's an active outdoorsman, a hunter, and a fisherman. And I don't see if he were to be chosen, that this would be any kind of a problem" ("Late Edition," CNN, 7/23).

CNN's Karl, reporting on another indication of Cheney's health as a factor: "Cheney, in another step ... to erase doubts about that factor, has had a complete physical at the George Washington

University Medical Center. That physical took place on Thursday and he received

d a clean bill of health" (7/23).

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Does Registration Switch Make This A Sure Thing?

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NBC's Myers, on Cheney's registration switch: "Dick Cheney is the man most privy to Bush's thinking. It's hard to imagine him flying to Wyoming to change his registration if he didn't think there was a pretty good chance he'd be the one chosen. ... Dick Cheney is not an impulsive man" ("Mitchell Report," 7/21).

NBC's Russert, to Karen Hughes, on Cheney's registration switch: "Why would he do that if he was not under serious consideration?" Hughes: "Well, Tim, I think that that is a serious step. And I think it indicates that Secretary Cheney is willing to be seriously considered" ("Meet the Press," 7/23).

NBC's Mitchell, to ex-Sen. Maj. Leader Baker, on Cheney's registration switch: "He would not be doing this unless he was laying the groundwork to become the running mate." Baker: "It's a powerful indicator, it really is. It's still not a conclusive bit of proof, but it's certainly the strongest thing I've heard" ("Mitchell Report," MSNBC, 7/21).

FNC's Barnes: "There's so much behind the Cheney selection now. George Bush could change his mind at the last minute. That's happened before, but I don't think he's going to. For one thing, President Bush, George W.'s father, is totally in favor of Cheney" ("Fox News Sunday," FOX, 7/23).

More Rove, on Cheney swapping registration: "This removes a potential obstacle to his being seriously considered. He grew up in Wyoming, represented Wyoming in Congress for 12 years, he has a place in Jackson Hole, and I guess Friday was the deadline to move his voting residence there in order to participate in the local primaries there in a couple of weeks" ("Late Edition," CNN, 7/23).

NBC's David Gregory: "In the course of the week, even though Governor Bush himself would rule out others that maybe he had pursued but that didn't want the job, they never, never knocked down speculation about Dick Cheney. And at this point, they are now conceding what has become more and more obvious, that he is a top contender" ("Meet the Press," 7/23).

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The Public Vetting, Or Blood-Letting Begins

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NPR's Juan Williams: "This is a dud of a pick. He's a dud of a pick . No good as a speaker, no charisma. ... He has a team in place that looks as if it's his father's administration coming back to haunt us" ("Fox News Sunday," FOX, 7/23).

<cite>USA Today</cite>'s Susan Page, on Cheney's weakness: "Cheney creates a vulnerability for George Bush, and that is this whole idea that he's surrounding himself with the people who served in his father's administration. He's gone to great lengths this year to be his own person, not to be his father's son" ("Late Edition," CNN, 7/23).

<i>Time</i>'s Margaret Carlson on role of Cheney's health: "The problem with Dick Cheney is that the only thing that the vice president needs is to be healthy and stay alive, mostly just be alive. If you're going to be a bucket of warm spit, you have to be warm. And if you're going to be a heartbeat away, you don't want to have a faulty heartbeat" ("Capital Gang," CNN, 7/22).

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Early Praise

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Marlin Fitzwater, press sec. to both Pres. Ronald Reagan and Pres. . Bush, maintained that Cheney is "fiercely loyal." Fitzwater: "He argued his positions forcefully, but if he lost, he supported the president" (Kiely, USA Today, 7/24).

Ex-Sen. John Danforth, on Cheney: "I kind of assumed a couple of days ago when I learned of the voter registration by Dick Cheney that he was going to be

the nominee, and I can't imagine anyone better than Cheney for this. He is just terrific" ("Fox News Sunday," FOX, 7/23).

<i>Wall Street Journal</i>'s John Fund on why Cheney's a good VP candidate: "I think Dick Cheney brings three things to the ticket if he's going to be the candidate and that's loyalty, likeability and levelheadedness" ("Early Edition," CNN, 7/24).

NBC's Gregory: "So strong is the belief that Cheney is the choice, even others thought to be on Bush's short list have added

their approval" ("Today," 7/24).

Ex-Sen. Maj. Leader Howard Baker (R-TN), on Cheney: "Dick Cheney is a marvelous American. He's fully qualified, and if George W. Bush chooses him, I think the party will cheer, I think the country will applaud, and I think they'll be elected" ("Mitchell Report," MSNBC, 7/21).

MSNBC's Begala, on Cheney: "He's a good man, he could serve honorably, but he has a bad heart. And I think it's irresponsible for Bush to choose a man as a running mate who has a bad ticker." MSNBC's North, to Begala: "[Cheney] registering to vote in Wyoming, his original state, is not necessarily an indicator that he's the choice. I think you've still got a whole raft of folks that could be on the ticket. ... I know you guys are all worried, because you know that you don't have anybody of the character Dick Cheney <cite>or</cite> John McCain" ("Equal Time," 7/21).

The <cite>Standard</cite>'s Kristol: "It's an impressive pick, because it's a governing pick, not an electoral pick. It shows that he is pretty confident he is going to be the next President of the United States and is serious about finding people to help him govern. Maybe he is a little too confident. The independents are in play, McCain was the way to reach them. He has decided not to reach them and go with Cheney. It's impressive and confident" ("Face the Nation," CBS, 7/23).

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Risks Linkage To Dad's WH?

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With Gore "consistently charging that the younger Bush's policies would reproduce the economic slowdown that helped drive his father from office, some say that association could pose a potential risk" to Bush. Brookings Institution's Thomas Mann: "Even though it's not in the economic arena, it'll give Gore an opportunity to say: 'Is everyone ready to return to those times ... or do you think we are doing well now?' However, "some Bush insiders believe a Cheney selection would help the younger Bush tie himself to a different tradition he has emphasized on the campaign trail: a less partisan style of politics than Washington has seen in recent years." It is "striking" that the two recent rumored list toppers, including Cheney and ex-MO Sen. John Danforth, "spring from an earlier generation of Republican politicians generally less combative and ideological than the 'revolutionary' conservatives who have dominated the congressional GOP since 1994." A "senior" Bush aide, on Cheney and Danforth: "They are a lot less partisan. ... They are back from the time when Washington hadn't gotten so bitter" (Brownstein, <i>Los Angeles Times</i>, 7/24).

CNN's Black on Gore campaign's reaction to Cheney: "They said they didn't

t think that Dick Cheney would necessarily help George Bush a lot and could potentially hurt him, particularly if Mr. Cheney is viewed as a throwback to the George Bush administration, the administration of George W. Bush's father" ("Early Edition," CNN, 7/24).

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CBS' Borger, to Rove: "Do you worry that the choice of Dick Cheney could be portrayed as George W. Bush's father's Oldsmobile? He worked for his dad and he's reaching back instead of looking ahead?" Rove: "The choices Gov. Bush has are people who have records of service and accomplishment which makes them more attractive to the American people, not less attractive" ("Face the Nation," CBS, 7/23).

FNC's Barnes: "Bush is clearly overcompensating for the Quayle phenomenon that bedeviled his father. ... Among other things, his father urged him to avoid a Quayle-like problem. Cheney avoids that easily" ("Fox News Sunday," FOX, 7/23).

ABC's Stephanopoulos, on Bush picking Cheney: "This has the risk of appearing to be daddy's choice. ... It looks a little bit like the old guard is coming to buck up the new kid." ABC's Sawyer, to Stephanopoulos: "There are some reports that this was clearly his father's preference, do we think that this was instrumental?" More Stephanopoulos: "It definitely could be. ... President Bush called the heart surgeon to get reassured on Dick Cheney's health background. It looks like he is deeply involved in this process even though Governor Bush just says that he is just a good listener" ("GM A," ABC, 7/24).

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Houston Oilers

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Columnist Elizabeth Drew, on Cheney's association with Halliburton: "This would make it the first, I guess, all-oil ticket in American history, and I think Al Gore could have some fun with that" ("The News," MSNBC, 7/21).

NBC's Russert,

to Karen Hughes, on Cheney's oil and gas ties: "Any concern that he is an oil executive? Governor Bush was an oil executive. You'll have two former oil executives from Texas, in effect, leading the Republican ticket." Hughes: "Governor Bush was a small independent oil and gas operator, and I think we need someone in charge of our nation who understands energy. One of the reasons for the high gas prices that Americans are paying at the pump is that the Clinton-Gore administration has had no national energy policy for eight years. They have failed to encourage domestic production. And I think it would be wise for this country to increase our energy independence and to have someone who understands that vital industry leading our country."

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NBC's Shipman, on the Gore camp reaction to the Cheney speculation: "He's not, frankly, the person they say they were most worried about -- a Ridge, for example, or a McCain. They think the heart will be an issue, to some extent. The fact that he is an oil executive and that they're trying to paint Bush as, you know, tied to oil interests. But most importantly, I think that they believe that the tie to Bush's father is an unappealing one" ("Meet the Press," 7/23).

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In Dallas, Word Of A Dynasty

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NBC's Mitchell, on the Bush camp reasoning on Cheney: "They are thinking dynasty. They're thinking Jeb [Bush]. They don't want someone as the number two who could end up challenging Bush in the future. [Cheney], I believe, will be announced on Tuesday. ... He will, I think, be the running mate" ("Meet the Press," 7/23)

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<i>New York Post</i> columnist Steve Dunleavy writes that "there's no question that Cheney has more experience in the sophistication and delicacy of politics than just about anyone in Washington. So why the cynicism? George W. Bush fully expects to win the presidency, and he fully expects to win a second term. Does anyone think that Cheney would ever run for president. No way, Jose" (7/24).

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Ex-MO Sen. **John Danforth** said yesterday that he would accept the vice presidential nomination if "it were a matter of duty" and if Bush "asked him to do it for the good of the party and the country." Danforth: "That would be pretty tough to turn down." However, Danforth said "repeatedly" that the vice presidency "is something I have not sought and would not want. ... Six years ago I came back to St. Louis, and this is the place I love more than any place in the world. I really want to be in private life." Danforth, during an interview with reporters about his recently released report on Waco, also "predicted" it would not be him that received the nod, but ex-DoD Sec. **Dick Cheney**: "It's not going to happen. I think it's going to be Dick Cheney." Danforth "conceded" yesterday that "he had not taken his name out of the running" like **Colin Powell** and FL Sen. **Connie Mack**: "I have sent them (Bush) a lot of information, so I guess that was at least a partial answer that I would consider it." More Danforth, on reports that he said he would rather die than accept the vice presidency: "I didn't say I'd rather die than be vice president" (Freivogel, *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, 7/24).

Renewed talk about Danforth joining the ticket started after he had a "private meeting" with Bush on 7/18 in Chicago. However, Danforth told the AP "he would be fine if his name never again appears on the ballot": "I got out of politics in 1994, and I came back home, and this is where I want to be" (AP/*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 7/24). In an interview with the FNC, Danforth talked about accepting the nod: "I would certainly discourage it, and I can tell you that it's something that I have not sought and would not want. My wife and I are very happy here in St. Louis. ... I have no plans to be in Austin, Texas anytime in the next few days." More Danforth, on his reported meeting with Bush:

"The one thing I will tell you is that I have not been asked to be a vice presidential nominee. I just have not been asked to do that. ... I didn't say that I would rather die than be Vice President, but I certainly have made it clear that my heart is in St. Louis" ("Fox News Sunday," FOX, 7/23)

USA Today's Susan Page, on Danforth: "He made it pretty clear that you would have to hold a gun to his head to make him take this -- take this job, and I don't think that's the kind of tone you want to have. I think Danforth made it pretty clear this morning it's not going to be him. I do think that by process of elimination you're kind of left with Cheney. It's clear it's not Ridge, I don't think it's Danforth" ("Late Edition," CNN, 7/23).

ABC's **Douglass** on Danforth: "ABC News has learned there is one other name on Bush's short list -- former Missouri Senator John Danforth. Sources say that last Tuesday ... Bush and Cheney held a secret meeting with Danforth and his wife. ... But Danforth told ABC News tonight, 'I don't want the job'" ("World News," 7/22).

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McCain

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<i>Washington Times</i>' Hallow reports that Bush aides "reacted strongly" to "machinations" by AZ Sen. John McCain supporters, "dismissing media reports" that McCain would be the choice. McCain supporters "made selective and repeated telephone calls to political reporters, at times leaking" NRCC polling data "purportedly showing a Bush-McCain ticket would stand the best chance of winning and have the longest coattails in helping" elect GOPers to Congress. A "senior Bush official" said that the "whole thing is bull" and the McCain selection "will never happen" (7/22). An Albany <i>Times Union</i> editorial notes that GOPers made Bush "their clear and resounding choice. ... He doesn't need to be stuck looking over his shoulder at a running mate with a penchant for promoting his own interests over his party's. What Mr. Bush might do, tough, is consult with Mr. McCain about his choice of running mate. Together they might settle on a candidate who shares Mr. McCain's commitment to political reform and his appeal to Democratic and independent voters. That would accomplish everything that GOP ticket version of the 'Odd Couple' would undermine" (7/24).

CBS's Whitaker on McCain: "The hat John McCain seemed to throw back in the VP ring landed in Texas with a thud. ... Even in the topsy-turvy world of presidential politics, McCain's apparent about-face left heads spinning" ("Evening News," 7/21). Bush Communications Dir. Karen Hughes, on McCain: "I have heard Governor Bush on numerous occasions say that he takes Senator McCain at his word. He told him face-to-face in Pittsburgh when they met that he did not wish to be considered for the vice presidency" ("Meet the Press," 7/24).

NPR's Williams to Karen Hughes: "Is it the case now that we can assume that John McCain is totally out of this? There was a real boomlet in Washington this week for McCain, but the response that seemed to come back from the Bush campaign was, 'No way, Jose.' Is that right?" Hughes: "I don't think I'd put it quite that way. ... I have stood by the governor's side and heard him a number of times say that he takes Sen. McCain at his word. When they met in Pittsburgh, Sen. McCain told him face to face that he did not wish to be considered" ("Fox News Sunday," FOX, 7/23).

<i>Arizona Republic</i>'s Montini notes that if Bush picks McCain "it'd be like Gepetto letting Pinocchio pull the strings, like the Lone Ranger calling Tonto 'kemosabe.' All across the land, sidekicks would rule" (7/23).

ABC's Roberts on how Bush views McCain: "I think that he thinks he can win without McCain ... He doesn't want to have somebody there that's making him unhappy and miserable all the time and who could be stabbing him in the back and seizing the limelight. But, boy, I think it's a political mistake." More Roberts: "Going for McCain says A)I'm going to fight in California, which would really terrify Gore. And B) I really am going to go out and get these independent voters. And C) I am willing to, you know, not be so comfortable and so easy with things" ("This Week," 7/23).

Bush Campaign Strategist **Karl Rove**, on whether McCain is out of the running: "Gov. Bush has a list, so only he knows. But he has said that he takes Sen. McCain at his word, and Sen. McCain's word rather bluntly was that he didn't want to be considered" ("Face the Nation," CBS, 7/23).

Empower America's **Bill Bennett**, on McCain: "This is not been a case study in loyalty, or making the case that you would be loyal. I think John McCain is a patriot. If he were the Vice President, I think he would publicly defend Bush's policy. But there's a difference between a willingness to defend and an eagerness to embrace. They have different agendas" ("Face the Nation," CBS, 7/23).

Former McCain advisor **Mike Murphy**, on McCain: "People should take John McCain at his word. I don't think he's interested in the job, but he's a guy that his whole life's history has been service. If asked to serve as a country he loves, I think he would" ("Late Edition," CNN, 7/23).

Columnist **Mark Shields** on McCain: "If there's one thing we've learned out of Austin is that they don't like anybody talking about anything that goes on in their minds, in their tribal councils or anything of the sort. And loyalty means secrecy and taciturn approach. And John McCain, whatever else he is, he may be very loyal, but taciturn he is not" ("NewsHour," PBS, 7/21).

CNN's **Karl** on McCain's wish to not be offered the position: "Bush campaign manager, Joe Allbaugh, received a call from a senior McCain aide saying McCain does not want to be offered the job" ("IP," 7/21).

Rep. **Peter King** (R-NY), on the pro-McCain petition: "I do believe John McCain would be the strongest candidate, and I think probably most Republicans in the Congress believe he'd be the strongest candidate. The reality is, though, that John McCain's position has not changed since his meeting with Governor Bush in Pittsburgh. . . But he also has said that if he is pushed, that he would accept it" ("Mitchell Report," MSNBC, 7/21).

Weekly Standard's **Bill Kristol** on what McCain would bring to the ticket: "He is simply strong -- he adds something in the polls in the way that no other vice presidential possibility does. So there is a conspiracy, but it's a conspiracy that is motivated not just because people like McCain, but because they want Bush to win, and they want the Republican party to do well" ("IP," 7/21).

NBC's **Myers**, on McCain and loyalty: "He has given the Bush people at least two reasons a week not to trust him as a vice presidential selection. And, you know, as a close friend of Senator McCain likes to say: There is a reason that the Navy put McCain in a fighter jet with only one seat. He is not constitutionally capable of being the co-pilot. . . The Bush people think that any short-term gain would be more than outweighed by the long-term pain" ("Meet the Press," 7/23).

NBC's **Mitchell**, on McCain's veep prospects: "McCain today tried to make

it clear, we think, that h
e's hoping Bush won't pop the question. ... Bush was asked specifically if her
was considering John McCain as a running mate; he kept his distance on that" ("
Mitchell Report," 7/21).

NBC's Gregory: "McCain, who according to several sources has told friend
s he'd accept the number two slot if Bush asked, insists again today he doesn't
want it" ("The News," MSNBC, 7/21).

Pollster Frank Luntz, on the likely Gore reaction
to McCain as VP: "Clearly, what the Gore campaign would do is to run ads of 10
seconds of George Bush attacking John McCain, 10 seconds of McCain attacking B
ush, and then 10 seconds of Al Gore saying, 'At least I get along with my vice
presidential nominee.' ... So on the surface McCain makes the wisest choice, bu
t deep down the Bush campaign has got to be looking for someone who's more of a
team player, someone who won't draw the contrast that Bush doesn't want to hav
e at this point in the campaign" ("The
News," MSNBC, 7/21).

NBC's Mitchell, to GOP Convo Chair Andy Card, on Bush and McCain:

"How do you take a couple who are clearly in divorce court and put them back i
nto some sort of a honeymoon." Card: "They're not in divorce court, Andrea. The
y've been working very closely together. We've been working to put this convent
ion together. ... Governor Bush and Senator John McCain are talking about the s
ame message, and that message will be reflected in the p
rinciples and discussions at the Republican convention." More Mitchell, to Card
: "You've got John McCain penciled in, at least, for a big speech in primetime
Tuesday night. You've also got the vice presidential nominee going to speak on
Wednesday night. What if it's the same person? Does he get two speeches?" Card:
"Well, we're ready to accommodate whatever decision Governor Bush makes. It's
his decision to make; the convention is ready to endorse his nominee for vice p
resident" ("Mitchell Report," 7/21).

And ex-Sen. Gorton Humphrey (R-NH) is encouraging Bush to choose either
Judd Gregg or McCain as VP (release, 7/22).

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Keating

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<i>Tulsa World's</i> Hoberock and Ford report that a plane carrying OK Gov.
Frank Keating "made an emergency landing" on 7/21 at Wiley Post Airport aft
er "experiencing landing gear trouble." Keating, after the landing: "The Almig
hty took care of us. ... We had two professionals up front." The twin-engine B
eechcraft King Air 350 "touched down safely" after a five hour flight from DC.
OK Dept. of Public Safety spokesperson Lt. Stewart Meyer

>: "There was some indication when they left Washington that there could be a problem. ... The information we received was that there was a shuddering as they took off from Washington. There was a decision by the pilot to continue on to Oklahoma City rather than land with a full tank of fuel" (7/22).

<i>Washington Times'</i> Lambro writes that Keating is the "leading choice" among GOP conservatives, but that he "remains mostly unknown to the public at large." In an interview on 7/21, Keating maintained, "I don't anticipate the phone call to come" (7/22).

GOP Pollster Frank Luntz, on Keating's focus-group showing: "Frank Keating was the number-one person picked of all the candidates we tested in a focus group ... about 10 days ago. They loved Keating's background, but in particular, he was hardcore on the death penalty, which Republicans liked, but he was also very compassionate about the victims of the Oklahoma bombing, which Democrats liked. Keating was the only Republican we tested that truly did well all across the political spectrum" ("The News," MSNBC, 7/21).

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CNN's Neal: "(TN) Senator Bill Frist could bring Governor George W. Bush valued expertise with one of the nation's most challenging issues: health care. But experts point out Frist is from a state with only 11 electoral votes, and it's the same home state as Vice President Al Gore" ("IP," 7/21).

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Hagel

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Bush's VP decision "will end an unusual chapter" in NE Sen. Chuck Hagel's life -- "a non-campaign for higher office." Hagel has said "he hasn't sought to draw attention to himself or to curry favor with Bush." Hagel: "I'm not seeking a new job. I'm not campaigning for a new job. I've made no effort to premiere myself with Dick Cheney or Governor Bush. I will not do that." But he has "hardly been a recluse," appearing "on a handful of talk shows" to discuss US relations with Vietnam and other Congressional issues. And to dispense his "non-answer" about veepstakes (Thompson, Omaha <i>World-Herald</i>

>, 7/23).

CNN's Savidge: "If choosing a running mate were a reality-based TV show, 55 year old Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel would be hard to vote off the island" ("IP," 7/21).

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OH Rep. John Kasich is the "overwhelming favorite" of OH and KY conventi on delegates

to be Bush's VP, according to a <i>Cincinnati Enquirer</i> survey. "Nearly half " of the 99 OH and KY GOP delegates responded to the survey and about 40% said Kasich was the "preferred choice" for VP (Wilkinson, <i>Cincinnati Enquirer</i> , 7/23).

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<i>Weekly Standard</i>'s Bill Kristol on Nunn: "If you think about the B ush campaign in the last few weeks, what's he been emphasizing? Bi-partisanshi p. He's going to be above these partisan squabbles in Washington. The pick of Sam Nunn would be a bold and eye-popping pick" ("Special Report," FNC, 7/21).

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More Rove, on if Colin Powell is the "surprise": "I don't know. Governor Bush knows who's on the list, and Governor Bush is going to make that decision . I do know he has, Governor B

ush has the utmost respect for General Powell, and if not vice president, would hope that he would offer himself up to serve us again in the Bush administration. He's a wonderful person, a true hero, a patriot and a great American" ("Late Edition," CNN, 7/23).

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Amid "mounting indications" that PA Gov. Tom Ridge is "no longer on the list of possible" running mates, political analysts predict that "leaving Ridge off the GOP ticket would bolster the Democrats' prospects of winning" PA this fall (Jackson, AP, 7/22). Ridge has taken a "wait and see" approach to the speculation. But Penn State prof. Michael Young said not to count Ridge out no matter who ends up being VP. Young: "Tom Ridge always has a Plan B. He really is persistent. Almost indefatigable" (Micek, Bucks County <i>Courier Times</i>, 7/23).

NBC's Gregory: "Once thought to be a front-runner himself, pro-choice Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge has, according to Republican sources, told friends he believes he's out of contention" ("Nightly News," 7/21).

Columnist Mark S

hields on Ridge: "Tom Ridge, governor of Pennsylvania, who every Democrat I've talked to says would carry Pennsylvania and bring with him three House seats that are up for grabs" ("Newshour," PBS, 7/21).

More Howard Baker, on Ridge's apparent admission that he's no longer in the running: "Frankly, I was stunned that Ridge said he was no longer considered. I had not thought that the Bush campaign had gotten to the place where they were including people in or out, and telling them that. I still have trouble with that whole scenario" ("Mitchell Report," MSNBC, 7/21).

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TN Sen. <

b>Fred Thompson (R-TN) is "keeping his distance from Veepstakes." Thompson: "One of the few things I'm absolutely sure I've done right in months is that I

've decided not to talk about this process" (Lookadoo, <i>Benton County Daily Record</i>, 7/23). Thompson, who was in AR for a Sen. Tim Hutchinson (R-AR) fundraiser: "The Tennessee reporters would never forgive me if I speculated about it in Arkansas" (Putthoff, Northwestern <i>Arkansas Morning News</i>, 7/23).

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Gore Adviser Bob Shrum, on the Bush veepstakes: "What's happened here, I think, is that Governor Bush decided to conduct a very public kind of audition for these candidates. It's almost become a spectacle. I think at this point, he looks a little indecisive. And the fact of the matter is that I don't think he should do it this way, but that was his choice. But picking a vice president is not a fraternity rush. ... The vice presidential spectacle, the fraternity rush to find a vice president, has become a substitute for talking about issues" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 7/23).

Gore Dep. Dir. Mark

Fabiani, on Bush veep process: "Governor Bush has been running around the country holding public auditions for the vice presidential spot. It's hard to know now whether they're feinting one way or another. What we do know is Governor Bush's campaign is languishing. He doesn't want to talk about his budget mess in Texas. He doesn't want to talk about his tax cut, which would drive the country back into deficits" ("Late Edition," CNN, 7/23).

Bush Spokesperson Karen Hug

hes, responding to Shrum: "I guess Bob must forget ... when President Clinton was choosing a vice president and very publicly paraded in potential candidates with a lot of hype and a lot of media. I think Governor Bush has not done that.

He has maintained the dignity of this process. He has conducted his thinking and his interviews in private, and he has maintained the dignity of this process. He will make a very thoughtful decision in a thoughtful way" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 7/23).

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New York <cite>Daily News</cite>' Saltonstall reports many thought that Dick Cheney's "accession" in the GOP veepstakes "boosted the appeal" of George Mitchell, "who would fit the same elder statesman model" for Al Gore. Mitchell, who is "thought to be the favored choice" of Clinton, "makes further sense" according to one source, who pointed out, "He's strong with Irish Catholics in every swing state," and is viewed "as a hero in foreign policy" for brokering peace talks between the IRA and pro-British unionist in Northern Ireland (7/23). Other names in the news : Dick Gephardt.

Ex-Clinton press secretary Mike McCurry on Mitchell and Defense Sec. Bill Cohen: "I've been ruminating today on the prospect that as goes Maine, so goes the nation. That either former Senator George Mitchell or maybe even Defense Secretary Bill Cohen, a Republican, might offer an intriguing possibility" ("IP," 7/21).

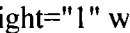
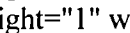
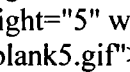
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Bayh

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IN Sen. Evan Bayh's "name keeps surfacing" as a potential running mate for Gore, even though pro-choice advocates "question" his commitment to abortion rights. Nevertheless, IN Dem Party Chair Robin Winston said Bayh "has talked once" with Warren Christopher, who is leading Gore's vp search. But when asked about the meeting, Bayh "wryly" said, "During my lifetime, I have talked with Warren Christopher." The "early talk portrayed" Bayh as a "possible secret weapon" in the Midwest, but some "question whether Bayh ... could help Gore." IN GOP Chair Mike McDaniel said Gore "trails" George W. Bush by 21 points in IN. Winston "challenged McDaniel's numbers but admitted that putting Bayh on the ticket would not guarantee a win" in IN. But Richard Durbin said Bayh "could be an asset to Gore if the Midwest is considered the turning point" for WH 2000. Durbin: "If Bush picks [Frank] Keating, then Gore can say the battleground states are in the Midwest and pick Bayh." Pol analyst Stuart Rothenberg said a Gore/Bayh ticket "would be a nice-looking team" because it "reinforces the notion of the Democrats as a centrist party" (Ferguson, Gannett/<cite>Chicago Sun-Times</cite>, 7/23).

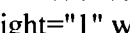
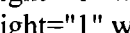
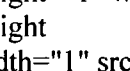
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NBC's Russert, to Durbin: "If, in fact, George W. Bush selects Dick Cheney, how would Al Gore counter that? Would he opt for his own elder statesman like George Mitchell, or for a youth ticket, someone young and vigorous like a senator from Illinois?" Durbin: "Or Evan Bayh of Indiana, for example. Well, I think, frankly, that there's vast difference here. When it comes to Al Gore, he has the experience. He doesn't need to have Dick Cheney along or anyone like him to really show that he has the wherewithal to handle the office of presidency. And I think he can turn to a senator or perhaps Dick Gephardt or George Mitchell. There are many people out there who could be considered" ("Meet the Press," 7/23).

Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE), to Sen. Durbin: "I think my friend Senator Durbin would make an excellent vice presidential candidate. I just wanted to make sure you have my full confidence, Dick." NBC's Russert: "There goes his chances." Durbin, to Hagel: "That's reciprocal, Chuck." Russert: "Well, you just killed each other." Hagel: "Yeah, we'll have to get a real job now, Dick" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 7/23).

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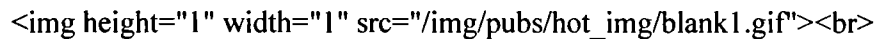
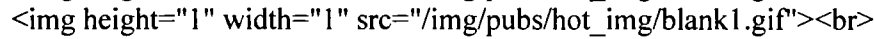
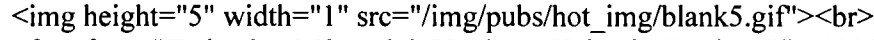
Graham
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<cite>Orlando Sentinel</cite>'s Griffin writes "don't count" on Bob Graham being picked for the veep slot. Graham "has taken it on the chin recently from the national press. The spin is that Graham wants the job too badly. Why, he even answers reporters' questions about the selection process instead of lying or dodging the issue, the way others in the hunt are doing." When reporters "asked Graham for copies of his famous notebooks, they were astounded that Graham had the audacity actually to give them the notebooks - - unedited." Graham is also "deemed by some to lack gravitas. If it is a lack of seriousness that costs Graham the ticket, the gravitas deficiency will be Gore's" (7/23).

Brookings' Thomas Mann argues that selecting Graham "would signify that Gore wants to continue pursuing new Democrats -- moderates, upscale voters and seniors." AEI's Norman Orstein agreed, saying Graham "

would send a signal that a Gore administration, in many ways like the Clinton-Gore administration, is going to be very much in the center." But Graham may be haunted by the **Elia**n Gonzalez case because he "was far more outspoken in his criticism" of the administration's handling of the raid than Gore was (Lipman, *Palm Beach Post*, 7/23).

NBC's **Mitchell**, on Gore and Graham: "Every time I've talked to some of the key players, as recently as this weekend, when you mention Bob Graham, they get very amused and very dismissive. Florida would actually, you know, be great for them, but the diaries, the Graham diaries -- four thousand pages of daily diaries that were revealed that he, you know, recounts when he has a tuna fish sandwich and when he changes clothes" ("Meet the Press," 7/23).

Kerry

Mann and Orstein agreed that if Gore that if Gore "wants to solidify is base and appeal to Democrats who may be considering a vote" for **Ralph Nader**, "his choice would be" **John Kerry** (Lipman, *Palm Beach Post*, 7/23).

NBC's **Shipman**, on Kerry's standing: "I think that Kerry is certainly at the top of the list from everything you hear. I also think they're still looking at Bob Graham. I mean, they might go geographical" ("Meet the Press," 7/23).

Edwards

While **Jim Hunt**'s "prospects seem to have dimmed in recent days, the buzz has mounted" for **John Edwards**. Rep. **David Price** (D-NC) on Gore tapping Edwards: "It would be a less conventional choice, but I think a good one."

" But when asked about the possibility, Edwards has been "tight-lipped." Over the weekend, Edwards said, "I think it's a great compliment to the state of North Carolina that we have so many candidates being mentioned." Edwards' "biggest drawback is his inexperience" (Christenson, Raleigh *News and Observer*

/cite>, 7/23). But many contend that Edwards' "advantage would be his youthful presence and charm - not experience in national politics" (AP/cite>Winston-Salem Journal</cite>, 7/23).

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If Edwards "is selected, he could beef up the personality quotient of the Democratic ticket, appeal to young voters and suburbanites, and give the campaign a chance of cutting into the GOP's turf in the South" (Wallsten, <cite>Charlotte Observer</cite>, 7/22).

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Gephardt

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<cite>Houston Chronicle</cite>'s Hines' writes, Gore still "might select" House Min. Leader Dick Gephardt. "It's not that Gephardt is Mr. Scintillating, it's just that he would have been a more interesting choice than the remaining White Boys" (7/21).

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Richardson

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<cite>New York Times</cite>' Alvarez reports "not long ago" Bill Richardson's name was on Gore's short list, but in 6/00 the DC version of "'The Perfect Storm' swallowed" Richardson whole. "On the heels" of Los Alamos and rising gas prices, Richardson's "name is no longer on any list." Richardson: "I would have accepted it (the veep slot). But I wasn't pining for it. ... I saw my name on lists. I was interviewed, but I never campaigned for it. Now that it's not going to happen I can deal with it." Politicos say Richardson "would not have posed such a tantalizing target for Republicans had he not been perceived as a political star, an possibly a vice-presidential candidate, with broad appeal, especially to Latinos." League of United Latin American Citizens press Rick Dovalina: "They see him as a politically unifying vote-getter, and the Latino vote is critical" (7/24).

<cite>Wall Street Journal</cite> editorial: "Maybe once the Democrats settle on a running mate" for Al Gore and Richardson "realizes it's not him, the Secretary will stop using" the Dept. of Energy "for political ends. Until then, it's

worth asking Mr. Richardson to justify actions that are hard to see as anything but an attempt to help get Al Gore elected, no matter what the costs" (7/24).

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Gary Locke "finds himself on some of the short lists" to be Gore's running mate. "Will it happen? Don't hold your breath." Aides said Christopher "contacted" Locke "weeks ago. But if that call was a feeler, it was pretty darned subtle: Christopher asked Locke for suggestions." Locke advisor Blair Butlerworth on Locke's veep chances: "At the time, it's a very long short list." Two other reasons why Locke is an "unlikely pick" for Gore is he "isn't courting the Gore nod" and he lacks

the "charisma and passionate delivery" of a Bill Clinton (Ammons, AP, 7/22).

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Tom Daschle "has said if

Gore wanted him as a running, he would at least consider the offer," but his Sen. Tim Johnson (D-SD) said Daschle "is unlikely to get" the nod because Dems "want him to remain" in the Senate (Brokaw, AP/<cite>Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan</cite>, 7/24).

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Lieberman

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GOP Pollster Frank Luntz, on the Dem. VP candidate the GOP is worried about: Joe Lieberman. ... If Gore is smart enough to choose Lieberman, yo

u're going to see a brand-new presidential race" ("The News," MSNBC, 7/21).

Police "are investigating possible death threats" against Lieberman by the "controversial"

Rabbi Mordechai Friedman, "who has condemned Lieberman for opposing the release of an Israeli spy." During a broadcast of his show, "Judaism The series," Friedman said Lieberman "is evil and a traitor, and suggested there is cause to assassinate him." Lieberman office and Friedman offered no comment (AP/Waterbury <cite>Republican-American</cite>, 7/24).

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<cite>Washington Times</cite>' Lambro writes, Dems "shudder at the idea" of Gore picking a "regional Democrat," such as Graham or Durbin, "who might be able to deliver a key state but who would bomb elsewhere in the country." Advisers a

re telling Gore "to look for a well-known telegenic Democrat with broad national appeal who can make the case" for Gore's candidacy. Some believe Gore "will follow" the same vp "playbook" Clinton wrote in '92 and "choose one of the party's superstars," such as Bayh or Kerry. Or he might pick Gephardt, whose nomination would have the AFL-CIO's leaders "cheering and might bring the renegade" Teamsters' and UAW "back into the fold" behind Gore. CA Dem Party Chair Art Torres: "Kerry, Bayh and Gephardt fit the mold of a national candidate. But Kerry "is stuck with the image of being a Northeast liberal" and Bayh is "remembered for his, long, boring nomination speech" at the last Dem Convention (7/24).

NBC's Shipman on Gore's VP search: "The vice president today, campaigning before labor leaders, won't say how close he is to finding a running mate or how the Republican guessing game affects his choice. Gore aides want to be able to make the announcement shortly after the Republican convention. ... But Gore aides say he plans to take full advantage of the fact that he can wait to see Bush's pick and then try to top it" ("Nightly News," 7/21).

FNC's Wilson on Gore's VP search: "Vice President Gore has kept this process very close to his vest" ("Special Report," 7/21).

FNC's Angle: "A senior Gore aide says the latest scenario for when Gore would announce his running mate is on Tuesday during the Democratic convention" ("Special Report," 7/21).

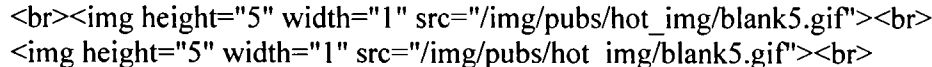
Gore Adviser Bob Shrum, on Gore's process: "I think Al Gore is conducting this process in a very sensible way. He knows most of these people. He's not meeting any of them for the first or second time. He's sitting there thinking about it

. And frankly, I don't know a lot about it. The reason I don't know a lot about it is because for Al Gore, it's not a public relations exercise. So he's not talking to me about it, he's not talking to us about it. He's talking to the people he's considering. And unlike **Karen** [**Hughes**] or **Karl Rove**, I just don't know who it's going to be"

Mark Fabiani, on Gore veep process: "Unlike Governor Bush, the vice president has taken this process extraordinarily seriously -- has held it very, very close to his vest, working with former Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Los Angeles. None of us on staff know when the choice is going to be made. We don't know who it's going to be. We're preparing for the choice whenever it's made, but that's up to the vice president, and he's taking it very seriously. You're not going to see this, sort of, public speculation and public rumination that you've seen so much of from Governor Bush" ("Late Edition," CNN, 7/23).

More Fabiani, on Bush's VP search: "Mr. Bush's campaigning has been so empty and vapid that really all they've had to talk about for three or four weeks now is who he was going to pick. They've used this process, which should be a very serious process, picking the vice president of the United States potentially, as a way to create news. ... This is a serious process. It shouldn't be used for public relations games. And that's what Governor Bush has been doing" ("This Week," 7/23). Other names in the news: **Gray Davis**, **Jeanne Shaheen**, **Tom Vilsack**

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BUSH: Congressional GOPers Joining The Bush-League?
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Wall Street Journal's VandeHei/Rogers write, "As Congress heads into the last week before the GOP convention, Republicans are tailoring their image to fit the 'compassionate conservative' themes of their nominee, Texas Gov. **George W. Bush**." GOPers in Congress will push "tax cuts for the middle class, more money for education and a salute to social diversity" in their continuing efforts to project the same GOP image top-to-bottom. NRCC head, Rep. **Tom Davis**: "Our message will be congruent."

"Behind the scenes" GOPers are "proposing to outbid President Clinton on spendi

ng for the Education Department and the National Institutes of Health" and contemplating a boost in certain foreign aid packages.

But "many" of the GOPers "are irked that Mr. Bush hasn't returned their hospitality." Bush "irritated" House GOPers by "complaining when his name was used on a mailing to raise money for congressional campaigns, and he has yet to agree to an ambitious schedule to stump for congressional candidates. Further, he did little to defend House Republicans from vitriolic attacks from Vice President Al Gore."

GOPers "believe they have developed a winning plan by passing tax cuts in bite-size pieces" and are so happy about the "discomfort" they're causing Dems "that they are considering an ad campaign for Sept. to highlight the large number of House Democrats who have broken with their leaders and back GOP tax bills," (7/24).

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Ranch Fueling Coronation Talk?

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Bush spent the weekend mulling veep choices at his newly-purchased property in Crawford, TX. Asked about his specifications for the three-bedroom house being built on the land, Bush told reporters: I've asked for a king-sized bed, and that's about all I care about. And a good shower. And I want some comfortable chairs out on the porch." The house is scheduled to be finished "in early November, on the same day voters will decide Bush's fate in the presidential election," (Hutcheson, Philadelphia *Inquirer*, 7/24).

Bush's tour of the ranch 7/21 "also reflected his diligent efforts over the last several months to forge a friendly, informal relationship with the press corps. He invited representatives of most of the nation's largest daily newspapers and all of the major television networks," (Bruni, *New York Times*, 7/24).

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Some Very Incisive Analysis

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Former WH special counsel and current Gore supporter, **Lanny Davis**: "**G**eorge W. Bush is a good guy." Bush seems able "to walk in other people's shoes

and see the world through their eyes. Gore's in trouble if he "attacks" Bush "personally or appears to be scolding him in the debates, or if he lets the election become the equivalent of a student body president contest..." But Gore "who is also a nice guy, by the way," can win if he "focuses the election on the Clinton-Gore record and on the issues on which he and Bush differ -- choice, gun control, Medicare prescription drug benefits, a patients' bill of rights" (*New York Daily News*, 7/24).

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New York Times' Thomas writes "A Man Adrift," the seventh article in a series about Bush

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Washington Post's Rosin, looks at Bush's time at Yale in "The Seeds of A Philosophy," the first of four articles on Bush's

life. Bush doesn't do anything to downplay "most depictions" of him, which portray him as "a frat house prankster, toasting his way through the days of rage, floating cheerfully above the ideological rifts that swept up most of his generation" (7/23). In "Applying Personal Faith to Public Policy," the second of four, Rosin writes since his 1985, Bush "has talked about Jesus all the time, to friends, to staff, to the whole of America, starting the night he announced his candidacy" (7/24).

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AP's Johnson profiles Bush campaign chairman and long-time friend, **Don Evans**. Evans "has a more prominent role than any title can signify. He is the straight man to his hyperactive friend. He is a trusted adviser who knows Bush's every mood." Bush, on Evans: "It's like when Laura is around. I view him as somebody who knows me well, is not afraid to give me his opinion, has my best interest at heart" (7/24).

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Family Tradition

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The pre-convention tour of George P. Bush, nephew of George W., continued with a stop in New Orleans 7/21. "How hot is he? It's at least as hard to wrangle an inter

view with him as with the presumptive presidential nominee." George P., on his role in the campaign: "I am enjoying it, more than I thought I would. I really didn't think it would be this interesting. Being able to meet so many people, no matter what part of the country I'm in, seeing the resiliency and the optimism people have, I used to be worried about the future of the country, but now I'm not" (Mason, Houston <i>Chronicle</i>, 7/22).

Under the header "P. Is for

Pretty Boy," Salon's Tapper writes "P" is "eye candy. Salsa-sexy, lean and disconcertingly smooth is P." At a talk in Arlington, VA, "he fills the air with words, throws in a statistic and avoids really saying much." Though "P" is courting the Latino community on his current tour, Mike Gomez, past president of a Latino group at P's alma mater, Rice University, says Bush's nephew wasn't involved. "It's not so much an issue about ethnicity or cultural pride, things that I believe are wholly personal, but an issue of whether or not George P. really cares about the Latino community as a whole. If he is going to push his uncle for president under the auspices of being Hispanic, I think it is legitimate to question his credibility, when he has not demonstrated in the past that these issues are important to him," (7/22).

Ex-First Lady Barbara Bush attended a 100-person fundraiser in Omaha, NE, 7/21 that raised \$100,000 for the RNC's "Presidential Trust, a special GOP campaign fund designed to help elect" Bush. NE Gov. Mike Johanns said Mrs. Bush urged attendees to support Bush because he's a "uniter, not a divider," but that she didn't give any clues about Veep considerations. Johanns: "I can't say I got any campaign insights from her," (Fargen, AP<i>Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan</i>, 7/22).

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Ad Launch, Sign of Strength or Weakness?

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Las Vegas <i>Review-Journal</i>'s Morrison reports that NV is one of 17 states in which the RNC is running an "issue ad" on Bush and education. "Why advertise this early for almost two weeks in a small state with just four electoral votes?" DNC spokeswoman Jenny Backus: "I think the Republicans are losing ground in Nev

ada and are seeing Bush drop there." But the paper's latest poll had Bush up 12 pts in the state, (7/24).

In CA, union members protested outside a spot they believed the Bush team was using to film a new ad. The protesters, members of the two unions for actors, oppose Bush's use of non-union actors for his ads, (AP/Fresno <i>Bee</i>, 7/23).

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Thinking Conservative

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<i>Washington Times</i>' Archibald reports two conservative think tanks "are on shaky ground with the intense involvement of their scholars as policy advisers to" Bush. The Hoover Institution's Condoleezza Rice and the American Enterprise Institute's Lawrence Lindsey are top advisers to Bush, and their "activities might violate federal laws prohibiting partisan political involvement" of tax-exempt groups. In addition, "seven other Hoover scholars" and "three from AEI" have advised Bush. Neither Rice or Lindsay have salaries with the campaign, and have only been reimbursed for travel, (7/23).

VA GOP Committeeman Morton Blackwell writes in the 7/23 <i>Wall Street Journal</i> that Bush been effective because he has avoided "some of the egregious mistakes of some previous Republican presidential candidates," importantly avoiding neglecting "any key element of the coalition necessary for election. From the beginning, he systematically convinced most economic, social and defense conservatives of his commitment to the issues most important to them."

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GORE: About To Savor The Sierra Club's Endorsement

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Under the header, "No Surprise: (Al) Gore to <a href="http://www.

sierraclub.org/">Sierra Club's Endorsement," <cite>Washington Post</cite>'s Connolly reports the enviro group will officially endorse the veep today (7/24). Sierra Club volunteer pres Robert Cox: "The Sierra Club endorses Vice President Gore because he is committed to cutting air and water pollution and protecting our nation's treasured forests and wild lands." More Cox: "Governor [George W.] Bush, on the other hand, has said that if he's elected, he will weaken toxic waste cleanup standards, allow oil drilling in the Arctic refuge and increase logging in national forests" (<cite>Washington Times</cite>, 7/23). The group "recognized" Ralph Nader's "record of work for the environment, but emphasized the urgency of defeating" Bush "as an additional reason for endorsing" Gore (release, 7/22). 12 of the Sierra Club's 15 legislative board members voted to endorse Gore, and one voted to endorse Nader (Dao, <cite>New York Times</cite>, 7/24). Gore press sec Chris Lehane called the endorsement "significant" (AP/<cite>Houston Chronicle</cite>, 7/23).

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Giving Labor "More Than An IOU"

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"Seeking to shore up" his support among labor, Gore told the AFL-CIO's Transportation Dept. Convention in DC 7/21 that Bush's plan to partially privatize Social Security "would put the system into virtual bankruptcy." Gore: "He would turn Social Security in

to a program of social insecurity, burdened not only by debt but also by doubt.

He would take trust out of the trust fund and turn it into a borrow-and-spend approach" (Scales, <cite>Boston Globe</cite>, 7/22). More Gore: "I'm on the side of the men and women who work hard physical jobs all their lives, who drive those buses and lay down down train track and carry bags at airports for others. And they need something more than an IOU when they retire." Gore also "renewed his promise" to increase the minimum wage (White, <cite>Washington Post</cite>, 7/22). Gore "wove together themes he had spun out separately in recent weeks, creating a tapestry of harsh questions" about Bush's qualifications to be president. Like he did earlier in the week, Gore "sarcastically accused" Bush of "having misplaced his priorities" by using TX's state surplus for tax cuts instead of improving services. Gore: "If you were governor of a state that had the worst record of any state in giving health care to the families of your

state, and then all of a sudden you found yourself with the biggest surplus in the history of your state, don't you think you would consider using some of that surplus to maybe move your state from No. 50 to No. 45?" Bush spokesperson Dan Bartlett: "If this election comes down to Governor Bush's fiscal leadership versus Al Gore's credibility, we're going to win in a landslide."

Even though Nader may still be snagging progressive voters from Gore in some state

s, aides were pleased with the last "few days on the stump," as was Gore: "I think that this week will be looked back upon as a turning point" (Dao, <cite>New York Times</cite>, 7/22). But apparently still mindful of Nader, Gore "urged" the union members to "fight off any cynics who say he and Bush are the same and it wouldn't make a difference which one is elected president." Gore: "It does make a difference" (Scales, <cite>Boston Globe</cite>, 7/22).

Gore "did not mention" his support of trade with China and NAFTA (Cain, <cite>Washington Times</cite>, 7/22).

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<cite>New York Times</cite>' Bruni and Schmitt report "never has the Bush campaign mounted as furious a counteroffensive" as it did when Gore accused Bush of mismanaging the state's finances. "At long last, the Gore campaign seemed to hit it a nerve or at least stoke an outrage that suggested the emergence of a line of attack that might have some staying power." Dem and GOP strategists said Gore's attack on Bush's "experience and ability as a fiscal manager marked an important moment" in WH 2000 because he

"was challenging" Bush on an issue which GOPers "have often maintained an advantage over" Dems in voters' minds. Also Gore "was doing it in the context of the ever-expanding surplus projections that have become one of the brightest legacies" of the Clinton administration. GOP strategist Frank Luntz: "Bush's two main strengths are education and the economy, and you don't give when your opponent strikes at your strengths. This is still a race about pocketbook issues and it's where Bush's strengths

really lie." Other GOP strategists said Bush's record in TX "was perhaps the principal credential" that Bush "carried into the race." One GOP strategist said, "The Bush campaign can't afford to have that pillar shaken." But Bush spokesperson Ari Fleischer said, "The question's going to turn on Al Gore. This is so clear-cut. In the post-Clinton era, one of the key questions is whether voters want four more years of honesty problems" (7/22).

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<cite>Sun</cite>'s Germond and Witcover write, Gore's recent "emphasis on populist themes, painting himself and his party as the true exponents of passion, was seen as an effort to soften his image. But the latest attacks on Mr. Bush's record in Texas, the Bush strategists say, will only reinforce the earlier Gore hardness that turns off voters." Bush comm dir Karen Hughes said for Gore to come to TX and "try to distort our balanced budget for his own political purposes is going to be very unpopular."

Hughes added, "it will remind the American people of what Bill Bradley said (about Gore), which is, if he's not willing to tell the truth as a candidate, how can we know that he'll tell the truth as president" (7/24).

More Hughes, on Gore's budget attack: "Texas right now has not projected, not expected, but in the bank, a \$1.4 billion budget surplus. Every budget that Governor Bush has signed in Texas is balanced and is in the black, and we have a \$1.4 billion surplus. Now, Vice President Gore and President Clinton-half their budgets have been in the red in deficit spending, and so I can understand why they don't want to talk about those records of fiscal management" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 7/23).

More Hughes: "The governor has used the budget surplus wisely toward good priorities. For example, 37 percent of the surplus went toward kindergarten through 12th grade education. Primarily, a lot of it went to a \$3,000 pay raise for teachers. So if Vice President Gore wants to come back to Texas and meet with teachers and explain why they should not have been given that \$3,000 pay raise, we'll welcome him. In fact, we might even buy his plane ticket" ("Fox News Sunday," FOX, 7/23).

Gore Adviser **Bob Shrum**, on the Gore attack on the budget: "Governor Bush's principal qualification, in his own mind, for being president of the United States is his few years as governor of Texas. It seems to me that we ought to debate that" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 7/23).

Wall Street Journal's **Gigot** on Gore's attack on the Bush budget: "The best argument he has is that George Bush is too risky. He's too risky because he's from Texas and is too conservative for the rest of the country ... The other one is he's too inexperienced. And that's why Gore is zeroing in on the budget surplus because he's trying to say, look, if he can't control the budget surplus in Texas, he's not going to be able to manage responsibly the budget surplus in Washington" ("NewsHour," PBS, 7/21).

FNC's **Barnes**: "If Al Gore has a chance to win the presidency, he's going to have to successfully attack George Bush's record in Texas and make it look that what's acceptable in Texas is not acceptable around the rest of the country" ("Beltway Boys," 7/22).

ABC's **Stephanopoulos** on how Gore has gained ground on Bush in polls: "One, Gore got most of the Democrats back, and that's been a big part of it. The second thing, Gore has been aggressive and he's been drawing some blood on this attack on the Texas record" ("This Week," 7/23).

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... But Not The Minds Of Men

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<cite>Los Angeles Times</cite>' Brownstein writes, white men "seem particularly cool" toward Gore, who doesn't have to "win a majority of white men to win" WH 2000, "but if he can't reduce his disadvantage among white men, especially in the Midwest, he's unlikely" to win. Bush is even "cutting into Gore's support among union members" and his "emphasis on education is helping him suppress the traditional Democratic advantage with women. That means Gore can't simply rely on overwhelming support from women to overcome a massive repudiation by men." If Gore "can paint Bush's tax cut and Social Security reform proposals as a boon to the rich and a threat to the economic security of working Americans, Democrats believe he can regain some of the lost ground." But if Gore "can't show more men he's the kind of guy they would like to follow up a hill, he's unlikely to persuade enough of them to follow him into the voting booth" (7/24).

<cite>Washington Post</cite>'s Broder and Balz report Gore chances of winning WH 2000 "will increase the more he can raise the stakes" on issues like health care and prescription drugs. "But the race for now appears driven more by personality, and here Bush holds the upper hand" (7/24).

At a recent luncheon, ex-NYC Mayor Ed Koch told ex-Sen. Al D'Amato (R) "that unless Gore changes his style and becomes more spontaneous he'll lose" WH 2000 ("Page Six," <cite>New York Post</cite>, 7/22).

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Daley And Brazile At Loggerheads?

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Since Bill Daley took over the helm as Gore's campaign chair, the pace of the campaign has "quickened." The campaign now has an "edge and a focus that has been largely missing since Gore dispatched" Bradley in the primaries. Daley's "arrival coincides with a more aggressive campaign style" from Gore (Shepard, <cite>Cox</cite>/<cite>Atlanta Journal-Constitution</cite>, 7/23). But Daley "is not getting on well" with campaign manager Donna Brazile. The "smooth and accommodating" Daley "poses a contrast with the abrasive and confrontational" Brazile. But Daley views her as a "link" to the Dem Party's African-American and labor wings, and "there is no plan to replace her" (Novak, <cite>Chicago Sun-Times</cite>, 7/23).

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He's Fabiani-lous!

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Gore dep. dir. Mark Fabiani, on Gore's handling of Ralph Nader: "I think you'll see that voters who are now attracted to Nader in the end will come back to Al Gore because he's fought way ahead of his time for things potential Nader voters care about. Al Gore was a leader on the environment before it was fashionable to be a leader on the environment, same thing with nuclear disarmament, same thing with the high-tech revolution. So voters who may be attracted to Nader in the end will come back to Al Gore because Gore stands for many of the same principles that Mr. Nader does" ("Late Edition," CNN, 7/23).

<cite>Washington Post</cite>'s Kurtz reports when Gore abstained from holding a news conference for 62 days, he "was increasingly seen as a candidate avoiding unscripted encounters

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BUCHANAN: Pat Responds To The [Post](#)

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<cite>Washington Post</cite>'s Edsall reports that Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan "has turned the once-centrist Reform Party into a magnet attracting leaders and activists of such extreme right organizations as the National Alliance, the Liberty Lobby, the Council of Conservative Citizens and the League of the South. Many of these white nationalist groups are promoting Buchanan's candidacy in their publications and on their Web sites, and one controversial group set up an independent committee to back his bid for the presidency. Some leaders of these organizations have held Buchanan fundraisers, collected petitions for Buchanan and spoken at state Reform Party meetings. The flood of support from the extreme right, including groups that are intensely anti-black, anti-Jewish and anti-immigrant, reflects the profound transformation of the Reform Party. Buchanan's candidacy is turning the party from a secular organization predominantly focused on trade and

campaign finance reform into a hard-right party opposed to abortion, critical of the influence of Israel and adamantly opposed to affirmative action."

As evidence, Edsall reports of an e-mail sent by a leader of the National Alliance, which has "become active" in the NC Reform Party, that reads: "It's our job to get

out there in our areas, to raise consciousness, attract and radicalize 'those very people' -- OUR people -- then organize them into a majority. Many good people will have joined a much more radicalized, White-friendly Reform Party come November." Edsall also cites a recent editorial in a newsletter for the "white rights" group American Friends of the British Nationalist Party that reads in part: "Our type of people -- Nationalists -- have been joining the Reform Party all across America and this is going

to almost guarantee that Buchanan will be its candidate in November. ... The Reform Party could soon become an American Nationalist party in all but name."

Edsall lists several more examples, including supportive comments written by ex-**David Duke** campaign manager **Don Wassell**.

Edsall notes that Buchanan manager and sister **Bay Buchanan** "refused to be interviewed" for the article, but issued the following statement: "My brother Pat does not now and

has never belonged to any organization or group that preaches or practices intolerance or hatred. ... And if any member of any such group has gravitated to our campaign, it was without our knowledge, or consent. But if they have, they probably did so because they came to believe the malicious lies about my brother spread by such institutions as The Washington Post. You do your worst; we shall do our best" (7/23).

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Pat Hits Back

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In a letter to **Washington Post** Executive Editor **Leonard Downey Jr.**, Buchanan writes: "Will you folks please make up your minds as to whether I am turning the Reform Party into a haven for Bolsheviks or a tree house for Nazis? Your **Tom Edsall** has us confused. On March 15 he wrote that I 'helped catapult ... to a powerful position of influence in the coming national election ... a Marxist-Leninist group' headed by **Lenora Fulani** and one **Fred Newman**. On July 23, Mr. Edsall spied danger from a new direction: Now, my campaign has "turned the Reform Party into a magnet attracting leaders and activists of such extreme right organizations as the National Alliance, the Liberty Lobby, the Council of Conservative Citizens and the League of the South.' For the record: I have never been a member of these organizations; nor have I ever spoken to any. ... Six weeks ago, when a Reform leader sent me racist filth put on two web sites by men claiming to be Reformers, I wrote our party chair to urge him to dump them and disassociate us. ... If Mr. Edsall wishes to see t

he letter, we will happily show it to him. But Mr. Edsall prefers to sit back and recycle garbage fed him by the ADL and the Southern Poverty Law Center, which have a record of smearing conservatives and Christians."

While Mr. Edsall has written repeatedly and negatively on my campaign, he has yet to cover it. Not once in eight months have I seen him at any of the scores of rallies and conventions where he might have met the kind of decent people who are trying to build this party. They are no more racists, haters, or anti-Semites than I, or Hillary Clinton. ... By the way, exactly what was it that Joe McCarthy did, to which you folks objected so much to?" (release, 7/24).

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GOP CONVENTION UPDATE: Abortion Tension Remains "Deeply Embedded"

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AP interviews with 1,800 of the 2,066 convention delegates show that "tension over abortion rights is deeply embedded in the party despite a wish by both sides to avoid an argument that could complicate George W. Bush's chances of becoming president." The interviews indicate that "anti-abortion forces have the upper hand but also, once again, that they are a minority -- if a potent one -- on the matter of a constitutional ban." 43% of the delegates said they want the GOP platform "to continue to advocate a ban" while 31% do not. Among the delegates also on the platform committee "proponents of the ban outnumbered the other side by a 3-1 margin, although the views of 43 percent were unknown." Among those in charge of the convo, "there's an agreement reflecting the views of George W. Bush that this should be kept in the platform, primarily as a way of ensuring the loyalty of the religious right." Platform members will receive a draft of the document on Thursday 7/27, break into groups to review it Friday, and vote on it on Saturday. Then the convo will be asked to ratify the platform, "with little chance to debate details at that point" (Woodward, AP, 7/23).

The <i>Philadelphia Inquirer</i> surveyed

544 delegates, including alternates, with results showing that they were "politically committed, highly educated and passionate about the GOP." The "three-page survey did not elicit a statistically exact picture" of all the delegates, but it "did reveal a large degree of diversity among those who answered." A "majority of respondents" favored a ban on abortion except in cases of rape, incest, or when the mother's life is in danger. And "many who responded" worried that

Bush "doesn't always appear as smart as the ideal candidate should." The "vast majority" agreed that the gov't should "spend less in almost every area" with the "greatest exception" being defense and military spending. "Most feel spending in that area should be significantly increased" (Rhor, <i>Philadelphia Inquirer</i>, 7/23).

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Ellen Sauerbrey (MD) and Chris Georgeacas (MN) will co-chair the Family and Community subcmte, which deals with the abortion issue. It will meet Friday, 7/28 at 8 am in Room 103C of the Convention Center. The platform cmte as a whole meets on Saturday, 7/29 at 8 am in Room 113 ABC at the Convention Ce

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Speech, Speech

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Bush and wife Laura Bush will "be convention speaker bookends at the GOP gatherin

g." Bush spokesperson Karen Hughes: "We think it is a very nice, warm way for the Bush family to literally put their arms around the convention with her being the opening speaker in prime time and the governor being the closing speaker at the end of prime time." L. Bush, who will address the convo opening night, on her speech: "I'm going to talk about George, of course." Bush replied: "You better keep it short. Otherwise, people will be dropping like flies." Bush's acceptance speech has "been a work

in progress since mid-May," according to aides. Bush said is in "probably about the seventh draft. Lots of words. I don't want to go on forever." He estimated it would be about 25 minutes long without the time for applause. Hughes: "He will talk about our opportunity to modernize and save Social Security, to rebuild our military, reform Medicare so senior citizens have more choices and the opportunity to have prescription drug coverage." More Hughes: "We're trying to keep it under 4,000 words" (Attlesey, <i>

>Dallas Morning News</i>, 7/24).

Jan Bullock, the widow of TX Dem "political icon" Bob Bullock, will be "one of a handful of fellow Texas" who will introduce Bush at the convo. A GOP "

official": "She is on of the people who is part of the process of nominating the governor. On Thursday night, we will have people speak who know him well and know different aspects of him, and Jan is part of that" (Attlesey, <i>Dallas Morning News</i>, 7/23).

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Speaking Of Speeches

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New York <i>Daily News</i>' Bazinet reports that Reps. Vito Fossella (R-NY 13) and Jim Kolbe (R-AZ 05) will be t

he only two House members to get formal speaking roles at the convention (7/24)

. Editors Note: Kolbe is the only openly gay GOPer in Congress.

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Can "The City Of Brotherly Love" Love Republicans?

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<i>Detroit News</i>' Martinez looks at why the GOP chose Philly, "one of the most Democratic cities in the country," for their convo. Bush "wants everyone to know he is a 'new' Republican presidential candidate, who will go anywhere in search of voters who were previously ignored or turned off by his party." And the state has "enough electoral votes to help decide" the election, has a GOP gov. that "was at the top of Bush's choices" for V

P, and it "reaches into some of the biggest media markets in the Mid-Atlantic region." Usually the site of the convo "does not translate into political advantage in that state on Election Day. But it can hurt. San Diego did nothing" for GOPers in CA in '96; San Francisco "furthered the image of left-leaning" Dems and "worked against the party in 1984." But Philly, "a city with almost as many blacks as whites, offers good photo opportunities for a candidate and a party that are trying to practice the politics of inclusion." PA Gov. Tom Ridge (R): "You come out to Philadelphia and we'll be drinking beer and eating some cheesesteak sandwiches. You go out to Hollywood and L.A. and you're going to be eating tofu and drinking bottled water" (7/24).

Meanwhile, a "cadre of left-leaning activists" have "vowed to shut down" Philly and L.A. in a bid for the media's attention. Up to 50K protesters are expected to head to the two cities and "police have set up protest areas complete with public address systems and toilets." Among the protes

ters expected: "labor activists, feminists, anti-globalists, environmentalists and those who want to free convicted cop-killer Mumia Abu-Jamal." Each group will "take turns airing their views." But some have "vowed to try to paralyze the cities by marching without permits, blocking traffic or taking other illegal action in a bid to gain attention." LAPD spokesperson Lt. Horace Frank: "If it's their intent to break the law and engage in decadent criminal behavior, our response will be swift, decisive and appropriate." In order to prepare, police have been studying the tactics protesters used at the WTO meeting in Seattle. Philly's 7,100 member police force will be "put to the test" on 7/30 when a 20K march is planned by the "workers'-rights and social-justice group called Unity 2000." The next day the Kensington Welfare Rights Union will march on the convention center without a permit (Guart/Blomquist, <i>New York Post</i>, 7/24).

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Bush Is The Man

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Bob Novak, on the Philly convo: "Bush is more firmly in control of the Republican party than any of its presidential nominees over the past half-century. ... Nothing will go into the platform and no speaker will address the convention without the Bush campaign's approval. ... The party's rank and file agree, united by the fear of Al Gore in the White House. So, social conservatives will find no sympathetic audience in Philadelphia if they come girded for a dispute with Bush that began three months ago" (<i>Washington Post</i>, 7/24).

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Diversifying Dilemma

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The GOP's move to "embrace ethnic diversity is sometimes an awkward fit." The GOP "wants credit for being diverse but does not want to admit it is getting there

the way on purpose." Dems "don't sue racial quotas, either, but they do insist that at least half their delegates be women." But Dems "have no qualms about finding out, and making public, exactly how many minorities it has, and of what kind." A review of GOP CA delegates suggests that about 19 of the 324 delegates and alternatives will be Hispanic and "at least" 24 have "Asian surnames." But "such tallies make many Republicans uncomfortable." GOP Hispanic delegate Mary Jane Dur

an: "I don't see the value in getting in a pissing match over numbers" (Weintraub/Bunis, <i>Orange County Register</i>, 7/24).

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Bringing In The Decorators

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GOPers

s are offering a new mural inspired by Suzanne Nicholson, wife of RNC Chair Jim Nicholson. It "depicts Harriet Tubman holding up a lantern in front of Philadelphia's station along the Underground Railroad" (Smolkin/Torry, Toledo <i>Blade</i>, 7/23).

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Hail To The Chief!

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When GOPers gather, they will "pay unspoken homage" to Pres. Clinton. Clinton's "personality may be ridiculed" in Philly, but "his political legacy will be very much on display." Clinton's legacy will be visible through the "changes in convention culture" and in the "record advertising budgets of the two national parties." Also, it will be seen "in a 24-hour-a-day duel -- covered by the 24-hour-a-day cable news networks -- between major political parties." In '92, to win GOPers and "skeptical independents," Clinton declared himself to be a "different kind of Democrat" and this year Bush is calling himself "a different kind of Republican" (Hamburger, Minneapolis <i>Star Tribune</i>, 7/23).

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The Shadow Knows

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Arianna Huffington "has been trying to round up participants for a self-

styled alternative -- the Shadow Conventions 2000, dubbed by sponsors as a 'Citizens' Intervention in American Politics.'" Huffington: "It's really exploding in ways I could not have imagined." Huffington and her colleagues are plan is "media-savvy and politically astute." Concurrent with the party conventions, activists, actors, and pols will gather for "four days of speechifying, seminar giving and satirical merrymaking, all on the assumption that the national press corps (and the public) will be so starved for spectacle and spontaneity that it will lavish attention on them -- and their issues." Huffington: "We want to throw light on the things that no one will be talking about in the other conventions -- and have a genuine debate, not an infomercial." One day the group campaign-finance reform, the next to the growing income gap between rich and poor and the third to reforming the nation's drug laws. The Shadow Conventions are getting one-third of their funding from **George Soros** and the rest from foundations and individual donors. **John McCain** will open the Philly gathering, but keynote speaker **Jack Kemp** has dropped out. Reps. **Tom Campbell** (R-CA 15) and **Chris Shays** (R-CT 04) are the only two other national GOPers participating, but Shays' officials said he is "rethinking his appearance" (Ferguson, *Time*, 7/31 issue).

Huffington, in response to Novak's column criticizing the Shadow Conventions: "It's an all-too-familiar tactic, perfected in political campaigns turned into demolition derbies -- the last candidate left standing wins the checkered flag off high office. And any reasoned debate is shuttled off to the deep freeze. ... I draw the line at columnists moonlighting as political strategists. But that is precisely what Novak seems to be doing, working behind the scenes to persuade GOP Shadow Convention participants to drop out. ... If we want to bring these voters back -- not just to the party conventions, but to the voting booth -- we'd better stop trying to scare politicians away from the kind of robust debate that has been surgically removed from our convention rituals" (New York *Daily News*, 7/22).

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DEM CONVENTION UPDATE: It's The Common Man Campaign

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Al Gore and fellow Dems are "planning an upbeat, multimedia national convention that will not only highlight his populist campaign themes but also his

personal and political story as well as his family." Gore's daughter, **Karena Gore Schiff** "will nominate" Gore and his wife **Tipper** "will introduce him for his acceptance speech." Pres. **Clinton** "will bid farewell" to the convention on the first night, then meet Gore at a CA rally to "pass the torch." All this according to convention planners and Gore aides. Gore spokesperson **Chris Lehane** said that the convention will "draw extensively on videos and the Internet to tell a compelling story they hope will move" Gore out of Clinton's "shadow." Lehane: "Vice presidents are historically famous but not well known. ... The convention begins the process of getting known" (Hillman, *Dallas Morning News*, 7/23).

The convention's theme, "Prosperity and Progress: Fighting for the people not the powerful," will be one that "credits the vice president for the nation's prosperity and casts him as a populist fighter against powerful interest groups." Clinton and First Lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** will speak the first night, along with Dem women Senators. **Jesse Jackson**, **Bill Bradley**, Sen. **Ted Kennedy** (D-MA) and **Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg** will headline the second night. **Kerrena Gore** and Gore's running mate will speak on the third night, which will also feature the roll-call vote. Gore will accept the nomination on Thursday (Finnegan, *Los Angeles Times*, 7/23).

"Drawing lessons" from the '88 GOP convention, the Clinton-Gore passing-the-torch event will seek "to show a changing of the party's guard." In '88, Pres. **Reagan** "symbolically passed the torch of leadership" to then-VP **George Bush** in a "brief ceremony" at an airport near the convention. "But unlike the 1988 event, the Democrats said Mr. Clinton's appearance would be substantive and extensive." While Gore aides "want to use the convention to move" their boss out of Clinton's "shadow," the president "remains very popular with many Democrats, and the Gore campaign does not want to appear to be shunting him to the side" (Dao, *Los Angeles Times*, 7/23).

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Maybe We'll Just Stay Home<!--END-subhead--

"Concerned about a possible biological or chemical terrorist attack" during the Dem convention, hospitals in Los Angeles "have stocked up on antidotes and undergone decontamination training." At the "request of the U.S. Secret Service and other government officials, about a dozen hospitals downtown have also received special equipment to protect doctors and nurses and treat patients." Healthcare Assn. of So. CA VP **Jim Lott**: "The thing we are most concerned about is terrorism, and particularly bio-terrorism. ... We will be on super-alert mode for the convention." The Secret Service and the FBI "stress th

at preparations for any eventuality are necessary for a high-profile political event involving the president, vice president and thousands of party activists" (Anderson, AP/<cite>Los Angeles Daily News</cite>, 7/24).

<cite>New York Times</cite>' Purdum profiles the preparations being made by protestors and police for the conventions, calling the convention "the biggest test in ten years for this sprawling, congested, divided city's mettle and its perpetually searching sense of itself" (7/23).

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Dems Want Out Of The Mansion

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Gore's "pick" for vice-chair of the DNC "is ignoring calls from her own party to cancel a fund-raiser at the <cite>Playboy</cite> mansion" during the convention. Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA) "is going ahead with the bash" where a "bevy of scantily clad <cite>Playboy</cite> 'bunnies' will give private tours to Democratic donors and members of Congress." Gore, who has been invited, will not attend and "has stopped short of publicly calling" for Sanchez to cancel it. But "a growing number" of Dems are "showing no compunction about calling for the party to be moved." DNC platform member/feminist Gloria Allred: "It's not just exploitive -- it borders on the pornographic." And DSCC chair Patrick Kennedy says that the fund-raiser "sets a bad public image" for the party. In a recent interview with NPR, Kennedy: "This totally contradicts what our party stands for in terms of equal rights, civil rights for all people and respecting the human dignity of every individual. ... That's why I will not be attending. Nor will I be encouraging any of my colleagues to attend. And in fact, I'll be discouraging them" (Sammon, <cite>Washington Times</cite>, 7/24).

Slate's Plotz notes that Sanchez and her aides, "perhaps embarrassed by the <cite>Playboy</cite> connection, won't return phone calls about the dinner." <cite>Playboy</cite> founder Hugh Hefner "and his deputies, on the other hand, have worked themselves into delightful indignation about their martyrdom to American prudery. They are loving being bad boys again"

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CALIFORNIA (54 EVs): Women Keep Gore Ahead
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A <cite>San Francisco Examiner</cite>/KTVU poll, conducted 7/17-19 by Research 2000 of Rockville, MD, surveyed 827 regular voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (7/23).

General Election Matchup
All Men Wom
Gore 44% 41% 47%
Bush 37 41 33
Nader 8 7 9
Buchanan 2 4 -
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General Election Matchup
Gore 38%
Bush 36
Nader 5
Buchanan 1
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All Men Wom
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Bush 43% 47% 64%/26%
Gore 34 36 54 /36
Nader 6 45 /22
Buchanan 5 31 /41
DK/Other 12 17

Which of these words/phrases applies most to...
Bush Gore Neither Both

Likeable	42%	32%	7%	15%
Phony				
28	36	16	11	
Tough	52	21	11	7
Smart	30	30	7	28
Arrogant	38	29	15	9
Experienced	28	49	6	12
Courageous	35	23	20	9
Slick	35	33	14	9

If Bush names a pro-choice running mate, effect on your vote

More Likely To Support Bush 30%

Less Likely 33

No Difference 31

Your Abortion Stance

Pro-Choice 45%

Pro-Life 42

DK/Other 13

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Lieberman 71% 68% 74%

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All Dem GOP Ind

Bush	40%	13%	77%	34%	Bush	43%
Gore	37	69	9	30	Gore	37
Buchanan	3	3	3	4	Other (vol)	8
Nader	7	7	4	10	Undec.	12
Other (vol)	3	2	2	7		
Undec.	10	6	6	16		

How Certain Are You That You'll Vote For That Candidate?

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Bush	46%	23%	16%	13%
Gore	52	16	17	14
Buchanan	14	24	23	34

Who Do You Think Will Win? Fav/Unfav Ratings

Bush	49%	Fav/Unf	
Gore	30	Pres. Clinton	46%/ 48%
		Al Gore	54 / 37

Your Friends Are Supporting... George W. Bush 61 / 29

Bush	39%	Pat Buchanan	26 / 46
Gore	24	Ralph Nader	40 / 24

(Asked of Bush voters)

Why Are You Voting For Bush?

I agree with him, Republicans on major issues	31%
I think he can be an excellent president	29
I'm voting against the Clinton Administration	21
I don't want Al Gore to be president	14

(Asked of Gore voters)

Why Are You Voting For Gore?

I agree with him, Democrats on major issues	30%
I'm voting to continue Clinton Administration policies	27
I think he can be an excellent president	20
I don't want George W. Bush to be president	17

Do Following Words Better Describe Bush Or Gore?

Bush Gore Neither Equal

Likeable	39%	34%	7%	16%
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Which Candidate Would Better

If Bush Chose A Pro-Choice

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COELHO: Ex-Gore Chair Left Just In Time

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<i>Newsweek</i>'s Brunett and Angilella report that ex-Gore campaign chairman Tony Coelho, who stepped down 6/00 for health reasons, may have had other reasons for leaving the campaign other than his inflamed colon and brain cyst. Just days before leaving his post with Gore, the "Securities and Exchange commission notified AutoLend, a company of which he had been a director, that the agency's enforcement staff intended to sue the company and its CEO" for "alleged violations of federal securities laws." A Dem official "hinted that the Gore campaign knew of the SEC problem" prior to Coelho's resignation. Coelho's attorney says that the "SEC's most recent move vindicates Coelho, because he is not a target, indicating that he did nothing wrong. AutoLend officials were not available for comment" (7/24).

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FORDICE

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AP reports that ex-MS GOP Gov. Kirk Fordice "is recovering from surgery to remove his gall bladder." The surgery was done 7/22 at the Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. THE operation was successful and Fordice "spent Sunday recuperating in a private room with friends and family." He was listed in stable condition. Fordice, 66, will remain in the hospital through 7/24.

Fordice was admitted 7/21 "after complaining of nausea" while driving on a MS highway. State troopers "delivered Fordice to an ambulance" and was taken to the emergency room where an "ultrasound test revealed gall stones to be the source of his discomfort." Fordice served as gov. from '92-'00, and had previously been "treated for prostate cancer" (7/24).

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KENNEDY: JFK Jr. Friends Say Book Is Full Of Flaws

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New York Post's Fink reports that author Christopher Anderson's recent book, "The Day John Died," could have benefited from "some fact-checking. " Because of "mistakes galore," friends and ex-colleagues of John F. Kennedy Jr. are quietly coming forward to shed light on Anderson's gaffes. Take for instance, a "photo of the three Bessette sisters -- Carolyn, Lauren, and Lisa -- was only two-thirds correct. Lisa is not in the picture." Another folly occurs when Anderson writes about Kennedy's visit to boxer Mike Tyson in jail. Anderson says Kennedy was "doing research for a piece on the fighter for his magazine." But ex-George staffer says that Kennedy was merely showing Tyson support after his '99 assault on two motorists and never considered doing a piece. Another example: Anderson names some of "Kennedy's interview subjects in George," such as Muhammad Ali, Billy Graham and Fidel Castro. Kennedy "never interviewed Castro." One asks why did Anderson make so many errors? Many that were close to Kennedy say that "Anderson never talked to anyone of significance from Kennedy's life other than John Perry Barlow, the longtime Kennedy friend who was all over TV in the days following his death last year." Apparently Barlow is "still out there talking." Anderson maintains that much of the "information in question had already been printed in other publications" (7/24).

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SEARS: Denies He's Deep Throat

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John P. Sears released the following statement refuting allegations that he was "Deep Throat":

"In a book which is about to be published, it is alleged that I am 'Deep Throat,' the secret source who contributed to the stories written by Robert Woodward and Carl Bernstein, during the Watergate Investigation. I categorically deny this.

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"When I heard of this book, I offered to take a lie detector test to prove my innocence of this charge. Neither the author nor his publisher were willing to accept this offer. Such a test would confirm, among other things, that I contributed nothing of a substantive nature to the Woodward and Bernstein articles, and, in fact, never laid eyes on either one of them until after the Watergate Investigation ended.

"I do believe there was a 'Deep Throat,' but I swear it was not I" (7/24).

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POLICE LOG : Providence Mayor Accepted Improper Donations

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AP reports that the RI Board of Elections "voted unanimously" 7/20 that Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr. "violated state campaign finance laws by failing to document expenses and accepting improper donations." The Board said that "Cianci must reimburse his campaign and will refer the matter to the state Attorney General's office for legal action." Cianci denied any wrongdoing: "There's nothing sinister or illegal or criminal here." Cianci's records have already been subpoenaed by the FBI and RI AG Sheldon Whitehouse "has already begun looking into the matter, meeting last month with Election Board Chairman Roger N. Begin. The Board of Elections claims that "Cianci failed to document \$42,000 in campaign expenses during the last two years and that he accepted about \$7,000 in improper or insufficiently documented donations." The expenses under investigation are reportedly "hundreds of dollars for Christmas gifts for relatives and staffers, thousands of trips by the mayor, and thousands more in unitemized credit-card bills." Cianci has been ordered to "personally repay the \$42,000 within 30 days." Cianci says he plans to repay the "excessive contributions" if not already returned. Cianci: "I'm concerned about the perception, but I want to assure everybody that there is nothing illegal" (7/24).

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NY Dem Gets 97 Months For Money Laundering

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<i>Newsday</i>'s Cockfield and Young report that ex-Nassau County Dem leader Stephen J. Sabbath "was sentenced to 97 months in prison Friday on bankruptcy fraud and money laundering charges stemming from the failure of his up-state lumber company." Sabbath was previously convicted 3/99 "on three counts of perjury and one count each of conspiracy, bankruptcy fraud and money laundering" after he concealed \$750,000 "from creditors in the 1990 bankruptcy of his company." Following his release, Sabbath will have to repay \$125,000 to the banks he defrauded. Neither Sabbath or his attorney were available for comment (7/24).

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NEWS BAZAAR: Mayoral Candidate Was Once Homeless

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<i>Decatur Daily News</i>'s McDaniel reports that Hartselle, IL mayoral candidate Larry Smith "was homeless 25 years ago and living on the streets of Nashville." He slept in public during the day and played guitar at night "in any club that would have him." Said Smith: "I was trying to make ends meet." Smith dreamed of becoming a country music singer and composer, but following an '89 back injury, his dream ended. Ten years later, Smith dreams of another crusade. He wants to be mayor. The 49-year-old was "one of five candidates to qualify to run for the city's top elected position." Unlike most pols, Smith "doesn't own a car, and lives" in gov't "subsidized housing." He said he decided to run for mayor after being "encouraged by some friends and downtown business owners." Smith: "I'm not the conventional candidate, but I have a lot of common sense, and I can talk to people about any subject" (7/24).

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Mayor's House Vandalized For Second Time

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<i>Toledo Blade</i>'s Tanber and Ryan report that Toledo Mayor Marty Finkbeiner's house has been struck by vandals once again. The latest incident occurred late 7/21 or early 7/22. The Finkbeiners "heard no unusual noises. The mayor's wife, Amy, said: "I just looked outside and I saw it." Painted on the driveway was: "Government blows. Authority overruled." The mayor didn't return telephone calls 7/22. In the previous episode, 7/19, "a glass container holding a burning accelerant as discovered on the front lawn of the mayor's house." No arrests have been made. It is not yet clear if the two incidents are related but a police official said that could be a possibility. The vandalism to Finkbeiner's home comes on the heels of his own problems. Police are "investigating the mayor for assault after a Toledo restaurant owner said Mr. Finkbeiner poked him, grabbed him and shouted profanities at him" 7/14. Finkbeiner had the graffiti removed from his driveway with a "soybean-based fluid and power washer" (7/24).

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DAILY PLANET: Lenins & Things

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Reuters reports that it "may take Vladimir Lenin [nee Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov] turn revolutions in his red Square mausoleum, but the late communist leader is the star attraction of an online auction this month." Sotheby's now has the 11-foot statue of Lenin that "once gazed down the Czechoslovakian town of Soklov."

It can be found

online at www.sothebys.com. Lenin's statue stands out among the "sale of more than 200 items, including sculptures of Garibaldi, Napoleon, Mahatma Gandhi, John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King." Bronze, the Lenin statue was "designed by little-known artist Relich" and is expected to "fetch \$30,000 to \$50,000."

Some of the current memorabilia "includes a signed copy of the document sent to houses in Northern Ireland and the Irish republic before the 1998 referendum on the Good Friday peace accord" (7/24

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This Morning
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"GMA" hosted <cite>The Standard</cite>'s Tucker Carlson and ABC's George Stephanopoulos. "Early Show" hosted Hearst's Helen Thomas and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. "Today" hosted NBC's Tim Russert. "Washington Journal" hosted Time's Massimo Calabresi and Temple U. history prof. Morris Vogel.
Click Earlybird for a complete listing of guests on last night's political shows.

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A Cure For What Ailes You
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Fox News Chairman and CEO Roger Ailes last week announced before a gathering of TV critics that local Fox affiliates will be carrying Fox News coverage of election night. The network will provide, "for the first time," election night coverage "for five hours." Ailes: "We'll come up at 7, go to 10, then carry

y an additional couple of hours for the Midwest and West Coast. ... You will see Fox News on the broadcast network election night." Network executives are "eagerly looking forward to November 7," and Fox News' first foray into full scale election night coverage. "It's a natural move for a news operation that's been honing its craft through cable," Ailes said. With "traditional TV networks" ceding coverage of "breaking news and political events" to cable nets, the Fox News/Fox local simulcast of election night coverage is bucking a trend Fox News executives say is "irreversible." Ailes: "If something breaks in the middle of the day you're going to tune in to CNN or us, or one of the other cable channels. You're not going to go to a broadcast network because you don't expect to get it there. That franchise is gone, and with it, of course, goes the franchise for night-time coverage of events like political conventions." Built "from scratch" in October 1996, Fox News now reaches over 50 million homes. (Li, New York <cite>Post</cite>, 7/24).

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"We'll have to get a real job now, Dick." <i>
-- Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE), to Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL), on their chances of winning the veepstakes, "Meet the Press," NBC, 7/23.<
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How It's Done
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NBC's Lisa Myers, on her scoop on Cheney's registration: "We did not have any tip of any kind from the Bush campaign. What happened was that I was sitting in my office thinking, 'Where can we find some kind of footprint

ts on what Bush is up to?' And I checked with our colleague, Pete Williams, who I knew had checked on Dick Cheney's voter registration earlier in the week, and he said, 'As of Tuesday, Cheney was not registered to vote in Wyoming, ' so he gave me the number of the Teton County clerk's office ... and so I call them up and I get very a nice woman ... and I said, 'Is Richard Cheney registered to vote there?' and she says, 'Yes,' and I said 'When did he register?' and she said, 'Today.' And so what she said was that he walked in that morning, he filled out the card withdrawing his registration from Texas, moving it to Wyoming" ("Meet the Press," 7/23).

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They Can Rebuild Him -- Better, Faster, Stronger

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"Imus in the Morning" newsman Charles McCord this a.m. reported that host Don Imus returned to New York over the weekend for surgery on his broken collarbone after it broke through his skin. McCord: "He was operated on early yesterday and this is being corrected now surgically. ... There's a mechanical device, a little bit of a plate, that is used then to bridge this fracture and the bone has to be given a chance now to adhere to the ... metal device. ... It requires about four weeks. ... During that time, and this is what's going to be a problem for the I-Man, he has to have his left arm strapped ... to his abdomen and side. ... He's not going to be happy about it, I'll guarantee you." McCord added that there is a possibility he will be released either today or tomorrow."

A perky-sounding Imus from the hospital: "I actually feel pretty good. ... I'm trying to convince them that I don't have quite enough pain pills left; I only have about five hundred" (WTEM, 7/24).

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Higgins Would Be Proud

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Actor Tom Selleck, of Magnum P.I. fame, recently appeared with Larry King to talk about his new TNT movie "Running Mates," airing August 13.

Selleck, on his character, a Dem. Gov. of Michigan: "This guy is kind of a maverick, and a maverick that hopefully people will admire. The only problem is, he's kind of faced with that question that I would guess happens in politics most of the time, which is: I'm so close now, and my intentions, you know, are so good, why don't I just put my standards and ethics on hold for a little while. And then when I get in office, I'll be good again. And I think that's a fatal compromise. And this movie is about that process at that point."

CNN's King: "Do you play a liberal?" Selleck: "I play a liberal maverick. I don't know what he is. You know, the movie does a very good job, I think -- and Hollywood is not always that good at this -- of finding and defining the middle. And in that sense, I think, you know, it's about corruption in the Democratic Party. But it could just as easily be about corruption in the Republican Party."

King: "President Carter, who saw it, said that it's very realistic. ... He said it was -- that's the way politics is." Selleck: "We just screened it in Washington, D.C. two nights in a row. ... Senator McCain came ... and a lot of the people who think they're the real stars of the movie, like Mark Shields, and Al Hunt, and Kate O'Beirne. And I'm leaving people out now. But they all came and they had fun" ("LKL," CNN, 7/22).

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"Late" Breaking News

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If some viewers of CBS' "Late Show" were surprised when host David Letterman, "apropos of nothing," suggested a post-convention debate between George W. Bush and Al Gore, long-time "Late Show" producer Maria Pope was not among their ranks; after 16 years with Letterman, Pope "understands that her boss can be unpredictable" (Johnson, <cite>USA Today</cite>, 7/24).

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David Letterman: "Celebrity birthdays -- happy birthday to Janet Reno, America's top

cop. Today is Janet Reno's birthday. All her friends got together and threw her a surprise, pre-dawn party." More Letterman, on rats in NYC: "We have 70, count 'em, 70

million rats in New York City. So if you have rats in your apartment, be sure to have them spayed and neutered. ... Mayor Giuliani is asking out-of-towners to do your part. While you're in New York City, and you catch a couple of rats, take them back to your home state and release them. Would it kill you? ... These rats know what's going on. These rats will bust a move on you, ladies and gentlemen. I saw a rat today get past a doorman, disguised as a Yorkshire terrier. ... Here's the core of the rat problem here in New York City. You round 'em up, you get 'em into custody, 24 hours later they're back on the street again. That's the problem with the rats" ("Late Show," 7/21).

Jay Leno, on McCain: "John McCain's now hinting he would consider the vice presidency under George W. Bush.

How about that ticket? McCain and Bush? The hot-head and the crack-head.

" On Democratic convention: "During the Democratic convention next month, the West Hollywood City Council is going to temporarily rename Clinton Avenue ... Bill Clinton Avenue. And also in honor of President Clinton, it will become the world's first three-way street." Leno, on Janet Reno's birthday: "She got the same birthday present she gets every year. 'Great, another bottle of aftershave.'" More Leno, on TX: "The state of

Texas will carry out a rare multiple execution on August 9th. Apparently, they're going to finally put the Houston Astros out of their misery." On this week in history: "It was this week in 1969 that man first walked on the moon. Isn't that unbelievable? Scientists are still calling man landing on the moon the greatest technological achievement of all time. Do you know what number two is? Cher" ("Tonight Show," 7/21).

Craig Kilborn: "This is a story that's been out there for a few weeks. In Arkansas, the governor has moved out of the governor's mansion and into a trailer. That's a true story. So I can say this is undignified, but I think a trailer is the perfect place for the governor and the first sister." On Puff Daddy and Jennifer Lopez: "Puffy Daddy and his main squeeze, Jennifer Lopez, have announced that they are getting hitched. They are getting married. Jennifer loves him so much she says she's going to take her husband's name -- 'defendant.'" Kilborn, on new Olympic uniforms: "The U.S. Olympic Committee unveiled their new uniforms, designed for the 2000 Olympics in Australia. The sleek apparel was in keeping with this year's theme, 'America, A Country of Sluts'" More Kilborn, on 'This Day in History': "In 1988, Michael Dukakis accepted the Democratic presidential nomination. If you have any knowledge of the whereabouts of Mr. Dukakis, please contact your local authorities" ("Late, Late Show," 7/21).

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Conan O'Brien: "It was reported today that the show <i>Live With Regis and Kathie Lee</i> is going to change its name when Kathie Lee leaves at the end of the month. The new name will be <i>Free At Last, Thank God Almighty, I'm Free At Last</i>." More O'Brien, on the Bush veepstakes: "Political insiders are saying that George W. Bush, or as I call him, 'Dubya,' has narrowed his list ... of potential running mates to just a few names. It's getting exciting. Reportedly, some names have been e

eliminated because they're either too liberal, too controversial, or too hard for Bush to spell." More O'Brien, on FOX: "FOX announced that they're coming out with a new reality show called 'Boot Camp' where 100 contestants compete in an army training program. That's the new show. However, FOX did admit that they're having some trouble finding 100 people who aren't already part of a reality show." More O'Brien, on Harrison Ford: "In an interview, Harrison Ford says that he is not too old to do his own stunts in the next <i>Indiana Jones</i> sequel. It sounds like he's right because the name of the sequel is <i>Indiana Jones and the Temple of Bingo</i>" ("Late Night," 7/21).

TOP TEN SIGNS YOU'RE AT A BAD AMUSEMENT PARK

10. Guy selling cotton candy is wearing rubber biohazard suit.
 9. Park access roads always jammed with ambulance traffic.
 8. 70 million mice and not one of them named "Mickey."
 7. "Free fall" ride is just some guy pushing people in a ditch.
 6. You ask where the men's room is, employee points to the fun house.
 5. All Six Flags have picture of Chairman Mao.
 4. Theme of the park is "impending bankruptcy."
 3. Guy operating tilt-a-whirl fired for not being drunk enough.
 2. Guess-your-weight guy makes you sit on his lap.
 1. If you win a goldfish, you have to take it home in your mouth (CBS, 7/21).
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