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Interviews with:
Defense Secretary William Cohen; James Carville, Advisor to President Clinton;
Donovan Campbell, Attorney for Paula Jones; Patricia Ireland, President, NOW
and Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT)

WOLF BLITZER, HOST: Welcome to LATE EDITION, the last word in Sunday talk.

Hussein comply U.N. inspectors are back in Iraq, but will Saddam over the long term?

U.S. military There is new ethnic slaughter in Kosovo. Will the mission be expanded?

Secretary And there is a verdict in the Army sex trial. Defense William Cohen joins us for a special interview.
versus Clinton. The president prepares for a legal war -- Jones

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attempt in this UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER #1: There has been a vast suppression of evidence and obstruction of justice case.

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BLITZER: We will talk to Jones lead attorney, Donovan Campbell.

Will the president's supporters continue their war

against Paula
defend the

Jones and Ken Starr? James Carville joins us to
president.

Patricia
standards.

Will feminists continue to back him? Now president
Ireland talks about sex scandals and double

talk to

And has the independent counsel gone too far? We will
Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch.

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REP. JOSEPH KENNEDY II, (D-MA): I have decided not to
seek re- election in 1998.

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Kennedy

BLITZER: A Kennedy calls it quits. Congressman Joe
tells us why.

and Bruce

Plus our roundtable -- Roberts, Page And Blankley,
Morton's "Last Word" on military justice.

ANNOUNCER: Live from CNN in Washington, this is LATE
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BLITZER: It's noon in Washington, 9:00 a.m. in Los
p.m. in London and 8:00 p.m. in Moscow. Wherever you
watching from around the world, thanks for joining us
90-minute Late Edition. Q&A with our quests shortly,
quick look at the hour's top stories.

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There was another demonstration today in Serbia's
province; 15,000 ethnic Albanians held a peaceful
march. This followed a mass for the dozens of people
week's police crackdown. Placards called on the U.S.
European Union to help end the bloodshed.

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Officials say at least five people died and 40 were
powerful earthquake in southeastern Iran. The quake
magnitude of 6.9. And officials say it damaged 15
sparsely populated region. Officials say rescue

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within an hour after the quake struck.

Here in the United States, three days of subfreezing
have taken a devastating toll on Georgia farmers. The
combined with flooding, has seriously hurt fruit and
crops. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports the
will end up costing an estimated \$200 million in crop

Social
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Moynihan
payroll taxes

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan has a plan to save
Security to be offered this week. The proposal
payroll taxes, reducing cost-of-living adjustments
workers to set up savings accounts for retirements.
wants workers to be allowed to divert 15 percent of
into personal savings accounts for retirement.

pay-as-you-go

He says his plan would return Social Security to a
system. And that is a look at our top stories.

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Turning now to our lead guest -- from Iraq to Kosovo,
to Linda Tripp, Defense Secretary William Cohen has a
mind. I spoke with him just before he left to join
Camp David.

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BLITZER: Secretary Cohen, thanks so much for joining
LATE EDITION.

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WILLIAM COHEN, U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: My
pleasure.

BLITZER: As you know, the sergeant major of the Army,
McKinney, was acquitted 18 of the 19 charges of sexual
misconduct. He was convicted on one charge of
justice. Was justice served in this particular case?

COHEN: Well, first of all, the McKinney case is still
phase. As such, there will not be judgment made in
sentencing until Monday, or possibly Tuesday. And so
highly inappropriate for me to comment on the

McKinney case.
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And so there are a lot of layers of proceedings that
So I can't comment on the McKinney case.

With respect to in general, the process, however, I
confidence in our military justice system. And I also
the opportunity to emphasize our policy is -- as far
department is concerned -- is that there should be no
of any kind, and any such allegation of it will be
investigated. And if the facts warrant, prosecution

So I think, under the circumstances, we ought to
fact that no tolerance will be permitted for any form
physical racial or sexual.

BLITZER: Was there breakdown, though, in the system,
system work in this particular case?

I really can't comment on this case. And if I were to
would be highly inappropriate. So I can't comment on
McKinney case. At some future time I may be able to
not now.

BLITZER: Without commenting specifically on the
case, because eventually you may have to decide on an
goes up the chain of command -- but without commenting
specifically on that, what message did this -- does
learn personally about sexual harassment in the U.S.
result of all the publicity surrounding the case?

COHEN: Well, the issue of sexual harassment is one
much, on the front burner. We are going to take every
can in future cases to make sure that sexual
occur. If it does occur and the facts warrant, it
and prosecuted.

But each case must be decided on its merits, and we
code of justice system that works well for the

military. And we
will be

would expect that future cases, should they arise,
prosecuted to the fullest.

a lot of these
involving sergeant

BLITZER: Is there a racial element at all involved in
cases, without getting into the specific case
major...

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COHEN: Well, that's something that obviously we have
because of the allegations made about a number of
individuals. But we are looking at that closely to
there is no racial bias, prejudice in the prosecution
cases

BLITZER: And do you have a sense?

COHEN: I really can't express that now.

mixed gender
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chiefs, though, for
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BLITZER: Let's move to another sensitive subject --
training. There has been a report, a recommendation
Senator Nancy Kassebaum-Baker -- recommending that
shouldn't be this mixed gender training, that the
the Army, the Navy, the Air Force want to continue
usual. The Marine Corps, of course, is separate. They
mixed gender training.

You are the defense secretary. What do you say?

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COHEN: Well, first of all, the report that was filed
Kassebaum-Baker in the committee that was established
request, was really quite complete. There were a
in that report that dealt with inadequate physical
training, had to do with the a call for more female
or trainers, had to do with the fact that we had to
values training.

report was
about the

So a number of things had to take place as far as the
concerned. In addition, there were questions raised
billeting, the housing, and also the training.

Kassebaum-Baker
over this weekend,
week.

I am reviewing the recommendations of the
report, as well as the services in their response
and will be making a report to the public early next

you're coming

BLITZER: And can you give us a preview of where
down?

COHEN: Well, I'll do that the first of the week.

BLITZER: You don't want to tell us right now?

review the

COHEN: Right. I have to take the time today and
material, and then make some recommendations.

be highly
chiefs of the

BLITZER: Most of the insiders, though, think it would
unusual for you to reject the recommendations of the
Army, the Navy and the Air Force.

they have said,
in the past that,
services, but I also
report.

COHEN: Well, I will give careful scrutiny to what
and the positions they have taken. I have indicated
obviously, I will give some deference to the
think that the Kassebaum-Baker report was a very good
So I will be balancing what the report contained and
recommendations, along with other surveys and
take that into account and look at what the chiefs
recommended, and then make a decision.

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BLITZER: There's another report that you're going to
a look at -- the incident in Italy involving a Marine
that was involved in an incident in which some
tourists from a variety of countries, Italy, Germany,
Netherlands, Austria, were killed. The accusation is
the Marine pilot, and his crew were hot-dogging, and
areas where they shouldn't have been flying.

Europe
must say, once

COHEN: It was a very tragic event. In fact, I was in
almost simultaneously at the time it occurred. And I

people of Italy again express my condolences and sadness to the
matter was and all of the other countries who were involved. The
openness, as far as the investigated. The Italian authorities had joint
the process. process was concerned, they were fully integrated in

investigation was I believe that they are satisfied that a full
assertions that the completed in a very open manner. And as you know, a
minimums. And recommendation
court-martials will be was made that contained the allegations and the
that now is going through a process whereby
considered.

necessarily an BLITZER: The accusation also is that this was not
troops, isolated incident. That part of the U.S. planes, NATO
routinely. This mostly U.S., were doing these kinds of things almost
consequences. is unfortunately an incident that resulted in tragic

process (ph) COHEN: Well, if this is the case, then obviously a
has been going that has to be stopped. And to the extent that this
and may have led in on, it's certainly intolerable, and it could lead,
so we would this particular case, obviously to great tragedy. And
carefully at this, expect all of our military commanders to look very
have incidents have greater supervision, to make sure that we don't
like this repeat themselves.

Europe BLITZER: OK. Now, part of the NATO operation now in
Czech is going to be expanded -- Poland, Hungary and the
among many Republic. There's still, though, a lot of concern
the former academics, your former colleague Senator Sam Nunn,
Russia. senator, say that this is simply not worth alienating
100 percent, as Especially at a time when Boris Yeltsin may not be
leadership far as his physical fitness is concerned, succession,
problems in Russia. Some second thoughts that you're

having

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START II,

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Russia before

about this whole move towards expanding NATO, even

Russia is so opposed to it?

COHEN: No, I don't have any second thoughts. As a

fact, I was in Russia very recently, and met with a

Russian Duma leaders, as well as the foreign

minister. And frankly, we've made it very clear, this

that is going forward, subject to the ratification by

States Senate, but something that is going forward.

that they, even though they oppose it, are

to
accept it.

In addition to enlarging NATO to provide for more

security throughout Europe, we also have established a
NATO-Russia charter, or the Founding Act, in which we

Russia and NATO cooperating in a number of areas.

And so I think that the Russians complaints have been

they also understand this process is moving forward.

So I think that we can work with them, we're seeing

where they are -- have their soldiers standing side

American and other NATO members. And so we have the

of a very good relationship.

We had Mr. Chernomyrdin in town with the vice

in the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission. I think that we

achieved a number of breakthroughs over a period of

I think we have a very positive relationship and we

on this issue. But nonetheless we have more than this

and that would include START, the ratification of

achieving other cooperative threat reduction programs

engaging in Partnership for Peace activities.

BLITZER: Do you think President Clinton will go to

the Duma, the Russian parliament, ratifies START II?

planned. I know
as China is
of that time
sentiment on the
others that
interests, it's also

COHEN: Well, he has a vigorous travel schedule
that he's going to accelerate his travel plans as far
concerned, and whether he's able to go to Russia part
I really don't know. I do think that there is strong
part of the Minister of Defense, Mr. Sergeyev, and
START II needs to be ratified. It's in Russia's
in
the United States' interests.

have to take
conversation with the
Cohen. Please

BLITZER: We have a lot more to talk about, but we
a quick break. We're going to continue our
Defense Secretary of the United States, William
stay with us.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

Albanians
the United
something to prevent

BLITZER: Welcome back to LATE EDITION. Mr. Secretary,
Kosovo. Some ethnic problems involving ethnic
slaughtered by Serbs. What are the possibilities that
States military may have to get involved to do
these kinds of incidents?

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working
what steps can
to reach

COHEN: Well, first of all, we join in the
activity on the part of the Serbs in cracking down in
they did upon the people in Kosovo. Right now we are
with a contact group, European friends to look at
be taken diplomatically, economically, before we have
any decision about military activity.

potential will
encouraging or
Serb police to
autonomy.
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We are hopeful that the diplomacy and the economic
be sufficient to discourage Milosevic from
supporting, in any way lending (ph) activity to the
crack down on the people who are demonstrating for
By the same token, we do not support the activity for
independence. Autonomy is one thing, independence is
else.

restraint here.

So what we're urging is both sides to exercise great

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needs to be
possible.

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But the crackdown that was taking place, or did take
hands of the Serb police was simply unacceptable and
condemned in the most vigorous and vociferous terms

BLITZER: If U.S. troops were to be involved, and
ruling it out as other U.S. officials have not been
possibility...

COHEN: Not ruled out is not ruled in.

BLITZER: But if there were used would they be part of
existing U.S. troops belonging to the NATO operation
or other troops deployed in -- as a result of this

COHEN: I think it's too early to speculate about any
option at this point. We're going to focus upon
economic options that might be exercised in order to
Serbs that they should restrain from this kind of

BLITZER: All right. Let's move on to Iraq. There's a
agreement that Kofi Annan, the U.N.
place. You met with him this past week here in
that -- the new procedures working out as far as the
is concerned?

COHEN: I think as far as the United States is
procedures are working out in a satisfactory form. We
access to those so-called presidential sites and
have been off-limits by virtue of Saddam Hussein's
the past six or seven years. Having said that, I
critically important that we remind everyone that
matter of these inspectors going out and basically
chemically tipped, or biologically tipped needles in
which is the size of the state of Wyoming. That's not
measure of success.

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What is required is Saddam Hussein, and his
evidence that they have in fact destroyed weapons of
destruction. They have not done so to date. Recently
evaluation team was sent to Iraq, at the request of
that team headed by a Russian came back and said that
had continued to stonewall and delay and obfuscate.
And so what we have to do is insist, before there can
in sight for Saddam Hussein or the Iraqi people, as
sanctions are concerned, that they must produce proof
They must show, for example, they've destroyed all of
that had chemical or biological warheads. They must
have, in fact, destroyed 130 tons of chemical
must show, in fact, that they've destroyed some
munitions. They have failed to do so, and until such
do, we cannot say there has been compliance.

BLITZER: Did the inspectors who got into the Iraqi
Ministry, for the first time in recent days, did they

COHEN: They did not. And that again is to be
perspective, that this is why it cannot simply be a
inspectors going into buildings that may have been
looking for files that may have been destroyed. But
Iraqi officials must produce evidence and document in
deed what they said that they have done. They have
to achieve that now to the satisfaction of anyone.

BLITZER: You know there's a sentence of the Senate
that Saddam Hussein should be declared a war
be declared a war criminal?

COHEN: I think the international community felt that
end of the Persian Gulf War. To the extent that any

would lend
But I think the key
this point on.
be used for
that body of

would continue to document his past activities, that
itself to that, then I certainly would support that.
focus that we have to have is what takes place from
Is he going to fully comply? Could this evidence then
other activities that he might indulge in? And so
evidence would be important in the future.

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employer."

BLITZER: OK. I have to switch gears completely. We
few seconds left. Linda Tripp, an employee of yours
Pentagon, she told USA Today, this past week, because
re-assignment -- she's gotten a new job -- she says,
this as a demotion, also as a step toward my ultimate
Politics aside, this sends a chilling message to any
employee, political or career, who would dare
a possible crime allegedly perpetrated by their

recorded
House

Linda Tripp, of course, being the woman who secretly
conversations with Monica Lewinsky, the former White
intern. Was she demoted?

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one of some 10

COHEN: She's not demoted, in fact she has the same
that she had before. She and her attorneys requested
the opportunity to work at home, in terms of flex
of three who currently enjoy that status today, and
or 12 who've had that experience in the past.

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She has been able to work at home, at her request,
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spent there, the fact that it'll be a distraction for
so the level of activity she's doing today is
ability to carry that out. And so it's not a
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same amount of money, and thinking of the circums
be quite satisfied with that.

BLITZER: Do you know her personally?

COHEN: I've never met her.

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on this

BLITZER: You never met her, while she's been at the

Department, you've been at the Defense Department.

reports this weekend in U.S. News and World Report

New Yorker magazine, that when she was 19 years old,

arrested, and it's unclear whatever happened to that.

question is, on her security application, when she

national security clearances, did she make available

information? Do you know, did you know about this

before the reports of this weekend?

COHEN: The answer is no. I was not aware of it. This

allegation now contained in the New Yorker magazine.

that it will be the subject of some inquiry. If it's

serious matter.

BLITZER: That she may have not fully disclosed

her background in applying for security clearances?

COHEN: Well, not a matter of fully disclosing. There

that's to be checked -- Have you ever been either

arrested for a crime? -- and if the answer was no,

simply a matter of fully disclosing, it's a

truth.

BLITZER: So your people now at the Defense Department

going to look into this allegation?

COHEN: I'm sure it will be looked into, it's a

not been investigated, at this point it's still an

have no knowledge of. So at this point, it's not a ma

investigation.

BLITZER: OK. Mr. Defense Secretary, thank you so much

joining us. Very kind of you to spend part of you

on LATE EDITION. We hope you will be a regular guest

program.

COHEN: My pleasure.

BLITZER: Thank you so much.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

congressional

him in his

retirement.

BLITZER: And when we come back, he holds the

seat once held by his uncle, John F. Kennedy. Why is Representative Joe Kennedy giving it up? We will ask

first major television interview since announcing his
Next.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

Capitol on

Kennedy

BLITZER: You're looking at a live picture of the U.S.
this chilly March Sunday. Soon there will be one less
gracing its halls.

Joe

he is

Welcome back to LATE EDITION. On Friday, Congressman
Kennedy shocked the political world when he announced
retiring from Congress at the end of this term.

Congressman Kennedy now joins us live from Boston.

EDITION.

politics

Congressman, thanks so much for joining us on LATE
Are you completely closing the door to a return to
somewhere down the road?

work. It was a

young people

service in our

of the United

KENNEDY: No, I'm not. I'm not leaving Congress sort of
naysaying and feeling that it was a terrible place to
great experience, I loved it. I very much hope that
across America will be continuing to view public
nation's capital, running for Congress or the Senate
States as a great honor.

possibility of coming

currently

I certainly have and would not rule out the
back, although that's certainly not the direction I'm
headed in.

speculation

leaving

BLITZER: Well, you know, there's been a lot of
already, even though you just announced that you're

to seek
from
year 2002

Congress, that somewhere down the road you may want your uncle, Ted Kennedy's seat, the U.S. Senate seat Massachusetts, or may want to run for governor in the in Massachusetts. What can you tell us about those two possibilities?

seat, I
now before he's
going to be there

KENNEDY: I think if I was hanging around for Teddy's might have a lot more gray hair than I've got right willing to give it up. I get the feeling Teddy's

hope up to the

for a very, very long time if it's up to him, and I people of Massachusetts. He does a great job.

right now, I'm
foreseeable future. And
Energy
brother
being able to
Joe, who I
co-captains of

With regard to the governor's race in 2002, look, just removing myself from politics for the I'm going to be concentrating my work at Citizens Corporation, which was a company I founded that my Michael has run for the last dozen years or so -- and spend a little bit of time with my two boys, Matt and was proud to note the other day were just elected their high school football team next year.

thinking
priorities right. I

So you know, there are some times when you have to be about what is important in life and getting your hope I have.

rather difficult
of Michael's
your ex- wife
media
at this point?

BLITZER: Was it a matter of this past year being a year for you and for the Kennedy family as a result problems -- as a result of all the allegations that made against you? Was it just getting too much, that spotlight, that you decided you had other priorities

wasn't much
about it. But on the
have been

KENNEDY: Well, I think that -- look, I mean, this fun this last year, Wolf, and there's no question other hand, you know, I've grown up in a family that sort of in -- involved in the public eye in a sort of

office. So I mean,
about even
boy.

much fun.
the priorities of
this is a
leadership.

know, you do get
my sons
You go out
time to time,
take a deep
headed.

Arizona.

from

column
boys of bad
What kind of
light of that

love
ribbing
football. I'm
by my own

rough-and-tumble sort of atmosphere of political
I remember the charges that used to be made at length
my own father and my uncles when I was a very little

So I think that, you know, this wasn't a much, wasn't
But the truth of the matter is that when I look at
what I should be doing regarding Citizens Energy,
company that really, I think, needs to have some

I also just think, as I just mentioned to you, you
on a plane every week. I mean, I have been away from
most of their life. I've been either in Washington.
raising money, or you go out campaigning for others or
campaigning for yourself. And it just means that from
I think it's good and healthy for everyone to kind of
breath and get some perspective on where they're

BLITZER: OK. Let's take a quick caller from Phoenix,
Go ahead with your question please.

CALLER: Hi. Mr. Kennedy.

KENNEDY: Hi. How are you today?

CALLER: Very good, thank you, sir. Abe Ramirez (ph)
Phoenix, Arizona.

My question is your cousin John F. Kennedy Jr. in a
recently said that you and your brothers were poster
behavior. Did that strain your relationship with him?
relationship do you have with John F. Kennedy Jr. in
column?

KENNEDY: Oh, John's -- you know, John's my cousin. I
him very much. I mean, there was some good-natured
afterwards, and we went out and played a little touch
afraid I ended up having to get carried off the field

kids.

But I think that

you should

take up

problems -- the

against him,

Willey, a former White

to be on 60

what the

that there have

regarding

that these are

constitution in this

don't treat them

investigated

Wolf, I think that

somehow she

between them.

families to work

investigations. And I kind

think that

affairs in a

for

though you're

LATE

So it didn't work out too well from my perspective.

my feeling is -- and John indicated that he was really misunderstood in terms of what his intent was -- but

probably bring that up with him.

BLITZER: Congressman, what's you take, and what's the

in Massachusetts, on President Clinton's legal

problems, the allegations that are coming forward

including this latest allegation from Kathleen

House intern -- a White House volunteer, who's going

MINUTES later tonight?

KENNEDY: Well, obviously, I don't have any idea of

nature of -- of the latest allegations are. I know

been a number of different reports about the incident

Ms. Willey. But I think that ultimately my feeling is

allegations and that we have a process and a

country where we treat allegations as just that. We

as crimes, and I think they ought to be allowed to be

fully, and then we can make a determination.

And I also think that, at a very fundamental level,

Mrs. Clinton has sent the whole country a signal that

and her husband have found a way to work this out

And I just think that there's a place for -- for

things out and there's a place for special

of cringe, as I think most Americans do, when they

there's going to be a special investigator looking at

bedroom.

BLITZER: OK. Congressman Kennedy, thank you so much

joining us. Congratulations on your retirement. Even

leaving the U.S. Congress, I'm sure you'll be back on

EDITION.

best of luck

KENNEDY: Wolf, it's good to see you today, and the
to you.

BLITZER: Thank you very much.

legal

Speak with Paula

And when we come back, we'll shift to the president's
troubles, specifically Jones versus Clinton. We'll
Jones lead attorney, Donovan Campbell. Stay with us.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

BLITZER: Welcome back to LATE EDITION.

the trial is

The name of the case is "Jones versus Clinton," and
getting closer, now scheduled for the end of May.

her case. Lead

This week, Paula Jones' attorneys laid out much of
Jones attorney Donovan Campbell now joins us here in
Washington.

Mr. Campbell, thank you so much for joining us on LATE
EDITION.

president's private

is raising the

camp; and the

I don't know if you heard Robert Bennett, the
attorney, earlier this morning on THIS WEEK. But he
possibility of collusion between you; your legal
independent counsel, Ken Starr.

Let's listen to Robert Bennett.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

anything, is

are now one.

what they are

hound the

ROBERT BENNETT, PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ATTORNEY:
What really troubles me, Cokie, more than anything,
the Ken Starr investigation and the Paula Jones case
And they are trying to boot strap each other. And
trying to do, whether intentional or otherwise, is
president of the United States.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

that you're

out of office.

BLITZER: All right. Well, you've heard the allegation
trying to hound the president of the United States

DONOVAN CAMPBELL, ATTORNEY FOR PAULA

first, so-called
response and a legal
dealt with Ken
until matters
we dealt
assume the,
January 16 Paula
Judge Starr's
Starr, we've got a
justice going
calls that
grievances. It's
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goes into
portion of the
First
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we had wanted to
factually wrong.
supporters make
after she was
recorded a
driven back to
she then

JONES: Well, let's deal with the issue of collusion,
"collusion." And there's -- there's a factual
response to that.
The factual response is that my office at no time
Starr's office with respect to any aspect of our case
got formal. He subpoenaed my office twice. And then
with his office formally. So those are the facts.
But let's talk about the law. The law says -- let's
quote, "worst" for our camp. And that is that on
Jones and her six lawyers trooped up the steps of
office and sat down at his desk and said: "Judge
serious problem here. We think there's obstruction of
on in our lawsuit."
The other side calls that collusion. The Constitution
petitioning the government for redress of your
protected activity under the petition clause of the
Amendment.
Ken Starr is the United States of America. When he
court, it's the United States of America. He's a
government. We would have been entirely within our
Amendment rights to approach Ken Starr directly about
obstruction of justice possibilities in our case, if
do that. But we didn't do that.
So the concept of collusion is both legally and
BLITZER: The -- the allegation is the president's
this allegation that Linda Tripp on January 16th,
involved in this alleged sting operation in which she
conversation with Monica Lewinsky, she was then
her home by FBI agents, working for Ken Starr. And

preparing for the
information was
team in, quote,

briefed you and your attorneys, your colleagues,
president's deposition the next day, that that
extremely valuable to you -- to your legal defense
"nailing the president."

Tripp
subpoenaed
subpoenaed her
her first.

CAMPBELL: Well, assume that she did talk to us. Linda
was our witness first. We found Linda Tripp first. We
her first. We found Monica Lewinsky first. We
first. We found Kathleen Willey first. We subpoenaed

lawyer's duty is to
case. There is
investigators...

Those are all important witnesses in our case. A
go meet with important witnesses in building his
nothing wrong at all in lawyers and their

perspective?
side in a civil

BLITZER: Is it -- well, what about from Ken Starr's
Was it right for a federal prosecutor to assist one
lawsuit?

office
in our lawsuit.

CAMPBELL: No, I have seen no proof that Ken Starr's
assisted us in our lawsuit. In fact, he has hurt us

our lawsuit.

Our Monica evidence, so far, has been stripped out of

involving Monica
at this point,
Lewinsky-related

BLITZER: Let me get to that point right now.
If -- if in fact the judge ruled that evidence
Lewinsky is not material to the lawsuit, not relevant
why were you allowed to submit all that Monica
material in that 700-page document dump on Friday?

exactly
that the
relevant."

CAMPBELL: Well, Wolf, she didn't rule that. She ruled
the opposite. She said, based on what she could see
Monica evidence would be, that it probably was

to our case.

And in -- not crucial, but relevant and significant

not essential to a

What Judge Wright said was, it's not essential, it's

relevant. core element of your case, even though it is

a result BLITZER: Do you expect to be reprimanded from her as
in the... of including all that information of Monica Lewinsky

question. CAMPBELL: No, we don't. The -- the answer to that
court knows, There's two answers to that question. One is -- the
ruling on everyone knows we are going to appeal Judge Wright's
get it back the Monica evidence. And we're hopeful that we will
into our case.

evidence" in our But the other point on including so-called "Monica
took place with summary judgment filing is everything that we said
suppression of respect to the Monica evidence -- in terms of
summary judgment evidence, obstruction of justice -- our filing, our
Wright's first ruling filing makes clear that happened before Judge
early relevant to removing the evidence from our case. So it's still cl
this vast pattern.

settlement before BLITZER: Is it still possible for an out-of-court
the trial?

about CAMPBELL: Wolf, you'll have to go talk to Mr. Bennett
that.

an BLITZER: From your perspective, what do you want for
out-of- court settlement?

resolution of this CAMPBELL: We want a fair, just and equitable
litigation for Mrs. Jones.

BLITZER: And if...

that offer, CAMPBELL: If the other side will come forward with
we will be happy to listen.

BLITZER: That includes money?

CAMPBELL: Of course it does.

BLITZER: And it also includes an apology?

CAMPBELL: Of some type.

team was

BLITZER: But we were told that that was the Clinton
ready for that already, at some point earlier.

weeks

CAMPBELL: Well, we issued a press release about two
ago, 2 1/2 weeks ago, that gave our extensive version
of the last
settlement negotiations that went on, in response to
an incorrect
version which had hit the media.

We stand by

And that's all we're going to say formally about it.
that press release. It says that the other side
approached us and
that we attempted to negotiate in good faith, and
then the other
side double-crossed us.

second -- you

BLITZER: And -- just very quickly, we only have a
the other side made a
move?

show they

CAMPBELL: If the other side will come forward and
have authority to talk to us, we will talk to them.

joining us

BLITZER: Donovan Campbell, thank you so much for
on LATE EDITION. I'm sure we'll be hearing more from
you as
the trial date approaches, assuming you don't get an
out-of-court
settlement.

CAMPBELL: Indeed.

BLITZER: Thank you so much.

CAMPBELL: Thank you.

Jones-

BLITZER: And when we come back, the other side of the
versus-Clinton battle. We'll be joined live by
Clinton supporter and
adviser James Carville. Stay with us.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

Patricia Ireland

BLITZER: Welcome back to this special 90-minute LATE
EDITION. Still a lot more coming up, including
and Senator Orrin Hatch.

But first, we've just heard from the Paula Jones

attorney Donovan

advocates,

Campbell. Now, one of President Clinton's strongest

Democratic political strategist James Carville...

JAMES CARVILLE, DEMOCRATIC STRATEGIST: Straddlist.

(LAUGHTER)

BLITZER: Whatever you are...

CARVILLE: Some kind of...

yourself...

BLITZER: I don't know how you want to define

CARVILLE: I'll let others do that.

fiercely

BLITZER: You just heard Donovan Campbell formally,

deny any collusion...

CARVILLE: Right.

the

BLITZER: ... between the Paula Jones legal camp and

independent counsel, Ken Starr.

just

CARVILLE: You know, Don Campbell is a nice fellow. He

has a -- he has a convenient memory.

started this was

Let's start with the fact that Ken Starr before he

in it. Let's start

working on the Paula Jones case, had a real interest

s sitting there

with the fact that somebody in Ken Starr's law firm i

faxing materials all around.

told by lawyers

So he had an interest in it. His law firm, which I'm

working on this.

is -- is a huge potential conflict, that they were

Then of course...

BLITZER: Kirkland & Ellis.

CARVILLE: Yes, right.

to show

Then we've got case of Ms. Tripp, you know, who seems

office and

up everywhere, and Starr's office and Mr. Campbell's

Mr. Starr

everything, sort of going back and forth. You have

Jones. As has

conducting a sex -- a sex investigation, as has Paula

Project" -- a

-- there's been something called "The Arkansas

some kind of sex million and a half dollars down there, conducting investigation.

again, I think And right now, they're getting ready go to trial. And they're getting ready to lose.

this stuff And so everybody is going long. We're throwing all around.

Arkansas, and I And you know what? This thing will go to trial in suspect there will be a verdict. And I'm very hopeful that the president's going to prevail.

and optimistic And when he does, the American public I think is going to say, we have had enough of this.

that he's BLITZER: Well, you also heard Donovan Campbell say not ruling out possibility still, even at this late moment, of an out-of-court settlement.

-- I CARVILLE: Well, I think Donovan Campbell is probably have every reason to believe that he is a good lawyer. Lawyers tend never to rule anything out. But I would be awfully surprised if there was any -- if any settlement in this. I really would.

that there is -- I mean, I fully expect this case go to trial. I think and I think -- and I am very optimistic about what -- what -- some of the evidence I think that will emerge at that trial.

up and let's And I think we -- I think we ought to just go tee it bring all of this foolishness to a head -- because that is all it is, is a pack of foolishness. And people are sick and tired of it.

investigating the sex We spent -- there's been more money spent life of the president than it did investigating TWA 800 -- killed 232 people.

President Dan BLITZER: All right. Earlier today, former Vice Quayle was on MEET THE PRESS, and he was pretty

outspoken

would support

in saying that if these allegations are true, he
impeachment proceedings.

Russert.

Let's listen to this exchange he had with Tim

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

TIM RUSSERT, CO-HOST, NBC MEET THE PRESS: Do you
believe Bill Clinton?

DAN QUAYLE, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES: No.

RUSSERT: You believe something happened.

people.

QUAYLE: Of course I do. So do most of the American

(END VIDEO CLIP)

polls, do

these allegations.

BLITZER: Most of American people, according to the
believe something happened in the midst of all of

-- boy, that is

CARVILLE: I don't know. Something happened. I mean,
something happened. I don't know. I mean, that is a
about as broad as you can get.

the president

Quayle is now

trying to get the

a very, I

effect getting close

rt -- sort of

crowd. They

everything. I call

You know,

doing, is he's just

his own political

About 75 percent of the American people think that
is doing a good job. Now, former Vice President
casting -- he is a right-wing Republican who is
Republican nomination for president. And he is doing
think, astute political thing, is -- is he is in
to the
right wing of Republican Party, and hopes by being pa
vehement and hate-Clinton crowd -- you know that
all suck the same lemon. They all are mad about
them CAVes -- citizens against virtually everything.
they're not for nothing.

But let me go back to Quayle. That is all he is
trying to bolster his political case with one wing of
party

BLITZER: Well, what is Kathleen Willey up to? Do you

believe

the president

happened. By the

You've got the

Linda Tripp tells,

Willey tells.

Willey --

there are four

got to have

They are going

down, trumpet the

these things -- it'll

be skeptical.

judgment on this.

said that the Paula

second.

four?

MINUTES

thing what

what she said

she is lying when she said in that deposition that
fondled her and groped her.

CARVILLE: I have no doubt that no such thing
way, there are four Kathleen Willey stories out.
story Kathleen Willey tells. You've got the story
which is different than the story that Kathleen

You have the story that Jan Steele (ph).

BLITZER: Julie Steele (ph).

CARVILLE: Julie Steele (ph), who said that Kathleen
and the president has an entirely different thing. So
stories -- pick one.

Now, what happens is, is, oh, my god, 60 minutes has
some ratings. So which one are they going to pick?
to pick the most sensational one, so they can sit
show and get the most people to look at it.

What's going to happen here -- happens in all of
get sensationalized. Then, as we go on, people will
And they should be. They're going to withhold
And then let's let the facts go -- just like when I
Jones thing was about money.

Look at Paula Jones, Wolf.

BLITZER: But let's talk about Kathleen Willey for one

(CROSSTALK)

CARVILLE: Story one? Story two? Story three? Or story

BLITZER: Well, it's one thing what she says on 60
and one thing what she may have told her friend, one
she may have told Linda Tripp. But it's another thing
in a sworn deposition.

y and z, and
In a sworn deposition, she says the president did x,
they were unwanted sexual advances.

that's the
CARVILLE: There's another sworn deposition. And
that this story did
president's. And like I say, a 100 percent. If I --
deposition of Linda
happen. And they ought to go take the sworn
(ph), I guess it...
Tripp or take the sworn deposition of Jan Steele

BLITZER: Julie Steele (ph).

kinds.
CARVILLE: Julie Steel (ph). You know, there's all

millions and tens
But what you have here is you have millions and
trying to
of millions of dollars being spent. And they're
poor Paula
sensationalize this thing. You know, and you've got
are
Jones here like she's a -- you know, her own lawyers
money off of her
threatening to write a letter to IRS for skimming
so-called "legal defense fund."

telling -- saying
You've got her sister running around the country
that she's not telling the truth. And you know...

is true,
BLITZER: Do you have any idea why, if your allegation
why Kathleen Willey might be making this up?

as I think --
CARVILLE: Again, I'd rather not get in -- you know,
-- there's -- is --
I think things sort of merge. I think Ms. Willey is
wish her any ill.
had some tragedy in her life. And I don't -- I don't
that at the trial.
But I -- she'll -- I'm sure she'll get asked about
question here.
That's not -- that's not up to me to settle the

silent on his
BLITZER: How much longer can the president remain
Lewinsky?
-- the exact nature of his relationship with Monica

hasn't
CARVILLE: Well, he hadn't -- you know, that's -- he
the
remained silent. They had the whole set up. I mean,
deposition...

relationship.

BLITZER: Well, he's denied. He denied a sexual

under

And then they

the press, or

CARVILLE: Wait. No, no, no. They asked -- you had Mr. Campbell and them. They had -- they had the president oath. They asked him all kinds of questions about it. leaked it to the press. So -- or Starr leaked it to somebody did.

oath by

So -- so he's answered exhaustive questions under attorneys who are adverse to his -- to his case.

And I think what the American people wants the president to do is concentrate on running the country, and let Starr and Linda Tripp and Paula Jones and this whole outfit be obsessed with sex. And let him be obsessed with jobs. That's what I think we ought to do.

BLITZER: James Carville, strongly defending the president...

(LAUGHTER)

... which you've been doing now for six years,

thanks.

CARVILLE: And I thank -- I thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so, Wolf. You're a fine man.

BLITZER: Thanks. Thanks for being on LATE EDITION.

National

We'll get the

And next on this special 90-minute LATE EDITION, Organization for Women President Patricia Ireland. feminist view on the latest swirl of allegations against the president.

Stay with us.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

is

stood up for

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER #2: I'm telling you when history written, Paula Jones will be the one that really women's rights.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

BLITZER: Welcome back.

attorneys has shifted Friday's 700-page court filing by Paula Jones' the focus from Jones to other women who claim to have had an unwanted sexual encounter with President Clinton.

Patricia Ireland, Joining us now to talk about the latest revelations, president of the National Organization for Women.

Ms. Ireland, thank you so much for joining us.

PATRICIA IRELAND, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN: It's a pleasure.

White BLITZER: Kathleen Willey. She was a volunteer in the husband -- House. She came to the president in 1993, when her financial her late husband -- was then going through some problems. She asked for a paying job. In a sworn deposition, she alleges the president came on to her...

IRELAND: Yes.

BLITZER: ... kissed her, fondled her.

What does that say if true?

has a much IRELAND: Well, if true, I think that the president have bigger problem than he did with something that may where he could happened earlier with Gennifer Flowers or anyone said, his sex life. say that was his private life, or as Carville just

policy question of This is something public. This is a -- a public whether the president either shows respect for or just dismisses the sexual-harassment and discrimination laws. This does affect all of us if he's showing by his example the disregard for the laws.

it's sexual assault. This is not just sexual harassment. If it's true, He put his hand on her breast. She -- he put her hand on his erection. That's a pretty serious charge if true. I think it's a very big problem.

should BLITZER: What -- well, go ahead and tell us. What

happen if it is true?

but I think that
been trying
man, and a real
problem.

and people
advantage of

that if these
he forcefully
criminal act involved
study outside

would take
week thought
was indeed
They at least took

it's a -- it's a
you could prove
much bigger problem
that's really

know, have
senator from
thing. But you

tone, a different

IRELAND: Well, I think we have to let that unfold,
we are now talking about a distinction that some have
to make that's -- well, he's a good man and a real
man is a womanizer, or a philanderer, is not a

And now we're talking about, really, sexual predators
who in positions of power use that power to take
women.

BLITZER: So it sounds like what you're suggesting is
allegations are true -- and they are allegations that
denies -- but if they're true, there could be a
in what Kathleen Willey alleges occurred in a private
the Oval Office.

IRELAND: It's extremely unlikely that a prosecutor
that kind of case to court, which is why some this
that the McKinney trial, the sergeant major's trial,
some sort of small step forward for the military.
the criminal case.

But he -- it's an unwanted, unpermitted touching, and
sexual assault in -- in many ways. I don't know if
it in a criminal case, but I think it certainly is a
than a question of womanizing or of private sex life
between him and Hillary and their beliefs.

BLITZER: You know, the conservatives, as you well
accused you and NOW for a long time of having a double
standard. Bob Packwood was one thing, the former
Oregon. All sorts of others were -- or were another
were defending the president, in effect.

Today, we're hearing a -- pretty much a different
substance from what you and some of the other NOW
spokeswomen have been saying over the past year or

two, no?

Web site,
filed her
heard, that she

have a just

we want to

under oath, now
been going
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Paula
her friends

under

category as the

going to contest
took a
any longer.

to say that the
very serious
executive
it's been alleged.

would put a

IRELAND: I have to ask that people would look at our
look at our press releases. Before Paula Jones ever
complaint in court we said that she deserved to be
needed an open and impartial hearing, and needed to
resolution of those claims.

We have not defended Clinton. What we've said is that
hear the facts. We want to hear from these women.

Kathleen Willey's deposition, her sworn statement
being public -- not, you know, this rumor mill that's
around Washington -- I think sets it in a different
think anyone who knows that we made an offer to help
Jones earlier that she rejected knows that she chose
and her forum.

BLITZER: Well, does this Kathleen Willey allegation,
oath,...

IRELAND: Yes.

BLITZER: ... put the president now in the same
former senator, Bob Packwood?

IRELAND: Bob Packwood had some -- a couple of dozen
women coming forward. He initially said he wasn't
their charges. And still it was two months before we
position that he should not be seated as a senator

I don't think that, with this one charge, we're ready
president should step aside, but I do think it has a
impact on women in the workplace when the chief
officer uses that position of power in a way that
It's -- it's illegal and really just unconscionable.

IRELAND: It's unfathomable to me that the president
woman's hand on him in the White House.

have to --

BLITZER: He denies that, of course. We have -- we have to make that very clear.

that most
Willey revelations,
president. And
doing a good

We only have a few seconds left. But the polls show women, at least until now, until these Kathleen allegations, most women are firmly supporting the even if the allegations are true, they're saying he's job.

were so
in the White
there is a
to come to

IRELAND: Well, it's a sad commentary that our choices limited in some ways. I think that we wanted Clinton House over Dole. And the majority of women have -- gender gap on that. And I think that women are slower conclusions based on these rumors.

charges are proven

But I think that we'll see some shift if these true.

Very kind
as well.

BLITZER: OK. Patricia Ireland, thanks for joining us. of you to be on LATE EDITION. I'm sure you'll be back

NEWS. For
90-minute

For our international viewers, stay tuned for WORLD our U.S. viewers, there's more ahead on this special LATE

roundup. And
of the
investigation of the

EDITION, including a news update, our political we'll speak live with Senator Orrin Hatch, chairman Judiciary Committee, to get his take on the president.

Please stay with us.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

troubles with

BLITZER: Welcome back to our special 90-minute LATE EDITION. We'll have more on the president's legal

Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch in a minute.

Judiciary

We're joined now by the chairman of the Senate Committee, Utah Republican Orrin Hatch. Mr. Chairman,

thanks

for joining us.

SEN. ORRIN HATCH (R-UT): Nice to be with you, Wolf.

attention is

went to

Mr. Clinton made

study outside

BLITZER: Well, like everyone else, today the focus of on Kathleen Willey, the former White House volunteer, work later for the president. The allegation's that an unwanted sexual advance toward her in a private the Oval Office.

If true, what does that mean?

hand, she

was a Democrat,

not want to

oath, clearly

finally had to tell

is a little bit

alleged that there have

White

HATCH: Well, these are allegations. But on the other was clearly a friend of the president. She clearly clearly had helped him in his campaign, clearly did testify. When she gave her sworn testimony under evaded the questions as far as she could, and then what -- what she did under oath. And so I think this different. This is the first time that anybody's been unwanted sexual advances by the president in the House itself.

credibility.

president deserves the

him.

And she -- she certainly would appear to have some

But they are still allegations. And I think the benefit of the doubt. And we've got to give it to

National

saying that if this

the whole series

BLITZER: You just heard Patricia Ireland from the Organization of Women agree, in effect, with you, allegation is true, it does represent a new level in of allegations against Mr. Clinton.

so far -- I

earlier in your

that he

Jones and

HATCH: Well, there have been two -- two allegations don't know about this other one that was mentioned program -- but two where -- where the women have said pursued unwanted sexual advances with them -- Paula now Kathleen Willey.

here on this --
very interesting
response to Bob
summary
cases in
that
the fact is that
judgment, they have to
their brief and into
a case that
should not
Starr, to
Committee,
Keep in
because there have
the White
trying to get from
motions. There have
There have
the five years it's
privilege six

I thought Paula Jones' attorney was pretty effective
this program. I watched it. And I think they have a
case.
And of course, they filed a brief this week in
Bennett, the -- the president's attorney's motion for
judgment.
Their brief is about 100 pages long. And they cite 95
support. And they have, I think, many, many documents
they've attached to it.
Some will criticize that, including Mr. Bennett. But
he's -- by him filing the motion for summary
do their very best to put everything they can into
their submission because this is the whole ball game.
Even The Washington Post, though, admits that this is
there are enough facts in dispute here that the judge
grant summary judgment. It should go to the jury.
BLITZER: Do you expect the independent counsel, Ken
refer all of these allegations to the House Judiciary
which investigates impeachment?
HATCH: I don't know what Ken Starr is going to do.
mind the reason this has dragged on so long is
been just -- there have been so many delays caused by
House. Just take the -- the information they were
Bruce Lindsey. They gave that one day after the Senate
committee's jurisdiction expired.
There have been multiple appeals and multiple
been -- there have been delays in giving documents.
been assertions of executive privilege.
I might add, this president, this administration, in
been in existence, has asked -- invoked executive
times.

Ford have
Iran-Contra came
national-security issues and
be waived

That's more than all of the presidents since Gerald
invoked, and frankly, remember Reagan. When
up, Reagan made them testify even on
waived executive privilege. You would think it would
here as well.

California.
Hatch.

BLITZER: Let's take a quick caller from Yucca Valley,
Go ahead, please, with your question for Senator

CALLER: Hi, Wolf, Senator Hatch. How are you?

BLITZER: Good. Go ahead, please.

HATCH: Fine.

think there's
people's attention
real issues like
deal with the
forth.

CALLER: Senator Hatch, I'd just like to know if you
an overarching strategy to divert the American
from real issues, rather than focusing on scandals,
campaign-finance reform, entitlement reform, how to
budget surplus -- as if we have any -- so on and so

agree that
as opposed to the

BLITZER: Well, a lot of people out there, Senator, do
they're interested in these so-called "real issues,"
scandal issues.

but we'd all
sorry the
personally am sorry

HATCH: Well, I think people are interested in both,
like the scandal issues to go away. I personally am
country's going through this right now, and I
the president's going through it.

say that there is a
than answer the
perjury,
If those things are
president, as much as
trouble.

But if these allegations are true -- and I have to
real effort to attack people like Ken Starr rather
issues concerning perjury, urging others to commit
obstruction of justice -- these are the real issues.
proven, if that happens to be true, then this
we would not like him to be, is going to be in

BLITZER: Well, you know, the president's supporters

are arguing
Starr, and
Paula Jones legal
true.

it's true, and
-- it's kind of

moved --
part of the
add, he --
pretty hard

these great
it is against
raising

president -- or
collusion. As
so. And if they
something that's
that, then they have
point the
could the

evidence of
that it's
difficult for the
the Paula

there is collusion between a federal prosecutor, Ken
one side in the -- in a civil lawsuit -- namely, the
defense team -- which would be inappropriate, if

HATCH: Well, it certainly would be inappropriate if
you expect them to raise anything they can. But it's
phony.

First of all, look at what Starr did. Starr actually
motioned the court to not allow Monica Lewinsky to be
Paula Jones case. The court upheld Starr, and I might
Starr was opposed by Paula Jones' attorneys. That's a
way to try and collude.

I might also add that whenever, you know, some of
attorneys see the evidence mounting against them, as
the president, then they try to change the subject by
something like collusion.

Now, if Bob Bennett or any other attorney for the
anybody, for that matter -- can make a case of
officers of the court, they have an obligation to do
do -- and collusion being joining together to do
illegal -- if they do have any -- any evidence of
an obligation to come forward. And of course at that
president would be able to dismiss Ken Starr. So
attorney general.

But the fact of the matter is they don't have any
conclusion -- collusion. They actually have evidence
otherwise, that Starr has actually made it more
Paula Jones case because of his motions in the -- in
Jones case.

BLITZER: We only have a few seconds.

power to try
Judiciary Committee.
Senate?

The Constitution says the Senate shall have the sole
all impeachments. You're the chairman of the
Do you ever expect these allegations to reach the

violation of criminal
conspiracy to
conspiracy to obstruct
president will be in

HATCH: If there is proof that there has been
law, either perjury or some subornation of perjury or
suborn perjury or obstruction of justice or
justice, if those things are proven, then this
real
trouble.

ever come to an
him to leave
impeachment

And I might add that I don't believe that it will
impeachment trial. I think the Democrats would force
by -- by political force before it would get into an
situation. They could not tolerate that.

claiming, in her sworn
and she's going to
very important
think this

And I don't think anybody could tolerate that.

If the evidence is true that Kathleen Willey is
deposition, that she hated to do, if that's true --
appear on "Sixty Minutes" tonight; it's going to be a
program -- then, you know, I have to tell you, I
presidency will be over.

BLITZER: OK.

EDITION,
our calls and

Senator Orrin Hatch, thanks for joining us on LATE
and we hope, of course, that you will always answer
return as much as you can.

HATCH: Always try to -- always try to equalize...

you so

BLITZER: Outspoken today, as you usually are. Thank
much.

HATCH: Thank you.

attorneys offer
Is it time for
put it to our

BLITZER: And when we come back, Paula Jones'
up highly detailed allegations against the president.
Mr. Clinton to speak to the American people? We'll
LATE EDITION roundtable -- Roberts, Page and Blankley

--

when we come back.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

table --

Steve

Tony

BLITZER: Welcome back, time now to go around the

Susan Page, White House bureau chief for USA Today;

Roberts, columnist for the New York Daily News; and

Blankley, editor at large for George Magazine.

Susan, you heard Patricia Ireland sound very different today, as a

have heard her

result of the Kathleen Willey allegations, than we sound in the past.

how the Kathleen

heard before from

conspiracy, she

clearly in her

went on and

her.

SUSAN PAGE, CNN COMMENTATOR: Very significant interview, I think. I mean, it really demonstrates

Willey allegations are different from those we've

Paula Jones, because she's not part of a right-wing

is not -- doesn't have an ax to grind. And she was

deposition a very reluctant witness. That deposition

on, and they really had to wring allegations out from

before in terms of

president's political base,

it really

allegations

politically.

And Patricia Ireland has defended the president

these sexual allegations. He is part of the

and for her to come out say this is very serious, that

undermines her support of him -- the Kathleen Willey

can turn out to be true -- very significant

the studio,

expect my

who will be

political curve on

said,

because on this

STEVE ROBERTS, CNN COMMENTATOR: Well, it's interesting, because I asked her, as she was leaving

Wolf, why did you do this? And she said, "Well I

phones are ringing off the hook already, supporters

angry with me." She said, "I am out ahead of the

this one." I said, why did you change your tune? She

"Because of new information that had come out,"

show some weeks ago she was very different.

The question is whether that shift in sentiment that

she reflected is
will join that
Clinton has
our business.

going to be followed by other women, whether they
parade or whether they will continue to believe that
been better for us on the issue and this is none of

There have
complaining
that she has
this show
people who have been
have to wait and
chink in the

TONY BLANKLEY, CNN COMMENTATOR: Well, I mean, I
think she may well be a leading indicator of opinion.
already been some NOW chapters that have been
about the silence of their national leadership. Now
gone out and made this remarkably strong statement on
today I think that is going to free up a lot of
taking their lead from their leadership. And we'll
see. But I would suspect this is a key potential
president's public opinion armor.

public
television, on 60
big impact.

BLITZER: And we don't know what impact will be on
opinion, after they see Kathleen Willey on
MINUTES, later tonight, but obviously could have a

60
flacking it on these

PAGE: It reminds me of before -- the Clintons went on
MINUTES during the '92 campaign. The lead-up to the 60
MINUTES interview -- it's as though we're all
Sunday morning shows.

(LAUGHTER)

We can't wait to see it.

BLITZER: Well, we'll all be watching it.

said. He
true, he believes

Tony, let me ask you about what Senator Orrin Hatch
also said if these Kathleen Willey allegations are
the Clinton presidency is over.

two days to
Ms. Ireland's

BLANKLEY: We noted that listening to him. I mean, it's
interesting. The Willey testimony, as we've now had
read about it and think about it, has generated both
very strong statement and now the senator's.

way that

This may be, perhaps, some sort of a watershed in the

There's no -- I
he's a
fever swamp

was a little
considered

sober and
base to keep
part of the

believe it. He

not all that --
awful of people
y is over
at what they

house -- and
over again in
watershed. This is the
yet. And I tend to
Willey gets, this
these other
the sexual

We've got a
with us. More

opinion leaders begin to deal with the scandal.
mean, he -- Hatch is a very cautious man. I mean,
conservative Republican, but he's not part of the
people. And he's a guy who's very judicious.

For him to use the phrase "over" I think is a -- I
surprised to hear it, but it obviously reflects his
judgment.

ROBERTS: And you're right. Orrin Hatch is a very
reliable person. But I -- he also has a conservative
happy. And he has to throw them some red meat some
time.

BLANKLEY: He didn't have to say that if he didn't
hasn't had any problem with getting re-elected.

ROBERTS: No. I understand that.

BLANKLEY: He'll probably get 75 percent.

ROBERTS: I understand that. But that's not -- that's
that's not all that's involved here. And there are an
who are looking back now and having said the president
at some point in the last eight weeks are embarrassed
said.

And I think that the key point is we live in this hot
Washington has made this mistake over and over and
the last eight weeks -- oh, well, this is the
turning point. The public has not seen it that way
think that no matter how much publicity Kathleen
will not be the point where America says, OK, all
things the President has done are less important than
allegations.

BLITZER: All right. We have to take a quick break.
lot more to talk about, this and other matters. Stay

of the roundtable when we come back.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

Army, Gene
misconduct,
BLITZER: Welcome back. The sergeant major of the
McKinney, acquitted on 18 of 19 charges of sexual
convicted of one obstruction of justice.

What does
the other
Six women had come forward, and he's still acquitted.
that say about the Kathleen Willey allegations and
allegations involving the president?

lawyers. Their
And I think there's
that bar of
other
PAGE: Well, it sure is a hurdle for the Paula Jones
case is -- their trial is supposed to open in May.
a great sentiment that they're not going to get over
winning that court case, although obviously has had
repercussions for President Clinton.

coming forward,
she-said" kind of
case.
It shows that, even if you have a series of women
credible women, it's very hard to win a "he-said,
she-said" kind of

strong as
against Sergeant
ROBERTS: Look, and Paula Jones' case is not nearly as
the case about -- not nearly as strong as the case
Major McKinney.

BLANKLEY: But we don't -- we don't know...

ROBERTS: Yes, we do, Tony.

BLANKLEY: What?

not nearly as
to know that
ROBERTS: It was in the depositions. Her -- and it's
strong, and any lawyer you've talked to and I talked
Paula Jones has got a very weak legal case.

it probably
What the president might have done was repulsive, but
was not illegal.

think it's
going to decide
different
BLANKLEY: Look, I was a prosecutor for eight years. I
a real mistake to try to project what one jury's
based on what another jury decided. You've got

evidence, and I don't think that anybody -- I'm sure the Clinton people are not taking much solace from the acquittal of another man.

"Paula" in an article in the American Spectator, has now apologized to the president for all of this. And earlier today on MEET THE PRESS he went out and he once again said he had made a mistake.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

years ago DAVID BROCK, JOURNALIST: I don't think that five seeing in the the stories that we're seeing -- the stories we're done. I think mainstream press today would necessarily have been like the they were confined at that time to -- to something American Spectator or to the tabloids.

second thoughts And I think the culture's changed, and I've had about that.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

But it's also ROBERTS: Well, the culture has changed. He's right. self-promotion. There's true that David Brock is into -- deeply into self-promotion here.

part of it. But there was a vast right-wing conspiracy. He was Tony was part of it.

Brock has your name, Tony.

(LAUGHTER)

know, and no But -- but that doesn't excuse the president, you matter how much it was...

Los Angeles PAGE: But, you know, he's taking credit for this. The Times...

BLANKLEY: Yes.

at the same PAGE: ... had a more detailed version of this story

point that American Spectator's story came out.

So his take that he is responsible for everything
that has flowed
from that I think is a little questionable.

BLANKLEY: Look, he basically, in his alleged
confession, which
is really another effort at self-promotion, admitted
that he was a
hypocrite and a bad journalist. And I really -- I
guess I don't
disagree with him.

(LAUGHTER)

BLITZER: But in defending David Brock, he was the
first one who
did report the "Paula" name...

PAGE: Yes.

BLITZER: ... which of course...

BLANKLEY: He was having stuff fed to him by
conservatives.
After he turned on the conservatives, they stopped
feeding him
anything. Then his -- the next book he wrote couldn't
sell. He lost
his half million dollar job at American Spectator.
And he's out to
find new friends and new incomes.

BLITZER: I guess you don't like David Brock.

(LAUGHTER)

We're all out of time for this segment. Thanks again
to our
roundtable.

But coming up, our LATE EDITION Newsstand, and Bruce
Morton on Gene McKinney.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BRUCE MORTON, CNN CORRESPONDENT: The Uniform
Code of Military Justice isn't uniform.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

BLITZER: The last word on justice in the armed
forces. Stay with
us.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

BLITZER: Welcome back.

acquitted on all
produced that
uniform.
highest-ranking
he'd probably
1983, it never
assault,
adultery, things like that.
sentences are
heterosexual oral sex
or alleged
and
Pentagon
the last
accused of
molestation.
court-martialed, and

Sergeant Major of the Army Gene McKinney was
18 counts of sexual misconduct on Friday.
Bruce Morton has the last word on the system that
verdict.
(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)
MORTON: The Uniform Code of Military Justice isn't
Sergeant Major Gene McKinney was the Army's
noncommissioned officer.
If he'd been a high-ranking commissioned officer,
have been allowed to resign without a trial.
The code is eccentric anyway. Last overhauled in
mentions sexual harassment.
McKinney was charged with other things -- indecent
maltreatment of his subordinates, soliciting
He faced a possible 55 1/2 years in prison. Military
often harsher than civilian ones. Consensual
carries a maximum sentence of five years.
(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)
SERGEANT MAJOR GENE MCKINNEY: I have not done any
of these things that my accusers have charged me with
that I have done.
(END VIDEO CLIP)
MORTON: Back to the difference between commissioned
noncommissioned officers. McKinney's lawyers had
records, The New York Times reported, showing that in
three years 23 senior and general Army officers were
sexual offenses ranging from adultery to child
None were prosecuted; all simply retired.
In fact, The Times said, no general had been
only one admiral, since the uniform code went into

effect in 1951.

misconduct. But
officers
were

building
it's a general, he
in chief?

commander in chief
his pension and
grand jury,
impeachment, but
proposition to a
Probably

magazines in

confusion over

for, "How

"How The

The Army moved promptly against enlisted man McKinney,
moved promptly against noncoms at the Aberdeen Proving
Grounds when they were charged with sexual

think back to Tail Hook in 1991 when drunken Navy
propositioned and sometimes assaulted women. There
court-martials, but nobody went to prison.

So it's a paradox. If a sergeant who works in this
misbehaves sexually, he may be in big trouble. If
may have to take his pension and go home.

And then the final question. What about the commander

(AUDIO CLIP OF "HAIL TO THE CHIEF")

Mr. Clinton won't be court-martialed. He's the
but not in the service, and he doesn't want to take
go home. He may or may not have to appear before a
embarrassing but not dreadful. He may face
probably only if it's proven that he lied.

Impeachment for adultery, for making a rude
woman? Could Congress really bring itself to do that?
not.

I'm Bruce Morton.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

BLITZER: Now, time for the LATE EDITION Newstand, a
preview of what's on the covers of this week's news
the United States.

Time looks at the Paula Jones case and the legal
sexual harassment.

U.S. News and World Report has a cover story to die
the Funeral Business Makes Money off Your Grief."
And Newsweek profiles TV's hottest animated series,
Rude, Crude Kids of South Park Are Changing Comedy."

We'll see

last word in

That's your LATE EDITION for Sunday, March 15th.

you here again next week, and every week, with the

Sunday talk. Thanks very much for watching.

I'm Wolf Blitzer, in Washington.

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George Magazine Loses a "Yes" Woman As Hachette Steps In

by Carl Swanson

After the first three ad-larded and buzz-inflamed issues, David Pecker, the chief executive of Hachette Filipacchi Magazines, was expecting great things from George magazine. Which is to say, things that make money. "If everything is going the way it goes now, we are looking to break even in year three," he told The New York Times in January 1996, only four months after its 280-page debut. Of course, it was in that same article that George editor in chief John F. Kennedy Jr. discussed how he had come to the realization that it was his magazine to run as he saw fit. At the time, he used this as a way to explain why he was replacing his handpicked second-in-command, editor Eric Etheridge, who left after clashing with Mr. Kennedy over editorial control, with Elizabeth (Biz) Mitchell, a 28-year-old senior editor, in the new post of executive editor. "It's my name in the editor in chief position," he said at the time. "And if the magazine works or doesn't work, people will say, it's John Kennedy's magazine."

But three years later, things don't look so rosy. According to the Media Industry Newsletter, as of November 1998, George's total ad pages were down 5.21 percent from 1997, and ad pages in the December 1998 issue had dipped by 20 percent compared to the year before. What's more, the editorial vision is still a bit murky. Now, Ms. Mitchell finds herself forced out of her job, following the appearance of an item in the New York Post on Jan. 6 that basically announced that Hachette was pressuring Mr. Kennedy to hire a "hands-on editor" to skipper the magazine and "bring it to the next level." Sources at George, which has the tag line "Not Just Politics as Usual," chalked the piece up to a bruising game of the same old corporate politics as usual that Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Pecker have been playing since the magazine's fortunes began to decline. Score for now: Pecker 1, Kennedy 0.

Ms. Mitchell was well regarded, well liked and possibly in over her head,

current and former employees at the magazine said. "Eric kind of dissed John," said one former staff member, referring to Ms. Mitchell's predecessor, Mr. Etheridge (a former editor at The Observer). But "Biz knew her role." As another editor put it, "She understood that this was his magazine. He didn't feel like just riding his bike downtown; he wanted to actually do it." But when she ascended to executive editor, she was stepping, if not over, at least by, another ambitious senior editor, Richard Blow. According to sources at George, Mr. Blow, the former editor of the defunct Washington, D.C., power magazine Regardie's, had expected to get the job. By most accounts, Ms. Mitchell "got along really well" with Mr. Kennedy as he learned the ropes and honed the magazine's appeal to college-educated thirtysomething women who weren't political junkies. The plan? "A political magazine for people who don't like politics," explained one former contributor.

But from Hachette's perspective, that plan apparently wasn't working as well as it should. And so, a vaguely sourced item made its appearance in the Post. When it ran on Jan. 6, it went off "like a bomb" in George's office, said one staff member. Nobody was expecting it, and in addition to asserting that Mr. Kennedy was shopping Ms. Mitchell's job around, it also implied that she was somehow a temp at that position instead of, as one current editor put it, "a skilled and unquestioned No. 2." The Post didn't quote Mr. Kennedy, or anyone else for that matter.

Staff members, used to living with a gossip-hounded celebrity, say that they just decided to withhold judgment on its accuracy until Mr. Kennedy returned from out of town. And, anyway, firing someone in the press wasn't his style. ("He's classy," said one staff member.) According to a person familiar with the situation, Ms. Mitchell decided there was no place for her at George after she met with Mr. Kennedy on the afternoon of Jan. 7. She was gone the next morning, when Mr. Kennedy announced Mr. Blow's promotion to the staff.

Mr. Blow, the Washington affairs editor, has been at the magazine since the start. He's the one responsible for bringing in such writers and columnists as David Brock, Tony Blankley, Claire Shipman and Lisa DePaulo, all of whom have provided much of the noncelebrity content in the magazine in recent months. That said, it was hard for many familiar with the magazine to imagine how Mr. Blow would provide much of a break from the magazine as it is now, with its uneven run of features, stale gossip, filler photo spreads, half-baked "rants."

"When you look at George, you're like, 'It needs something,'" said one

contributing editor. The January issue spent 21 of its total 100 pages on year-in-review, reader-survey or looking-ahead-to-next-year pieces. With the clock ticking toward the five years Hachette agreed to float the magazine, the question is whether Mr. Blow and Mr. Kennedy can continue to professionalize an environment that former staff members have dismissed as "like a high school yearbook"—although sources at the magazine said that Ms. Mitchell had pulled in the reins lately—and keep its subscribers renewing.

It seems that Hachette has determined it is time to meddle with George. Ms. Mitchell's departure was accompanied by several longtime employees on the advertising side getting the boot, too, including associate publisher Deborah Marcogliese and creative services director Negi Vafa. Launch publisher Elinore Carmody was replaced a year ago, and co-founder Michael Berman was shipped off to another part of Hachette in mid-1997. But, of course, Mr. Kennedy wasn't going anywhere: It's his magazine, and he gets a take of the profit—when, and if, it appears. Current and former staff members are careful to defend Mr. Kennedy: "I'm telling you, John has brilliant editor instincts," insisted contributing editor Lisa DePaulo. "He understands who the reader is."

Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Pecker had no comment on the change. Mr. Kennedy released a statement citing "creative differences" as the explanation for Ms. Mitchell's departure. And Mr. Blow told Off the Record that he is "excited about building on Biz's considerable success." Sources at George say that Mr. Blow is expected to make at least two hires at the understaffed weekly. One thing that's not going to change is the editor in chief, or, since a big-name outsider hasn't been hired, his role. "Would this magazine exist without John?" asked one insider. "Would anyone delude themselves that it would?"

Senior editor Hugo Lindgren is leaving New York magazine to rejoin his front-of-the-book pal, Ariel Kaminer. Ms. Kaminer recently left New York to edit a new front section in The New York Times Magazine, leaving Mr. Lindgren in charge of New York's Gotham pages all by his lonesome. But Ms. Kaminer wasn't going to be able to handle the new section, set to be called "The Way We Live Now," all by herself. Enter Mr. Lindgren. "She suggested Hugo, and he was the right person for the job," said Times Magazine editor Adam Moss. The mix of columns and items will replace the current Sunday section in late February. "It's going to be grueling," Mr. Moss said. To edit, that is. As of Jan. 12, New York magazine editor in chief Caroline Miller had not decided who would take over Gotham.

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PRESIDENT CLINTON NAMES TEN MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON
MENTAL
RETARDATION

The President today announced his intent to appoint Valerie J. Bradley, Joyce A. Keller, John F. Kennedy, Jr., K. Charlie Lakin, T. J. Monroe, Elizabeth C. Pittinger, Michael L. Remus, Jacquelyn B. Victorian, Barbara Y. Wheeler, and Sheryl White-Scott as members of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation (PCMR). Ms. Bradley will continue to serve in her capacity as Chair.

Ms. Valerie J. Bradley, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, is President of Human

Services Research Institute (HSRI), a non-profit organization. She has worked in the field of mental retardation for over 25 years as a researcher, policy analyst, evaluator, advocate and author. As Chief Executive Officer of HSRI, Ms. Bradley is responsible for the general management of the organization, quality control, employee recruitment, fiscal affairs, and public relations. Ms. Bradley has also directed a wide range of Federal grants and contracts in the areas of family support, quality assurance, and deinstitutionalization. Ms. Bradley holds a B.A. from Occidental College and an M.A. from Rutgers University.

Ms. Joyce A. Keller, of Southfield, Michigan, is the Executive Director of JARC, a Jewish association for residential care for persons with developmental disabilities. Previously, she was a Special Services Director for developmental disabilities for Adult Service Centers, Inc., of Detroit and a Special Education Teacher at the elementary and secondary level. Ms. Keller holds a B.S. from the University of Michigan and an M.A. from the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University.

Mr. John F. Kennedy, Jr., of New York City, New York, is the founder and President of Reaching Up, a non-profit organization that supports the higher education and career development of direct care workers in the disability field. Previously, he served for several years as an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Robin Hood Foundation, as well as an Associate Trustee of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., Foundation. Mr. Kennedy holds a B.A. from Brown University and a J.D. from New York University Law School.

Dr. Charlie Lakin, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is the Director of the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Community Living Integration at the University of Minnesota. He has been a Senior Research Associate at the University of Minnesota since 1980. He is a member of the American Association on Mental Retardation and the Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps. Dr. Lakin holds a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

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Mr. T.J. Monroe, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is one of two self-advocates appointed to the President's Committee on Mental Retardation. Mr. Monroe is a nationally recognized self-advocate and speaker. He also serves as a consultant to

self-advocacy agencies and the government on human rights policies while also advising others in self-advocacy organizing and development. He is also a member of the American Association on Mental Retardation, the Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered Advisory Committee, and an advisor to the People First of Hamilton County.

Ms. Elizabeth C. Pittinger, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is an adjunct faculty member of Community College, Allegheny County and a consultant for civil rights, mental retardation and police training. Ms. Pittinger serves as the legally appointed guardian of ten incapacitated people. She is a Commissioner with the City of Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations. Ms. Pittinger holds a B.A. from Marywood College, an M.P.A. from Carnegie Mellon University, and is a graduate of the Pittsburgh Citizens Police Academy.

Mr. Michael L. Remus, of Lawrence, Kansas, is the Executive Director of the Arc of Tennessee, which advocates for the enhanced quality of life for children and adults with mental retardation and other disabilities through research, advocacy and education. Mr. Remus was formerly the Director of Special Education for the State of Kansas, is a lifelong advocate for persons with disabilities, and is the father of two grown sons with disabilities. He has served as Adjunct Faculty at Wayne State College, teaching education graduate courses dealing with the integration of students with disabilities and Introduction to Special and Secondary Education. He is immediate past President of the Arc-US.

Ms. Jacquelyn B. Victorian, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is the Executive Director of Independent Living, Inc., a community-based residential agency that provides supported living services to 50 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. She is a member of the Community and Family Support Task Force Committee on Supported Living, as well as the Louisiana Governor's Ombudsman Task Force on Developmental Disabilities. Ms. Victorian holds a Masters degree in Social Work.

Dr. Barbara Y. Wheeler, of Los Angeles, California, is Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine. She also serves as Director of Training in Nursing at the University Affiliated Program at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, Project Director of the California Personal Assistance Services Project and the Self-Advocacy Project and as an Evaluation Consultant to the Black Infant Health Programs in the California Department of Health Services. Dr. Wheeler holds a B.S.

from
the University of California at San Francisco, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from
the
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. Sheryl White-Scott, of New York City, New York, is the Director of
Adult
Health Services at the Westchester Institute for Human Development and an
Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at New York Medical
College.
She is a Diplomat to the American Board of Internal Medicine. She is also
a
member of the American College of Physicians and the American Association
on
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The Committee advises President Clinton and Health and Human Services
Secretary Donna Shalala on programs and services relating to persons with
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All good today..and Bradley's funny!!

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>BRADLEY: A "Nuisance" Who "Tweaks" Gore WMUR-TV (Manchester): "Despite polls showing him lagging behind" Al Gore, "there is a sense among many Democrats that Bill Bradley may finish the race at the top. Tonight, some of those supporters rallied into Londonderry High School for a look at the Presidential timber. One woman whispered, 'He's the gentle giant,' and with that Bill Bradley waded in a crowd of Democrats and Republicans, outlined his history and vision for the future" (5/12). Bradley is on a three-day swing through NH that ends 5/13 (Nashua Telegraph, 5/13). Boston Herald's Woodlief calls a 5/11 Bradley house party at the Amherst, NH home of Fidelity money market manager Boyce Greer "a magical night." Bradley "was insightful, pithy and funny. Really. Funny" (5/13). Bradley became the first WH 2000er to speak out on the use of expanded gambling revenue to help NH fund education. Bradley said if he were a gov, "he'd reject expanded gambling as a revenue source because, he said, it tends

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>Adlai Stevenson Endorses Bradley Bradley was endorsed by ex-Sen. Adlai Stevenson (D-IL). Stevenson, "whose family has been influential" in Dem politics "for more than a century, can help Bradley offset Gore's organizational advantage" in IL. Stevenson "views Gore's close association with Clinton as a liability" in the election: "I am not convinced that the American people are ready to give Clinton a third term. It would be much easier for moderates, independents, many Republicans and Democrats alienated by their own party to vote for Bradley rather than someone like Gore who was so involved in the Clinton administration. There has to be a change, not a continuation, and Gore doesn't represent a change. Bradley hasn't been part of the administration, and his candidacy stands for change." Other "intriguing outsiders" who support Bradley: Paul Volcker,

Archibald Cox, Phil Jackson, Michael Jordan, and John F. Kennedy, Jr.
(Neal, Chicago Sun-Times, 5/12).

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>Yeah? Well We've Never Heard Of You, Either Boston Celtic rookie
Paul Pierce found a cap with "Bill Bradley" inscribed on it in front of
his locker at the last game of the season and a reporter asked him if he'd
vote for Bradley. Pierce

>"said he didn't know who Bradley was." Teammate Ron Mercer: "He's a
rookie. He isn't ready for the tough questions." Chicago Tribune's Sam
Smith: "Sounds like Phil Jackson's work isn't done" (5/13).

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

President Clinton was informed early this morning of the reported disappearance of the airplane carrying John F. Kennedy, Jr. and others, including his wife, Carolyn. He is being kept fully informed of the ongoing search efforts, which are being coordinated by the Department of the Transportation, the Coast Guard, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Defense. All our prayers and thoughts are with the families of those on board.

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JFK, Jr., his wife and sister - in - law departed like all naval families know so well.....into the Sea of our Lord. Death is a given for all of us.. Buried at sea is not. JFK. Jr., carried on the family's activities of working and mentoring youth with disabilities in New York City.

A family torn with untimely disaster and death. A family strong in the Will of our God. Let us take a minute to remember the Kennedy family and our devoted friend to americans with disabilities; Senator Kennedy.

God bless all who work for the God given rights of all people.

Wilson & Star

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STATEMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

(As Delivered at Southwest Voter Registration and
Education Project Luncheon in Long Beach, CA)

I want to begin with a moment of prayer for John Kennedy Jr., for his wife Carolyn, and for her sister Lauren -- we hope they are returned to us safely and soon.

John Kennedy Jr. is an extraordinary young man, at the high noon of his life, who offers the promise of contributing so much more to our country.

At the age of three, he was the most famous person in the world because with his innocent and brave young heart, he helped the nation and the world endure some of the hardest hours of our history.

He has carried his legend with enormous grace -- and with a commitment to live up to his father's legacy and his mother's love.

America could use his grace and endurance right now.

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Good morning.

Here are summaries of today's top national news from The New York Times on the Web.

John Kennedy's Airplane Is Missing and Feared Lost

A small plane carrying John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and her sister apparently crashed late Friday, and by Saturday afternoon, the authorities had recovered debris off Martha's Vineyard, Mass., that they said may have come from the plane.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/regional/071899kennedy-missing.html>

Navajo Lawsuits Say Government Failed the Tribe in Royalty Deals

Two legal actions claim that Peabody Coal and two utilities unfairly influenced Federal officials to derail an effort to increase the coal mining fees paid to the Navajo Indians, a decision the tribe says cost it \$600 million in lost mining royalties.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/news/national/navajo-mine-deposits.html>

In Season of Play, Pupils With Low Scores Struggle to Learn

This year, in New York City's most ambitious mandatory program since the 1980's, 58,000 third, sixth and eighth graders are back in class for extra reading and writing, and mathematics, to prepare them for the promotion test in early August.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/regional/071899ny-summer-edu.html>

Mayor Improves City's Image but Not Its Racial Split

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. -- Though it may have proved annoying to many white residents, Mayor Richard Arrington's effective

marshaling of black political power in a state long famous for its absence has made him an iconic figure to his supporters. He will retire on Monday.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/news/national/ala-mayor-retire.html>

Energy Department Plans Action on Blackouts

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson will propose six steps to reduce electricity disruptions in severe weather, including federal investigations of power blackouts like the ones that plagued New York and other cities this month, department officials say.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/news/national/power-outage-inquiry.html>

New Computer Tool Aids Police in Identifying Suspects

A new computer system gives the police in any community the ability to take a single fingerprint from a suspect in a roadside arrest and determine within minutes from the Federal Bureau of Investigation whether that person is wanted for a crime.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/news/national/fbi-computer.html>

Police Say Suspect in Slayings Talked Much but Said Little

The former fugitive suspected of killing nine people in three states talked into the wee hours with Houston police detectives about foreign policy, economics, mathematics -- almost anything except the nine slayings that he is suspected of committing.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/news/national/rail-killer.html>

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
STATEMENT ON JOHN F. KENNEDY, JR.
CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND
July 18, 1999

Hillary and I want to express our deep and continued concern about the disappearance of the plane carrying John Kennedy, Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister, Lauren.

This morning, in the area of Martha's Vineyard, the search has resumed in full force; and I will continue to monitor the situation closely. As we pray for the safety of the three passengers, our thoughts are also with their families.

I ask all Americans to join in prayer for the Kennedys and the Bessettes, and to wish them the strength of their faith.

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF JOHN F. KENNEDY, JR.
CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND
July 18, 1999

Hillary and I feel deep sorrow about the loss of John Kennedy, Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister, Lauren. Our hearts and prayers are with the Bessettes □) and with the Kennedys, a family that has suffered much, and lost much, but has given even more to our country.

America has lost a favorite son. As a small child, at a trying time for our nation, John Kennedy, Jr. was a symbol of our grief and our hope for the future. Then we watched with pride as John grew from boyhood into the man we have known. He had his father□,s name, his mother□,s independent spirit, and carried on his family□,s legacy of public service. But John also lent his own voice, his own ideas and energy, to move our country forward. He carried the burdens of history and the weight of expectations with strength, grace, and good humor as he made a career in law enforcement, and founded a publication that engaged a new generation of Americans in public life.

Hillary, Chelsea and I were fortunate to call John and Carolyn our friends. We will miss them. And I know I will think often, in the days and years ahead, of a recent visit John made to the White House. Beneath the portrait of President Kennedy, John stood for a moment □) in silence, alone in his thoughts.

I know that anytime I look at that portrait now, I will remember not only the father, but the son who was making his way in the world, staying true to the high ideals of a great American family.

The salute he gave his father is marked indelibly in our national memory. Now we salute him, the man he was, and the promise that has been lost. But those whose lives were cut far too short still inspire us to live every moment fully for the American promise.

I join all Americans in prayer for the Kennedy and Bessette families, wishing them the strength of their faith in the days ahead.

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
ON JOHN F. KENNEDY, JR.,
CAROLYN KENNEDY,
AND LAUREN BESSETTE

The South Grounds

4:13 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: As the search continues, I want to express our family's support, and offer our prayers and those of all Americans for John Kennedy, Jr.; his wife, Carolyn; her sister, Lauren; and to their fine families.

I also want to thank the Coast Guard and all those who have worked so hard in this endeavor.

For more than 40 years now, the Kennedy family has inspired Americans to public service, strengthened our faith in the future, and moved our nation forward. Through it all they have suffered much, and given more.

In recent years, in particular, John Kennedy, Jr. and Carolyn have captured our imagination and won our affection. I will always be grateful for their kindnesses to Hillary and Chelsea and me.

At this difficult moment, we hope the families of these three fine young people will feel the strength of God, the love of their friends, and the prayers of their fellow citizens.

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SNOW: Coast Guard search and rescue teams worked through the night, looking for signs of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife Carolyn and her sister, Lauren Bessette. The three vanished Friday night on the way to a wedding in Hyannisport, Massachusetts. Their plane plunged into the Atlantic Ocean somewhere south of Martha's Vineyard. As pieces of wreckage washed ashore, hope for the trio faded and people around the world began paying tribute around the world to a young man and his family.

At dawn this morning, air rescue efforts resumed, so far to no avail.

Good morning, welcome to FOX NEWS SUNDAY. We'll get to our guests who include Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott in a moment, but first let's get the latest on the search for John F. Kennedy's plane. Joining us from Boston is Rear Admiral Richard Larrabee, commander of the first Coast Guard district -- good morning sir.

LARRABEE: Good morning.

SNOW: Let's talk about overnight you had infrared searches, nothing turned up.

LARRABEE: Both aircraft and our NOAA vessel, the Rude, were on scene last night as well as two Coast Guard cutters, and no, we did not turn anything up last night.

SNOW: The Rude vessel can search the ocean floor, it can zoom in on areas, but I've heard you say that there are a lot of large objects, stones and such, on the ocean floor. Chances are not much will turn up with the Rude?

LARRABEE: Well, I wouldn't say that, but all people are pretty confident that if there's something out there to be found, we'll going to find it and we're going to work real hard at that today.

SNOW: A lot of debris has washed up on shore. Is that consistent with the kind of crash where the aircraft itself would have broken into a lot of pieces upon impact?

LARRABEE: Well, I'm probably not the guy to ask that question to. I'd just be speculating. But we are finding pieces of the aircraft, that's correct.

SNOW: You have described yourself as being optimistic. In your experience, what's the longest you've seen people survive an accident of this sort?

LARRABEE: Well, you know, an accident of this sort, you know, kind of narrows it down. Again, I think I'd just be speculating. We're out there searching today. We are hopeful. We are still looking for survivors.

SNOW: Describe for a moment just exactly what kind of vessels and aircraft are involved in this search?

LARRABEE: Last night the Air Force provided an H-60 as well as a C-130. This morning, that same team is back with us. In addition to that, I've got a Coast Guard HU-25, a jet, as well as two Coast Guard H-60's which will be searching today.

So, those are the air assets. The Rude will stay on scene. I've got two

Coast Guard cutters; I've got a Coast Guard buoy tender which will be brought on scene this morning and act as a command control platform and than several smaller cutters will be out there during the day.

SNOW: By the end of the day, how small do you think the search area will be?

LARRABEE: Currently we're searching an area of 1,200 square miles. Again, it depends on what we find in the way of a debris field or any other information so. Again, today's objective is to search that 1,200 miles with a real focus on where we found the debris yesterday.

SNOW: Admiral Larrabee, thanks for the update.

LARRABEE: You're welcome.

SNOW: Joining us now with the latest from the scene, FOX NEWS correspondent Alisyn Camerota in Hyannisport, and Rick Leventhal in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Rick.

LEVENTHAL: Good morning, Tony. Much of the debris that's been recovered so far came off from an area off just off the southwest corner of Martha's Vineyard near Gay Head, and this morning, the search is continuing on the beach there as well where a lot of the material did wash ashore, and joining us this morning to talk a little bit about that, Captain Robert Bird, with the Massachusetts State Police.

Tell us about the efforts on going now in terms of recovering evidence along the shore of Martha's Vineyard?

CAPTAIN ROBERT BIRD: At about 6:00 this morning we used six all-terrain vehicles who begun searching an area five to six miles long along the south-southwest shore of the island. This is the same area where significant amounts of debris were found yesterday.

LEVENTHAL: And we heard that nothing significant was found overnight or early this morning. Are you surprised that you're not getting more of this plane?

BIRD: Experts have told me that they expect the greater -- they believe it would be more likely for evidence to wash ashore this afternoon given the conditions of the tides and the currents.

LEVENTHAL: All right, Captain Robert Bird, thank you very much for joining us this morning. Again, nothing significant's been found yet here today, but still they're calling it a search and rescue effort, still hoping for survivors to be located. John F. Kennedy, Jr., of course, his wife Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and her sister Lauren.

Now for an update on the Kennedy's themselves, let's go to Alisyn Camerota, who's standing by in Hyannisport. Alisyn.

ALYSIN CAMEROTA, FOX NEWS: Good morning Rick, people are now stirring inside the Kennedy Compound. Just about a half hour ago, we saw the shades being pulled open on the second floor bedrooms of Ethel Kennedy's house right over my right hand shoulder. We believe that many friends and family members spent the night sort of camped out in there. Yesterday, we watched as a steady stream of people arrived here. They were meant to be guests at Rory Kennedy's wedding. About 275 of them, but even after that wedding was canceled early in the morning, many of them stayed just to lend moral support to the family. We understand that there was a dinner here at the Compound for about 100 people last night, and about 50 people spent the night here at the Compound still awaiting word.

Now, just moments ago we saw Brian O'Connor, the Kennedy family spokesperson, emerge from Ethel Kennedy's house. We're hoping that at some point he will bring us an update, some information about what's going on inside. How people are feeling inside and just if they have any information about the fate of John Kennedy, Jr., his wife Carolyn, and her sister Lauren. Tony.

SNOW: Alisyn, thank you and thank you also for the updates. Now joining us to talk about John Kennedy, Jr., are two friends and successful sons of famous men. Michael Brown of the Ronald H. Brown Foundation, and joining us from Chicago, Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr.

Michael Brown, let's start. You've known John F. Kennedy since 1979. This is a guy who didn't put on a lot of airs, is it?

BROWN: No. As a matter of fact, our most recent encounter came about a year and a half ago, maybe even two years, when he reached out to me after my father's plane accident and wanted sit down and we had lunch in New York and just talked about how to deal with these kind of things when you have to deal with losing someone you care about in such a public fish bowl.

SNOW: What did he tell you?

BROWN: Well, he talked about how he obviously at three years old really didn't remember much about his issue, except for the fact he has to live with it every day and had to live with it every day. So he just told me about family and being close to your friends, and making sure that your mother is strong. And that's all the things we've done and emulated. So the Kennedy family has set such great examples for all of us to follow about family and friends and being close.

SNOW: Jesse Jackson, we're used to seeing pictures of John Kennedy from his early youth straight through to fairly glamorous adulthood.

SNOW: people think of him almost as a matinee idol. Did he have a good sense of humor?

JACKSON: I thought he did. I was with John just three weeks ago when George magazine was hosting, along with BMW, a fund raiser for cancer research in Washington, D.C. It was very noticeable that John had a bad leg at that time and he cracked several jokes about his inability to participate for fear that his leg might get stuck on the accelerator.

Many of the participants in that particular event found that quite humorous. But he was a very warm person. He too on no airs. He appeared to be very real. And one of the lasting things about John that all of us, I'm sure, will appreciate even as we hope for a rescue mission that we hope is ultimately successful, John took his celebrity -- the best that the media had tried to make of him, that matinee idol that you referred to, and he used it for valiant causes to help bring light in very dark places so that at the bottom, those of us who have been left behind might have another level of excitement, a new change in our lives. And he tried to do that.

SNOW: That raises an interesting question that I want to pose to both of you. I'll start with you, Jesse Jackson. You're sons of famous fathers who've been involved in politics. Is there a sort of an inherited legacy? And if so, how difficult is that to deal with?

JACKSON: Well, Tony, there's a biblical scripture that goes something like this: to whom much is given, much is required. Many of us who have these legacies, these famous names, recognize that.

But at the same time we recognize we have tremendous advantages; that is, there is a wind at our back compared to the tail wind that confronts many young people who are similarly situated. And so while there are advantages to being a John F. Kennedy, Jr. or Michael Brown or Jesse Jackson Jr., there are also tremendous disadvantages. We inherit our father's and our families' friends and we inherit their enemies. But here is the key: we've earned neither. So we work just as hard and often times twice as hard to show people that we are who we are. We're real people. We're trying our very best to make a difference.

SNOW: Michael Brown, why do you think it is that so many young people quite often crack in the shadow of their parents' celebrity?

BROWN: I don't know. And I certainly can't speak for all those families I think you're talking about. But certainly in Jesse's, certainly mine and John's background, family is such a critical part. Just because you're a famous child of famous parents does not mean necessarily you have a close family or a closely-knit family.

I mean, that's a real key part to making sure.

And as Jesse talked about, he's exactly right. As my sister and

I were getting older and growing up, our parents used to tell us, you have a greater responsibility to give back because you were fortunate to go to college, fortunate enough to go to law school and you're fortunate enough, and you have certain advantages and you have to really give back more than other people do. So it's interesting. It has to do with family values and what you get from your grandparents to your parents, and I certainly hope to pass on to my children.

SNOW: One of the things that happens with those kinds of responsibilities, people may feel constrained. John Kennedy was somebody who took a lot of risks. Did you find him kind of a daredevil?

BROWN: It's interesting, my first recollection of John, and as you know, I'm really close to Patrick. And years ago in 1979 when Senator Kennedy first ran for president, it was interesting that, you know, we were all getting coffee together and all kind of being gophers together. And yes, he did some things that were quite interesting, but he was also older than Patrick and I so he had a little more latitude. So, but I don't...

SNOW: Interesting in a way that you could share with us?

BROWN: No. I will not share some of the interesting things. But he was a risk-taker, but not in that sense of being a risk-taker, just in giving himself challenges. And I think that is what we all need to do, is challenge ourselves to do greater things. And if you consider -- if you call that a risk, then I think we all do a little of that.

SNOW: Jesse, when you reflect on John Kennedy, again, we have this public image of him. What are parts of his personality that we don't know about that we ought to?

JACKSON: John recognized he was the product of great expectations, just as Michael recognizes he is the product of great expectations. And often times our personal expectations fall far short of the public's expectations of us.

I remember when I told my father I first wanted to go to law school, he said, law school? That is not enough. Why not aim to be supreme court justice. He thought I wanted a job with a firm. My other sister -- my sister wanted to be a doctor. That's not enough. You need to aim to be surgeon general, because so many millions of Americans don't have health care.

And so, while we live in a healthy world of our personal ambition, that which we want to do, there's also this great expectation of people pulling us to be greater than we even expect of ourselves. John recognized that. He recognized that he represented the hope of an entire generation, and he was ready to meet the challenge, but ready to meet the challenge on his terms. He didn't want anyone to say that he was too young, too rich, too inexperienced and just operating on his daddy's name. He established a magazine. He wanted to show both sides of political issues and be fair to the political discourse. That was John F. Kennedy and it was the best of him.

SNOW: When you sit down with somebody like John Kennedy, with the common experiences you have, do you get the feeling that he understands you in a way that, say, I wouldn't?

JACKSON: There's -- in my mind and maybe in Michael's, there may be some doubt. But there's no doubt in my mind that John had a sense that growing up, not necessarily under the shadows, but the light. It's often referred to as growing up under the shadows of the 35th president or growing up under the light of a Ron Brown or growing up under the light of Jesse Jackson, or the shadow.

These gentlemen have cast tremendous light on our lives and our families, and given us a tremendous opportunity to make a difference. They say that we just operate sometimes on our parents' names. But what's wrong with a good parent's name? What's wrong with a father who tried to raise their children and make them out to be more than selfish people, but to be

selfless. If more men in our communities would raise the babies that they make, they would be able to give their children good names and they might have the name of a John F. Kennedy or Michael Brown or even a Jesse Jackson.

SNOW: Michael Brown, you play golf for relaxation. John Kennedy was taken to flying. Again, is that sort of a typical hobby for him?

BROWN: Oh, exercise. He was a heck of an exerciser. I remember when we were battling on where we were going to eat because he knows I like heavy stuff, the steak, lobster and potatoes kind of stuff, and he likes all that California -- lettuce and salads and light pasta. He said, well, I don't care where we go, but when we're finished, I'm going to work out. So I don't know about the flying as much as he just loved to work out and stay in shape. So those are the kinds of things that I certainly remember.

SNOW: When you would go to a restaurant with him, did you feel like all the eyes were on somebody other than you?

BROWN: It's interesting, when having lunch with him in New York is a treat. You -- or anywhere, frankly. When you walk out -- actually, because he walked to the restaurant, actually. And walking out onto the street when I would get in my car and he'd walk to his office -- I mean, New York avenues would just stop and people would come up and want to take pictures and shake his hand. And frankly, he was wonderful. He'd shake everyone's hands he could. But then he realized he had to get to work. So it was interesting to see how he interacted with people that came up to him in that kind of fashion. And just waves of people. Not just women, men as well, just wanted to touch him and shake his hand and say, great work you're doing.

SNOW: Jesse, did you have similar experiences?

JACKSON: I did. Whenever I went to a social function where John Kennedy, Jr. happened to be in attendance, when John showed up, the event was over. It was a John Kennedy event. It didn't matter if it was a social function, if we were at a restaurant. The fact that John Kennedy frequented the place or the fact that John Kennedy showed up at a social event -- even if the best and brightest of movie stars were there, maybe it was their birthday party, maybe it was the announcement of some new car or some new magazine or some new enterprise -- if John Kennedy, Jr. showed up, it was the place to be.

SNOW: OK. Jesse Jackson, Jr., Michael Brown, thanks for joining us today.

JACKSON: Thank you.

SNOW: We'll have more on the Kennedy saga right after this break.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

SNOW: No family in recent American history has lived under as much scrutiny or suffered through its tragedies as public as the Kennedys. Here to talk more about the family and its impact on American culture is Senator Joseph Lieberman. Joining in the questioning our panel, Fred Barnes, Mara Liasson and Juan Williams. Brit Hume has the day off.

Senator Lieberman, you know Senator Edward Kennedy very well. You've seen the family go through tragedies of this sort. And I know I'm making some presumptions here, how do they deal with it?

LIEBERMAN: Well, I think it's really a question all of us have to ask ourselves, how could they deal with it? But they have -- first they have a remarkable depth of faith. And I think there's a resilience -- religious faith. But there's also a personal resilience to this family that must come from the father, Joseph Kennedy, and the mother, Rose Kennedy.

And, you know, you live your life to the fullest, you do the best you can and then when death comes, it's painful. You express your sorrow, you touch back in the well stone of your religious faith and then you put yourself together and go on to live the rest of your life. It's an extraordinary test, but also in its way an inspiration.

SNOW: As political journalists, we're used to seeing people knock their

teeth out over political battles. But in a case like this, when Ted Kennedy returns to the Senate, how do colleagues interact?

LIEBERMAN: Well, you know, the Senate underneath all the headlines and the debate is ultimately 100 people working together at the same place. People talk a lot about how personal relations among senators or members of Congress, politicians aren't what they used to be. I think the Senate is still fortunate in that there are a lot of personal relations across party lines. So, the Senate this week when Teddy comes back will be like any office or factory where somebody returns to work who suffered a tragedy. And people will express their condolences and say that we're praying for them and could we help at all? It's going to be just that way. And he's got remarkable resilience. You know, he's got great personal strength and that's the spirit in which he'll respond to us, I'm sure.

WILLIAMS: Senator Lieberman, I think lots of Americans are wondering about what is it that has the Kennedy family in its grip that allows for such tragedy to continue over time. But in specific, I'm interested in the Kennedy men. You look at what happened to Michael Kennedy a few years ago, skiing down that hill in Colorado and now to see John Kennedy flying this plane and apparently dead. Do you think these people are addicted to risk?

LIEBERMAN: Well, they're bold. I mean, this is fate, you know. I don't think they're reckless in any sense. I think they have always had courage. They've always wanted to live to the fullest. That's part of the whole family legacy; that's part of the legacy of service. Look, lesser people having suffered the losses they have, particularly to those who are involved in public life would pull way back in and live private lives, and yet they've come back out. Senator Kennedy continues to be a great senator. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend is the lieutenant governor of Maryland. Patrick Kennedy, member of the House, I mean, so on and so forth. So, no, I think this is just -- tragically accidents happen.

WILLIAMS: You say that they want to live to the fullest. But after Robert Kennedy, we haven't seen another Kennedy really rise to that level of American political life that would allow them to be considered for president.

LIEBERMAN: Well, Ted Kennedy was...

WILLIAMS: Well, Chappaquiddick.

LIEBERMAN: ... considered for president. And look, Ted Kennedy has, in my opinion, given an extra dimension to this family's legacy, which is that he has hung in there in the Senate. He is passionate about public concerns.

Just last week, who led the fight on the Patients' Bill of Rights? Ted Kennedy. Who's out there pushing for education reform and an increase in the minimum wage? And he's done the difficult, unglamorous work in the Senate to bring a lot of legislation to reality.

Of course, he's controversial. But, no, I think he's added to this legacy in a way that is quite different. And, you know, you don't have to be president to be a great American public servant.

LIASSON: Senator Lieberman, you've had a lot to say about morality in the way of public figures and leaders live their lives now. John F. Kennedy Jr. was not a politician, he wasn't elected to office. But I'm wondering if you can talk a little bit about the way that he lived his life.

LIEBERMAN: Yes. It struck me as I've been going through this -- and of course we all hope and pray there's a miracle and he's alive and we find him. But a part of the legacy here, I think, of John F. Kennedy Jr. is that he took the words of his -- that mark his father's presidency, ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country. The torch has passed to a new generation. But he expressed that ideal of citizenship and public service in a largely nonpartisan and nontraditional political way. He was a district attorney.

LIEBERMAN: He was a law enforcer and he started this magazine, which was clearly nonpartisan. It was meant to be a place for discussion of people of all political persuasions but had an excitement about public issues and public dialogue.

LIASSON: Well, I'm thinking also about just the way he lived his life, the fact that Americans seemed to respond to the fact that he was a decent person, he wasn't embroiled in scandals. I mean, he seemed to be a good kid.

LIEBERMAN: Oh, very important. You think about the pressures that followed him. He was, after all, John F. Kennedy, Jr. And he attained a princely status, not so much by birth but by bearing. He conducted himself in an age of incivility with great civility and great dignity, which incidentally was unpretentious, relaxed, comfortable, confident. I think he set a great standard, really, in the way he carried himself forward and carried the legacy of his father forward in ways that were uniquely his own.

BARNES: Senator, John F. Kennedy, Jr. had never ruled out a political career. And many, including myself, thought at some point after George magazine that he might have a second career in politics. He certainly had the Kennedy magic. Imagine for a minute what kind of a political candidate he might make, a Senate candidate, say. Obviously he'd be a Democrat.

LIEBERMAN: Well, I think all the characteristics -- first of all, who knows ever if it he'd run for public office. I think he was finding satisfaction in what he was doing, and doing it, you know, quite well and making a contribution. But I think all the characteristics that I described, I hope would follow into a more partisan political career, which was the civility, the thoughtfulness, the confidence. And, you know, in an age of -- forgive me -- political -- in an age in which political discourse is often both biting and high volume screaming, he seemed to be to be a very thoughtful, low volume but substantive person.

BARNES: He seemed to be a more of a -- in one interview he was asked what he would do if he suddenly became president. He said the first thing he'd do would be to call his uncle, Teddy and say, I got there first. And he said he'd cut taxes. He sounded like more of a moderate Democrat.

LIEBERMAN: Of course, you know, I was -- I entered college in 1960, so President Kennedy was for me and, really millions of my generation, our hero, our role model. He called us to public service. And he did really represent a new generation in the Democratic Party. Long before we formed the Democratic Leadership Council and talked about new Democrats, President Kennedy was a new Democrat. I mean, President Kennedy talked about -- focused on economic growth and national security and so when JFK, Jr. talked about tax cuts, I think that was very much part of the legacy of his father. Remember, his father supported for instance, capital gains tax cuts.

BARNES: As you do.

LIEBERMAN: Yes.

SNOW: Senator Lieberman, thanks for joining us today.

LIEBERMAN: Thank you.

SNOW: As we wrap up this segment, I want to close with a couple personal comments. In my careers as a journalist and political aide, I've rubbed elbows with presidents, prime ministers and kings, but I never encountered anybody quite like John Kennedy, Jr.

Now, we only met a few times, but the guy always had it. He was handsome, charismatic and yet approachable. He wore fame comfortably and naturally and never seemed to get a swelled head.

The only time I ever experienced that kind of a claim, the kind that he took for granted, was at a Washington gala known as a gridiron dinner. I arrived late. As I strolled past the rows of tables, every eye in the place seemed to followed me. So, I straightened up and had this big smile and strutted down the aisle thinking, hey I've arrived I must be

important.

Well, when I turned to take my seat, the heads continued to move. They were following John Kennedy who had slipped in right behind me.

Every encounter in life gives us a chance to learn. John F. Kennedy, Jr. and his wife Carolyn have shown us that modesty and grace invariably trump preening vanity. At this hour, as we fret over their fates and that of Lauren Bessette, we ought to recall that while star power ebbs, character endures. John F. Kennedy, Jr. had a lot of things, but his most special trait was character. And that's what I remember most right now. When we return, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

SNOW: President Clinton took some hard jabs at Republicans this week and then said it was all in good fun. So, can he and the GOP get together on tax cuts and health care reform? We'll find out by consulting Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

Senator Lott, let's just start out with taxes, that's the fight of the week. You wanted 800 billion, your party wants 800 billion, the president wanted 300 billion. Will you cut a deal in the middle?

LOTT: Nope. You know, we're going to put almost \$2 trillion into retirement security for our seniors. We think that third dollar of the three ought to be sent back to the people that earned it, the workers that pay overtax right now, burden to the federal government. I think what he wants is typical of Democrats. They want to keep it in Washington and spend it. It's just like you went to the newspaper stand this morning and bought a paper and gave them a ten. Instead of giving you back change, like the Republicans want to, Democrats want to use that money to provide free papers to the next nine customers. That's the way they always are.

Let me respond to what you said about the president taking jabs and then said, oh, well, we'll work with you. Let me just go through what's happened this year. First of all, after resisting, he now says that he's for a Social Security lock box to take all the Social Security money...

SNOW: That's the \$2 put aside.

LOTT: Right. And we want to make sure it's spent for nothing but Social Security. The house voted 415-12 for that. The president says he's for it. And yet the Senate Democrats six times have voted against the Social Security lock box. The president has done nothing to help. He says he wants Medicare reform, and yet he killed the Medicare commission -- which came up with a good plan -- chaired by a Democrat, John Breaux.

He says, we want tax cuts but only a little bit. Oh, and by the way, he proposes about \$100 billion in tax increases. I mean, he's being a little disingenuous. Now, my attitude is, I have worked with him in the past, we've done some good things on Medicare reform, some tax cuts, spending restraint. Now, if he wants to get serious, join with us, great. But I think that maybe the demagoguery needs to be toned down.

SNOW: So you accuse him of being a demagogue. Fine. Are you going to be willing to stand up to him politically?

LOTT: Listen. When it comes to tax cuts, I feel very strongly that the American people are overtaxed. Even last time when we had a tax cut bill, working Americans like my daughter got zero. The tax code is unfair. We need to make sure it's not picking losers and winners, that it's a broad-based tax cut. There is a tax overpayment. And I do think that if we don't tie it down, either by putting it for Social Security or returning it to the people, it will be frittered away on one Clinton-Gore spending program after another. We don't need more Washington spending.

SNOW: That being the case, are you willing to have another kind of confrontation like 1995, where maybe even the government shuts down over the issues of Social Security lock box and tax cuts and that sort of thing?

LOTT: I don't abdicate that sort of thing. I see no need at all for a government shutdown.

SNOW: What if the president does it?

LOTT: Well, if the president does it, I hope the media will tell the truth of it. As a matter of fact, when President Reagan used to veto appropriations bills, Reagan was shutting down the government. But when Clinton vetoes appropriations bills, the Congress is shutting down the government. Now, wait a minute here. There's a little inconsistency.

LOTT: On the Social Security lockbox, in the end the Democrats in the Senate are going to cave, because the American people not only want this done and expect it to be done, they really think it's already been done. They're going to cave on that because Social Security, FICA taxes should be spent on nothing but Social Security.

On Medicare, what he wants is more spending out of general revenue. Now, if he wants some genuine reforms plus prescription drug benefits for the poor that really need it, we can work that out. And on tax -- overpayment and sending back taxes to the people, I think we should do that. If he vetoes that, then he'll have to explain it to the farmers. We know, we just don't think that when you get married you ought to pay higher taxes. We don't think that when you die, your children should have to borrow money to pay the taxes -- the death taxes on what you've earned over all your life, and we also think that since we are being taxed the most since we've been taxed since World War II, as a percent of GDP, we ought to return that money back to the people.

SNOW: All right, the president says he's going to veto the patients' bill of rights that was passed by the Republican Senate. You said you think that there's probably a deal you can work out. Tell me how that deal works?

LOTT: Well, first of all, the president said he would veto the missile defense bill we passed. But when we got through with it, he signed it. He said and he threatened to veto the education flexibility bill, giving more opportunity to make decisions at the local level for education or in education, he signed that bill. He fought the year 2000 computer liability problem to the end. He made a deal and then tried to back away from it because his trial lawyer buddies didn't like it, but he's going to sign it.

So, look, if he wants to do something that provides protections for patients and he provides some opportunities for more choice through medical savings accounts and full deductibility of health insurance costs, then work with us and we can get this done. But all week he ran around whining, threatening a veto instead of engaging and trying to work with us and instead of trying to get the Social Security lockbox done, he's over there just threatening vetoes. We came up with a good bill. It's not a federal government takeover like President Clinton and Hillary Clinton and Ted Kennedy would want, but it's a good bill that goes in the right direction.

SNOW: Do you think he's a lame duck already? LOTT: He's beginning to act like one. I had continued to look for signs that maybe he wanted to do some important things, some big things in terms of saving Social Security and reforming Medicare. He talks that way but then he talks the talk but he doesn't walk the walk. He doesn't actually do it. Unless he decides that he wants to get some things done, then he's moving in the direction of being a lame duck just because he's going to be playing politics with the Democrats in Congress.

SNOW: China's making threatening noises towards Taiwan. What do you think the Senate ought to do about it?

LOTT: Well, I think we should caution calm on both sides. I have been a long-time friend and admirer of Taiwan's. I don't think this administration has done as much as it should to be supportive and engage with Taiwan, although when China was acting very threatening a couple of years ago, they did move some ships into that Strait. We don't want a flair up there and both sides should try to work together.

SNOW: You're going to have hearings next week on China. Tell us about it.

LOTT: Yes, we are. As a matter of fact, I continue to be amazed that instead of trying to, you know, solve the problems that we found at the nuclear labs, Secretary Richardson and the administration are resisting. See, it's not a question of how did this happen, who's to blame, now we're just trying to fix the problem, stop the leaks. And Senator Domenici and Kyl of Arizona, Domenici of New Mexico and Murkowski have a very good reorganization bill and it looks like we're not going to be able to cut off a filibuster to address that problem within the Energy Department to limit who has access to (OFF- MIKE).

SNOW: So how are you going to turn up the heat?

LOTT: Well, this is an area where the American people do have some concerns. The indications are that they're aware China has been a problem, that they tried to be involved or were involved in our elections. That they got technology from our rockets and they've been stealing information from our nuclear labs. That inherently worries people. They know that the Chinese have been unfair in their trading practices. And they want to see that something is being done. If the Democrats appear to be even stopping reorganization of the Department of Energy so that we can stop the leaks, that is a loser for them.

And once again, I think that they're going to come around and we're going to get a result, because they're not going to be able to stand the heat on that one.

SNOW: Let's stay on foreign policy. There been some talk that the United States may put observers on the Golan Heights. Ehud Barak made a comment like that on another broadcast. Didn't want troops, didn't want peace keepers, but observers. Are you for that?

LOTT: Well, he was, I think, very careful in what he had to say about that this morning on another one of the shows. I think we'd have to ask a lot of questions and think through very carefully an arrangement of that time. Obviously we want to encourage peace and security for Israel. But I think we need to be very careful about how the U.S. troops would be involved or invoked in any way.

SNOW: OK. Let us switch back to domestic policy. John McCain says he's going to do a filibuster on campaign finance. You've complained about Democrats doing a filibuster, you've got a Republican on it. Can you break it?

LOTT: Well, I'm going to try to encourage him to find some other way to do it or wait until the end of the year. We have very important work of the people's business we need to do. The agriculture appropriations bill is not completed, transportation appropriations bills, the tax relief package. And he's going to, you know, threaten to filibuster on campaign finance reform on a bill that's not good. There are some things we actually could do on campaign finance reform that would be constructive. but what he wants...

SNOW: You are willing to move legislation on campaign finance reform then?

LOTT: You know, we thought we could do it without unilateral disarmament. If we could do something about the fact that unions take union members money without their permission. If could do it in a level way, that would be something we could consider. But the McCain- Feingold bill is not the solution. In fact it would cause all kinds of problems and would be basically unilateral disarmament by the Republicans and by the parties in this country.

SNOW: Speaking of Republicans, any truth to the rumor that you're staff's been helping George W. Bush's staff?

LOTT: I don't know about that. I know they've tried to hire some of my staff. I've got some very sharp young people, including the guy that does my tax and finance and budget issues. They did talk with him and he may

have provided some information to them.

SNOW: Has he called you for any advice?

LOTT: I had talked to him two or three times. I met with him last fall. He came over and had dinner with Trish and me in our home in Pascagoula and we visited then. And we went down to Austin and again went to dinner, this time with he and Laura. I have a great deal of admiration for him. I think he's handling his campaign beautifully. I have not endorsed any candidate because I have three Senate Republicans that are...

SNOW: Now two.

LOTT: Well, two and an independent that are looking at running themselves. I work with them every day and I want to be able to do that now and in the future.

SNOW: OK. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, thanks for joining us.

LOTT: Thanks, Tony.

SNOW: We'll take a break. When we return, our panel. Stay tuned.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

SNOW: And the panel's back, Fred Barnes, Mara Liasson, and Juan Williams. Juan, let's stick with some political news right now. Trent Lott seems to give the indication the Republicans are going to fight it out on taxes. What do you think's going to happen?

WILLIAMS: Well, I think the Republicans have a winning hand for the moment. The difficulty for the Republicans is that the economy is doing so well, I think most Americans really don't care. I think lots of Americans are saying, well, you know, as long as we pay money, taxes, that we feel actually is being effectively used by the government, they're not squandering it, you know, things are good, people are happy. But nonetheless, tax cut are always going to play well in any election.

LIASSON: I disagree they have a winning hand actually. I think tax cuts play well with the Republican base. That's for sure. But if you look at the polls, people don't seem as excited about tax cuts as they used to be when the economy was worse and they felt like their paychecks were not as big as they should be. And it looks like when you ask people, what should be done with the surplus, they put education and saving Social Security and Medicare much higher than tax cuts.

SNOW: We've got a couple of FOX NEWS opinion dynamics poll questions that bear on this. First is the issues, how do you rank order them. And we're going to pop it up right here. Health care, number one. Actually, if you take health care and Medicare reform, that comes to 32 percent. Education, Social Security, taxes in laggardly number four, number five.

SNOW: Now, what do you do with a surplus? This is another question that we asked. Actually, now this is different. I'm sorry. Where does the federal government get its own money buried on the tax question. Half the people think, you know, it has its own supply. A quiz later for the American public. And finally, if we do have it, there you go, what should happen to the surplus? Mostly social programs beats mostly tax cuts. Fred?

BARNES: I don't believe those polls. You know, it's only -- the public says it's health care. They say if they were running it -- if the press were running all those stories about how bad the drug epidemic is, it would be the number one issue. People like tax cuts. I talked off-camera to Senator Lieberman and he thinks there's a chance, a better chance than there's been in a long time, to reach a big agreement with the president. In other words, you would have large tax cuts, not as big as the ones in the House for sure, but sort of where Senate Republicans and Democrats are heading, \$500 billion over 10 years. You'd have an agreement on spending, so you wouldn't have -- and the spending caps would go up some, but you wouldn't have this budget government shutdown in the fall. And Republicans would have to give the president something on Medicare. They have to give him some sort of a prescription drug benefit for seniors. And you can see that coming together in a way you couldn't before.

LIASSON: Well, first of all, not until there's a lot of blood on the floor, though, I think.

BARNES: Sure, there'll be some.

SNOW: Oh, good, that would keep us in business.

LIASSON: But Fred makes an important point. The president has said I'm open to a tax cut if you do something on Medicare and social security first. That's the price. I think he's going to get it. I do think there are many Republicans who want a couple of vetos first so they can draw some bright lines for the next election, just like Democrats want a couple of vetos or at least defeated propositions on the issues that are good to them.

BARNES: I think this will help -- it won't help congressional Democrats, the ones in the House anyway. They want to take over the House. To take over the House, they want issues, they don't want accomplishments. I think it would help Al Gore. He wants more things to talk about, to claim credit for from the Clinton administration when he's running in 2000. I think it helps him. It doesn't hurt Gore.

LIASSON: And also senate Democrats would like the tax cut issue to be off the table. Say, hey we gave you a tax cut, so that way the Republicans can't use it against them.

WILLIAMS: I think that's the key point. There are lot of Democrats who in fact would like to do something on the tax cut issue. The question is how much you do. And you don't want to do it into long terms, where you're giving tax cuts, tax cuts for the next 10 years. I think that is not something that's appetizing to the Democrats. Nonetheless, a short-term tax cut that you can take it off the table, it's not going to be used against you as a cudgel in the upcoming elections is what the Democrats would like.

BARNES: It's going to be a bigger tax cut than you'd like, I can tell you.

WILLIAMS: I think that's right. But, you know, it's unbelievable to me we still have a deficit in this country. Everybody is talking about surplus, surplus.

BARNES: The tax cut would only come out of the money -- it wouldn't come out of the Social Security funds that are surplus, it would only come out of the surplus now developing on the rest of the budget.

WILLIAMS: But where is the responsible leadership by Republicans on this issue? Why aren't they paying off that debt?

LIASSON: That surplus only ...

BARNES: If you have a surplus, you're not accruing any more debt, the budget pays off the debt. It is being paid off.

LIASSON: Well, you know what, that surplus only exists if you stick to the caps and there's no one in Washington who thinks that congress and the White House can stick to the caps.

SNOW: Well, speaking of spending, Fred, there was an interesting story that appeared in The Boston Globe this week and it turned out that WGBH, the local PBS affiliate, sharing donor lists with Democrats. It turns out several other stations, the San Francisco, Philly, the Washington one. New York was bipartisan. It shared its list with Democrats and Republicans. Republicans for years have been saying boy, we're going to go after that corporation for public broadcasting. Is this the year they're going to do it?

BARNES: Well, I think they are going to do it more than they have in the past. I have something of a conflict here because I've done some documentaries along with Mort Kondracke and...

SNOW: Well, so have I. And Mara too.

BARNES: And Mara's done some too and Juan has done lots.

LIASSON: And I've done radio. SNOW: We are all thoroughly compromised now.

BARNES: We all have a conflict. But you know, Republicans and

conservatives have always felt that PBS tilts left. And this is only going to fuel those fears even more so. And it's not just Billy Tauzin. It will be almost all Republicans on Capitol Hill. And what can they do? They can cut the budget PBS budget. They can cut the budget for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

WILLIAMS: Well, I think that would be short-sighted. Their problem, the Republicans' problem that it's not just going to be interpreted by the American people as going after the fact that the Corporation for Public Broadcasting was playing politics by giving it to the Democrats.

LIASSON: The stations, not the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

WILLIAMS: Right, but it will be interpreted as going after the arts and going after the spirit of public broadcasting.

BARNES: Look, they're not going to sell this as an attack on Big Bird.

WILLIAMS: Well, that's what it comes across. If you're saying we're not going to have it. You can say, oh, it was because of political reasons. But if it you're cutting off the programming, that would be the bottom line, Fred.

LIASSON: Yes, and I am completely recused from this because I work for NPR. But you know, Tony made the point, one of those stations gave to both the Republicans and the Democrats. I don't know how the Congress separates money that's going to go to one station from another or if they decide to punish the whole system.

SNOW: Well, that is the question. It's interesting, you know, the term of art these days in the computer world is content providers. WGBH, WNET, KQED and WETA, that's a big chunk of programming. That's just about everything other than Mr. Rogers.

BARNES: They're going to have some explaining to do, and once again, you're going to have this same issue again, are they tilting to the left too much, and maybe because they'll be on the griddle, maybe they'll tilt -- start tilting a little more the other way.

SNOW: OK, I'm going to throw you guys a curve ball. The baseball umpires say they're quit in September. Juan, are you going in mourning or say, Amen.

WILLIAMS: I say Amen. Talk about pompous guys. I mean, they really think they're the star of the game. They are out there -- they don't even call the strike zone as the league has asked them to call it. They refuse to change, they say they know the strike zone, they're not going to listen to anybody in charge of the game. And it seems to me that their threats or supposed threat of saying they're all going to quit, has been absolutely embraced by the commissioner and everybody else, go ahead and quit. We'll be glad.

BARNES: Remember when we they struck before and major league baseball brought in minor league college and even high school umpires and they did just fine.

SNOW: Well, except the players all complained. They get used to...

BARNES: Not as much as they complain about the umpires now, these ones with rabbit ears. When they hear a player say anything, the umpire goes out and gets in the argument with the player now.

SNOW: What you're referring to, of course, is the fact that empire Tom Halland (ph) dumped a player, got fined and all of a sudden, they're saying, you can't do that to our umpires, right?

BARNES: Yes, well look, the umpires years ago had a point. The umpires were abused, the players were dominant. Now the umpires are dominant and they're not that good. Juan's point was a great one, fans all over the country talk about one thing, can't they decide on a strike zone?

SNOW: OK, final political point. Michael Forbes, switching parties? Did he switch parties? BARNES: He did.

SNOW: He did, switch parties. Anybody care, Mara?

LIASSON: Sure. It makes it one more seat for the Democrat. The margin is pretty narrow to begin with. I don't know if that's going to change the

outcome of the next election. But sure, any time the Democratic party can get a convert, which is very rare. It's the Republican party who's been getting most of the converts over the past five, six, seven years.

SNOW: So, Michael Forbes, former Republican from Long Island, can he hold that seat now as a Democrat?

BARNES: Well, he got 64 percent last time. It's going to be be tough. Republicans will really want to get him. And it is -- you know, most of the traffic has been from Democrat to Republican, but now we've had in the last week, we've had Michael Forbes joining the Democratic Party and Bob Smith, a Republican senator leaving the Republican Party at any rate. You know, those are kind of...

SNOW: So, what's the signal? Because you've got two guys who are very conservative leaving the party.

BARNES: Well, Forbes isn't that conservative, Smith is. It's just a sign that there's a little turmoil in the Republican Party. I don't think they mean that much.

WILLIAMS: And I think the Democrats are going to be absolutely fine. You know, President Clinton personally met with him twice, to say, hey, come on over even though he had voted to have President Clinton put out of office, impeached.

BARNES: He voted for four counts of impeachment.

SNOW: Well, everybody changes their minds. OK, Fred, Mara, Juan, thanks. When we return, my parting thoughts on conquering the final frontier.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

SNOW: For reasons nobody can quite fathom, the fates of the Kennedy family and the space program are oddly linked. As the crew of Apollo 11 was about to achieve John F. Kennedy's challenge to land on the moon in the 1960s, Mary Jo Kopechne died at Chappaquiddick in a car driven by Senator Edward Kennedy. Now another eerie coincidence. John Kennedy, Jr., his wife and sister-in-law vanished thirty years to the day after Apollo 11 left its launch pad and headed toward the moon. Two men did land on the lunar surface back in the summer of 1969.

Thinking back, it's hard to imagine how Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin ever got there. Only 10 years earlier, our space program consisted of chimps on rockets, as seen here in a FOX MOVIE TONE news clip. John Glenn's first orbital flight took place only seven years before the moon launch, and the entire space program shut down in 1967 after the deaths of astronauts Gus Grissom, Edward White and Roger Chaffee. By present standards, the lunar landing was a high-risk, low-tech affair. Armstrong and Aldrin flew a landing craft whose onboard computer had less power and memory than today's cheap palm-top models. And the lunar module itself was is a four-legged dumpster packed with miles of wires. Still, it got the job done.

(BEGIN AUDIO CLIP)

BUZZ ALDRIN, ASTRONAUT: (INAUDIBLE) base here. The eagle has landed.

(END AUDIO CLIP)

On July 20, 1969, millions of us watched the shadowy image of Armstrong descending the ladder, landing on the powdery moon and muffing a line that should have begun, that was one small step for a man ...

(BEGIN AUDIO CLIP)

NEIL ARMSTRONG, ASTRONAUT: That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.

(END AUDIO CLIP)

SNOW: We watched through the night until the cameras went dark because we weren't sure the guys would make it home. Richard Nixon even prepared an obituary speech, just in case. But they returned from the moon and so did five other crews. Those landings represent a great national legacy made poignant by John F. Kennedy's role in

inspiring them.

(BEGIN AUDIO CLIP)

KENNEDY: We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other thing, not because they are easy but because they are hard.

(END AUDIO CLIP)

SNOW: One time, not so very long ago, we did something utterly outrageous. We gazed into the heavens and said, we'll go there. And against all odds, using every resource at our disposal, we broke gravity's grip and soared towards the stars. That's it for today.

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