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ADM. RICK LARRABEE, U.S. COAST GUARD: We announced that we had a couple of possible contacts last night. One of those contacts was investigated by the Massachusetts State dive team, Police dive team, and it was determined not to be a part of the wreckage. And as to other subsequent contacts, they were not able to get to those contacts today. And so I would tell you that at this point, we have no information, no new information then on the possibility of one of those contacts being a part of the airplane.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

TONY SNOW, HOST, SPECIAL REPORT: That was U.S. Coast Guard Admiral Richard Larrabee with the latest on the search for John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s, airplane.

Welcome to Washington. I'm Tony Snow, in for Brit Hume.

Although the flag was flying full-staff Monday at the Kennedy compound in Hyannisport, Massachusetts, government authorities say there is no hope that John Kennedy, Jr., Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and Lauren Bessette are alive. Divers and high-tech Naval vessels have been probing the ocean floor in what officials now describe as a search-and-recovery mission as opposed to search-and-rescue. FOX NEWS correspondent Rick Leventhal is in Martha's Vineyard and has this report.

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RICK LEVENTHAL, FOX NEWS (voice-over): (INAUDIBLE) Massachusetts State Police underwater recovery unit returned to the Menemsha Coast Guard station Monday afternoon after spending about an hour checking out two possible targets on the ocean floor, but their dive was suspended because of bad weather. Severe thunderstorms brought heavy clouds and haze and chop to the seas a few miles southwest of Martha's Vineyard, where the sonar-equipped NOAA ship Rude has been mapping the underwater terrain, searching for wreckage and the victims of the crash of John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s plane.

A lifelong resident of the Vineyard thinks she heard the crash Friday night.

VINEYARD RESIDENT: I heard the sound of a knife or a razor cutting through a sheet at a very high pitch. Then there was silence for a couple of seconds, and then I heard that same noise again, and then silence.

LEVENTHAL: The recovery effort should be speeded by the arrival of the USS Grasp, a Navy rescue and salvage vessel that will not serve as the main dive platform for this ongoing operation, with 25 divers ready to investigate any possible targets located by sonar.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

And the NTSB says it now has all of the resources in place, all of the equipment it needs to bring some sort of quick resolution to this tragedy, but unfortunately, because of the weather, today will not be that day.

Tony?

SNOW: Rick, we have heard now from Coast Guard officials that John Kennedy's plane was falling at a rate of 4,700 feet per minute, which is actually faster than a falling stone. It sounds as if the plane was coming straight down at the end. Is that about right?

LEVENTHAL: Well, that's what they call a ``graveyard spiral,'' and it could very well be the case. We had a lot of pilots speculating to that over the last couple of days. I spoke with one out at the airport yesterday, talking about how he thinks that may be exactly what happened. But yes, a precipitous descent, the plane probably in very, very many small pieces. And they're still looking for the rest of that wreckage, Tony.

SNOW: Rick, you talk about the ``graveyard spiral.'' Any sense that that could happen accidentally, or could there have been a catastrophic mechanical failure?

LEVENTHAL: It could have been mechanical. It also could have been a disorientation factor, where he got disoriented because of the thick haze that was surrounding this island. And as you see, a thick haze out here again tonight. Very bad weather conditions could have caused this crash, Tony.

SNOW: All right, Rick Leventhal, thanks for the update.

Many family members and friends are gathered at the Kennedy compound in Hyannisport. After helping preside over a Sunday mass in what was to have been a wedding tent, Senator Edward Kennedy traveled to Long Island Monday. He visited his niece, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, and her family. FOX NEWS correspondent Eric Shawn reports.

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ERIC SHAWN, FOX NEWS (voice-over): For this most public of families, private grief. The Kennedy compound flag remained at full staff, as if to deny the inevitable. But on this third day, a third mass was held under the white wedding tent that was so unexpectedly transformed into a makeshift sanctuary of mourning. Prayers and faith sustain the Kennedys now. With their own they seek solace.

DAVID KRECKLE, NEIGHBOR: They was kind of the family of America. Let's just put it that way, you know? Everybody kind of looked up to the Kennedys, and it's just a sad, sad time.

SHAWN: For a second day, some family members ventured out, sailing on Senator Edward Kennedy's sleek boat, the Maya (ph), taking to the water as the Kennedys have so long have, as if to escape the tension and tragedy. As she walked on the pier, Ethel Kennedy braved the respectful and silent media alongside her sons Max and Douglas and his wife, who's expecting.

In Bridge Hampton, Long Island, John's surviving sister, Caroline, who grew up with him in the White House, remained secluded with her husband and three children. They were visited by her uncle, the senator, who brought comfort, while in Greenwich, Connecticut, the family of Carolyn and Lauren Bessette expressed their heartbreak.

GREG STINCHFIELD, FAMILY FRIEND: We take solace in the thought that together they will comfort Lauren for eternity.

SHAWN: Throughout the day, flowers continued to arrive as investigators kept relatives up to date. NTSB chairman Jim Hall says now is not the time to question if John should have even been in the air.

JIM HALL, NTSB CHAIRMAN: What I have said is that this speculation of that nature does not add anything to the process now. It does not contribute to aviation safety. And all of the factual information that we will have out of this investigation will be made available as we are able to verify it.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

SHAWN: And just moments ago, a statement from Senator Kennedy's office on behalf of the family has now been released that acknowledges the

deaths. It reads in part, quote, ``We are filled with unspeakable grief and sadness by the loss of John, Carolyn and Lauren Bessette. John was a shining light in all our lives, the lives of the nation and the world that first came to know him when he was a little boy. He was a devoted husband to Carolyn, a loving brother to Caroline, to her children, and a close and dear friend to his cousins and beloved nephews, to my sisters and to me. He is the adored son of two proud parents with whom he is now joined with God. We love him deeply. He leaves an enormous void in our lives.'' They also thanked the men and women who have been searching for the wreckage and dealing with this, and it ends by saying ``We pray for John, Carolyn and Lauren, that they find eternal rest.''

So tonight here at the compound, the vigil continues as we and the nation wait for the finding of the wreckage and potentially the recovery of those bodies.

Tony?

SNOW: Thank you, Eric.

When we return, Washington reaction to the death of John F. Kennedy, Jr., Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and Lauren Bessette.

(18:08)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

SNOW: Official Washington had relatively little to say over the weekend about the Kennedy-Bessette deaths, but that changed Monday when the president and Congress returned to work and politicians began to offer their own reflections. FOX NEWS's Brian Wilson reports.

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BRIAN WILSON, FOX NEWS (voice-over): Since the first reports that a plane piloted by John Kennedy, Jr., was missing, there has been a slow, steady and spontaneous stream of people visiting his father's grave at Arlington National Cemetery. They have been leaving flowers and small mementos to JFK, Jr. Then, quietly, without much flourish, officials with measuring tapes arrived to determine the exact dimensions of the grave site. No one with Arlington National Cemetery or the military district of Washington was willing to comment on what this meant.

President Kennedy shares the grave site with Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, an unnamed stillborn daughter and infant Patrick Kennedy, who died only days after birth. Pentagon officials say the secretary of the Army or the president would have to give permission for John Kennedy, Jr., to be buried at the cemetery, an honor usually reserved for those who have served in the military.

The first family has spent considerable time with the Kennedy clan over the years. John Kennedy, Jr., had visited the Clinton White House on several occasions. So at the White House, during a press conference with Israeli prime minister Barak, the president spoke about the loss from a personal standpoint and asked the nation to pray for the Kennedy family.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: They are very strong people, and I think they're carrying on as well as any human beings could, but they need the support and prayers of our country.

WILSON: And in the United States Senate, a resolution of sympathy was taken up, but the most poignant tribute may have come in the form of a prayer by the Senate chaplain.

DR. LLOYD OGILVIE, SENATE CHAPLAIN: Now we praise you for the life of John F. Kennedy, Jr., for his winsome and winning way, for his commitment to service, and along with his wife, Carolyn, for his affirmation of life. Now we ask you to continue to surround their families with your everlasting arms and heal their aching hearts.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

WILSON: The Kennedy family, of course, has always been closely associated with Washington, so no doubt other folks here in town will want to offer up expressions of sympathy. But quite frankly, many feel awkward doing so before the bodies have been recovered. So now the nation's

capital, like the rest of the nation, mourning the loss of yet another member of the Kennedy clan.

Tony?

SNOW: Brian, one presumes, given the shots you showed us of measuring the grave site, that there are plans afoot to bury John Kennedy, Jr., there. Other than getting special approval from the president and Pentagon, what's required?

WILSON: Well, I think the first thing that has to happen is the Kennedy family has to make a decision about exactly what they want. They have not done that yet. I think the initial preparations were only preliminary, in case that request does come. It would then go to the president or to the secretary of Army, who would have to grant a waiver, and then they can move forward. But there are many questions left unanswered here. Basically, there may be a space problem there, and they have to decide exactly where they want to body to be buried -- the family does.

SNOW: All right, Brian Wilson. Thank you.

After John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s plane went down off the coast of Martha's Vineyard, the Coast Guard, Navy and Air Force did their best to prevent the search-and-rescue mission from becoming what it is now, a search-and-recovery effort. From Washington, FOX NEWS's Steve Centanni reports on those extraordinary measures.

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STEVE CENTANNI, FOX NEWS (voice-over): About five hours after John Kennedy's plane failed to land at Martha's Vineyard, a family friend called the Coast Guard. That triggered a massive search and a major investigation.

CLINTON: I think the Coast Guard, the National Transportation Safety Board, the FAA, all the state and local entities who've worked for them have done quite a fine job here, and I'm grateful to them.

CENTANNI: The search and recovery has included Air Force planes and helicopters, Coast Guard patrol boats, private planes and state divers. Is the government doing more to locate John F. Kennedy than it would for John Q. Public?

MICHAEL PANGIA, AVIATION EXPERT: I think we would expect it of our government to expend these efforts. I don't think this surprises anybody that we're expending extra efforts because of the stature of the people involved.

CENTANNI: The Coast Guard says it treats everyone the same in emergency situations, but they admit this is a high-profile case.

LARRABEE: This one is certainly different than others. We're doing this with an awful lot of assistance from other people, and very frankly, a lot of people watching us.

CENTANNI: America watched as the Navy ship Grasp arrived on the scene. It's able to explore underwater with an unmanned vehicle and to hoist heavy objects off the ocean floor. Also on the scene, the Rude, a highly sophisticated ship equipped with sensitive side-scan sonar. These are resources that clearly would not be deployed for just any missing plane.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

Those same two ships, the Rude and the Grasp, worked together off Long Island when they located the wreckage of TWA flight 800. Ironically, Kennedy's plane crashed on the third anniversary of that TWA disaster.

Live in Washington, I'm Steve Centanni.

Tony?

SNOW: Steve, once again, you mentioned the extra equipment that's been brought to bear. Why don't you describe what's different about this search from others.

CENTANNI: Well, certainly, there are more planes involved. We have the two ships that are using the side-scan sonar, and also the one, the

Grasp, that's able to lift things off the ocean floor. These are not usually used in searches for light planes.

SNOW: All right, Steve. Thanks.

We're going to take a break. We'll come back with two experts on the Kennedys in just a couple of minutes.

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(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

SNOW: When John F. Kennedy became president, his family came into the limelight, and the limelight has never left them. Here to explain America's fascination with the Kennedys are Hugh Sidey, who covered nine presidents and writes the column ``The Presidency'' for ``Time'' magazine; and Ronald Kessler, author of ``Sins of the Father: Joseph P. Kennedy and the Dynasty He Founded.''

Hugh Sidey, I want to begin first with kind of the obvious question. What is it that John F. Kennedy, Jr., had that we miss?

HUGH SIDEY, ``TIME'' MAGAZINE: John F. Kennedy, Jr....

SNOW: Yes.

SIDEY: ... that we miss now?

SNOW: The son. Yeah, I mean, people now -- yeah, what it is...

SIDEY: He was like his father in some ways. You know, I watched all these movies that we've seen, and the replay of the videos, and I saw little -- little head movements and hand movements and kind of the stature and the smile. There was kind of a reflection of that, and I think probably everybody thought he was the bearer of the legend. He'd inherited it. He -- as a matter of fact, his greatest achievement was to handle that gracefully. I don't think that he was a great tycoon or a publisher or any of that, but he handled that problem very gracefully. And I think that what we will miss is this fellow. So far, in the ranks of the Kennedys, there's no one that quite measures up. And so we like the Kennedys. They established that great legend, and it goes on, and we miss the current leader.

SNOW: Ronald Kessler, David Horowitz has said that John Kennedy, Jr., was in many ways the man who was destined to revive the family legacy. Do you buy that argument?

RONALD KESSLER, AUTHOR, ``SINS OF THE FATHER'': Oh, yeah. He had all the charisma that was needed. He didn't have the drinking problem and the drug problem that many of them have. So there's no question that he was -- he was the guy who could have taken them into the next generation. But you know, there are so many of them now in public office, and there are many more who will run. So I don't think we're going to be bereft of Kennedys for a long time.

SIDEY: I think there's a little carelessness here, Tony, sometimes among people who haven't kind of watched the family. There -- the last count I had, there were 87 children, grandchildren, great-grand children, and one less, I guess now. Most of them lead good lives. Most of them are not in trouble. Not that many are drunks or had alcohol problems -- I shouldn't call any of them ``drunks'' -- or drug problems. Most of them have gone on to school. Most of them have done public service. So the Kennedy clan, as such, is I think a commendable force in this country.

SNOW: Ronald, Richard Brookhiser writes in ``The Wall Street Journal'' that America, despite pretensions to the contrary, really has been a nation of dynastic families -- the Adamses, in a funny way, the Harrisons in the 19th century. The Kennedys are the 20th century dynasty, and it started with Joseph P. Kennedy. How'd that start?

KESSLER: Well, Joseph was the creator of the legend. He created the legend that he had to fight against the prejudice against Irish. In fact, his father was a very powerful Boston politician. He then got into bootlegging. He got into manipulating the stock market. He had an affair with Gloria Swanson. And he was very shrewd. He took risks, but they were fairly calculated risks. He knew how to manipulate the press. You know,

the press throughout his life never mentioned the anti-Semitism that he was very well-known for in many circles. And he created the situation where JFK, of course, could run, including providing the money, and at the same time keeping his own role quiet.

SIDEY: A little bit about old Joe -- he granted me a couple of interviews. You know, he stayed out, really, of the spotlight in 1960, but a couple -- I kept asking, and finally he granted me a -- and a couple of the interesting observations. Number one, he said ``None of my kids give a damn about business. I can't get them interested. They don't care about it.''

SNOW: Did he actually try?

SIDEY: Yeah, he claimed that he thought Bobby might inherit his desire to make money, but he said ``None of them give a damn.''' And he said, ``I can't blame them.''' He said, ``I raised them so that they could do what they wanted.''' And then he said something very interesting. He said, ``Public life,''' he said, ``is far more interesting than what I did with money.''

And so he set them up. Absolutely right. He set them up to be on the stage, the stage of public life.

SNOW: These subsequent generations of Kennedys -- are they tougher than you and me? Have they been bred in a certain way to understand the rough-and-tumble of politics, and have they been prepared in a way unlike most American families?

KESSLER: Well, Joe, the father, who really did create the whole dynasty, kept saying ``Kennedys don't cry,''' and that implied that Kennedys are superhuman. They have to, you know, go the extra mile. They have to exert themselves to the ultimate, but also suppress their emotions.

You know, even after JFK was assassinated at Thanksgiving, according to nurses who were there, the family would sing songs, try to be jovial, try to pretend that they really were not in grief. And of course, I think that that leads to some of these drug problems and drinking problems, this suppression of emotion. But at the same time, it's given them the ambition to achieve what they have, and they have achieved a lot. You know, Ted Kennedy is certainly one of the best senators we've ever had, whether you're a Democrat or a Republican.

SNOW: And one of the things we see once again, Ted Kennedy has become the titular head of the family, has he not, Hugh?

SIDEY: It looks like that.

SNOW: He's coming -- delivering the public statements.

SIDEY: And as long as he's in public life, probably. But we'll hear from Caroline, I suspect. She's been growing in public esteem, and we see her more, and she's kind of handled her mother's affairs. She's written a book. She's a lawyer. I don't know what'll happen there, but it could be that she will assume more of it.

SNOW: One of the more intriguing things, Ronald, is the fact that John Kennedy, Jr., despite perhaps being the most famous man in America, generally kept a low profile. I mean, all of us have been searching, every network's been searching for footage. We're all showing the same stuff. It's a handful of public appearances. Is that part of the secret to his charisma?

KESSLER: Well, he just tried to be a normal human being, and it's amazing, you know, when you watch some of the footage, that he actually would stand there and let the photographers let pictures of him. You know, if Lady Di and her entourage had done that, you know, they would be alive today. He had a lot of common sense and a lot of decency. And that was in contrast to many of the Kennedys, who tend to be arrogant.

SIDEY: As a matter of fact, that was a part of why I think we liked him so much. I'm talking about now the White House years, when he was a little boy. He was so normal.

I mean, he wasn't a Little Lord Fauntleroy. He wasn't prissy. He wasn't a sissy. He didn't kick people in the shins. He didn't cry, scream. He was a normal little guy. He didn't always obey, kind of running around in strange little places in the White House. And when you looked at, you said, "Gosh, he's like our kid." Now, why should that establish a legend? Well, it did because of the money and the power and all of it, and to be normal in that environment meant a lot.

SNOW: Well, and we've all seen the pictures of him moving sort of naturally among members of the press, the flashbulbs exploding everywhere. Can you think of anybody else in public life who handles it that gracefully?

SIDEY: No. No. At that intensive level. And then we have to -- you just have to say, I mean, that Kennedys -- the physical beauty of that man -- and let's be honest about it -- is just overwhelming. There is no -- his handsomeness. I mean, he's symmetrical. Everything came together right. There aren't many people that look like that, including in Hollywood.

SNOW: No, I once sat directly across from him at a chi-chi Washington dinner. I had a number of women come up to me and say, "Stand right there. Don't move. I came to look."

SIDEY: Yeah, that's right! And that's a big part of it. Let's not deny it. And they're very sensitive about it. John Kennedy, the president, was like that.

SNOW: OK, Hugh Sidey, Ronald Kessler, thanks for joining us.
We'll have news and be back.

(18:28)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

SNOW: Welcome back. I'm Tony Snow, in for Brit Hume, and I'm joined by "Time" magazine's Hugh Sidey and Ronald Kessler, author of "Sins of the Father: Joseph P. Kennedy and the Dynasty He Founded."

Ronald, let's go back again to a question that has been raised many times since the first reports of this plane disappearing, the recklessness issue.

KESSLER: I don't think there's any question that it's much safer to fly commercial and not, you know, in a single-engine plane when you're not very experienced. It doesn't rise to the level of being foolhardy, as we saw with Michael Kennedy playing touch football on skis after he'd been warned.

But if you go back to many of the tragedies -- in fact, most of the tragedies in the family -- they occurred as a result of recklessness and often after they were warned about this, going back to 1944 when Joe, Jr., lost his life in an explosion in a plane during World War II when he was warned that -- that this plane was dangerous, that there was a problem with it. He ignored the warning. Both he and his co-pilot were killed. And it goes on and on with Ted, with Kathleen, even the fact that Joe, the father, insisted on having a lobotomy performed on Rosemary when that was very risky.

SNOW: Hugh, there's a lot of talk about sort of taking risks, but on the other hand, isn't that part of the secret, too, to the Kennedy success, and also the reason people are intrigued by them?

SIDEY: Yes. I have great trouble with several theories -- number one, the recklessness theory and the curse theory on that. I think there's an element of reality that runs in people with that money -- amount of money, people that have the time, many people -- and I don't have statistics, but they have fast cars that they drive, and they have boats that they go fishing with in deep water, and they fly private airplanes and they ski in odd place, exotic places, water...

SNOW: So they do more dangerous things.

SIDEY: ... and they ride horses, and a lot of them get hurt and killed by it. Now, whether the Kennedys have a greater incidence of that

than others I don't know.

SNOW: We always find ourselves with the Kennedys talking about the ``legacy'' issue, and it's interesting in looking at the coverage, Ronald Kessler, it -- go back to John F. Kennedy. Really, we're now reliving that presidency, in a way, aren't we.

KESSLER: Yeah. It's a national pastime to relive the Kennedy saga whenever a tragedy occurs, unfortunately. I wish there was something that we could learn from it. You know, sometimes there isn't much to learn, except that you have to, you know, just be more careful, for one thing. But there's also a lot of productive stuff that we can learn about how to succeed, how to be ambitious and how to produce something worthwhile.

SIDEY: But you know, in the study of the presidency, I think the one quality that virtually all the scholars say, ``If you had one quality, what is it?'' boldness, and in boldness there is risk. And I think it was Henry Kissinger that said, you know, when you're up there against it in politics, you never have enough information, and you've got to take risk. And so that element of courage and daring and all of that is probably part of the success, too.

SNOW: OK. Hugh Sidey, Ronald Kessler, thanks for joining us.

John F. Kennedy was not merely the publisher of ``George'' magazine, but also its motive force. He promoted it tirelessly, and in recent months, as circulation and revenues slipped, he took a more active hand in shaping its content. Now that he's gone, can the magazine survive? FOX NEWS correspondent Lisa Castleman reports.

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JOHN F. KENNEDY, JR.: Ladies and gentleman, meet ``George.''
LISA CASTLEMAN, FOX NEWS (voice-over): Once dubbed ``the sexiest man alive,' ' JFK, Jr., vowed to make the subject of politics more sexy. His magazine, named ``George'' after the nation's first president, targets readers outside Washington, tapping Hollywood personalities to bring pizzazz to politics. And while JFK's name, his lineage and his contacts certainly helped, launching with a circulation of 225,000, John Kennedy worked hard to develop ``George,' ' writing essays, conducting interviews, bringing on big-name contributors, from feminist writer Naomi Wolf to former Republican senator Alfonse D'Amato. But the glossy monthly kept losing money.

LISA GRANATSTEIN, ``MEDIaweek': Over the years, the momentum has languished slightly. It hasn't really kept up. But every now and then, there would be these little spurts of news, and that's what really, I believe, helped keep it going.

CASTLEMAN: But like any other business, sometimes the numbers have the last word. During the second half of 1997, ``George'' 's paid circulation -- that's subscriptions and newsstand sales -- were 425,000, but it dropped 5 percent to just over 400,000 during the same period last year. And ad pages dropped off from 360,000 pages in the first half of last year to 247,000 pages the same time this year.

(on camera): Magazine start-ups are always a struggle, and the numbers bear that fact out, too. Over half of all new magazines fail within their first two years, and a full 95 percent of them never make it to their fifth anniversary.

(voice-over): This September would have been ``George'' 's fourth anniversary. Now flowers are piling up, forming a memorial outside the magazine's office. Kennedy's publishing contract with magazine empire Hachette-Filippaci (ph) was to expire at the end of the year, and John, Jr., had been meeting with investment bankers at Goldman Sachs to line up investment partners to keep the magazine running. But now, with the tragic death of the young man and the energetic force behind the magazine designed to make a difference, a big part of ``George'' has died, too.

GRANATSTEIN: As much as John tried to keep his identity separate

from the magazine, ``George'' is and has been John.

CASTLEMAN: Lisa Castleman, FOX NEWS, New York.

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SNOW: Next up: President Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak lay out their plan for peace in the Middle East. We'll have a full report in just a moment.

(18:37)

Prime Minister Barak's U.S. Visit

SNOW: It's hard to put the Middle East peace process on a timetable, but Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak wants to do just that. He wants to forge ahead without getting slowed down by next year's general elections in the United States. Barak has just finished his first extensive round of talks with President Clinton, and the two men say they're pleased with their progress. Our senior White House correspondent, Jim Angle, has details.

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JIM ANGLE, FOX NEWS (voice-over): President Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak ended several days of talks with Barak expressing his determination to make peace in the Middle East.

EHUD BARAK, ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER: We will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to reinvigorate the process.

ANGLE: President Clinton said the U.S. will do everything it can to help, but warned it won't be easy.

CLINTON: The objective now is to put the peace process back on all its tracks. But we should have no illusions. The way ahead will be difficult. There are hard decisions to be made.

ANGLE: In spite of that, Barak said he hoped to complete the process in about 15 months, an effort to demonstrate to all that he will move quickly.

BARAK: We are not talking about a miraculous solution, a magic solution that will be -- will drop upon us from heaven in three weeks, and we are not intend to drag our foot for another three years.

ANGLE: The U.S. agreed to increase military aid to Israel and to sell it some new F-16s along with another sign of warmer relations under Barak.

CLINTON: Finally, I want to announce that America and Israel will be taking our partnership to new heights -- literally.

ANGLE: The U.S. has invited an Israeli astronaut to fly on a shuttle mission next year. Later Mr. Clinton was asked how he hopes to remain an honest broker between Israel and the Palestinians after the first lady recently took Israel's side over the future of Jerusalem.

CLINTON: I don't think there is any inconsistency there at all. I think that anybody who is ever going to consider being a candidate for Congress in any place in this country, or the Senate, where people care about this might be asked about it.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

ANGLE: And might take a position that would please local voters. There was also an encouraging sign from Syria today, where many radical Palestinian groups have long enjoyed safe have. They know say that the Syrian government is telling them they must end their war against Israel because Syria plans to make peace.

Tony?

SNOW: Jim, you mentioned a 15-month timetable. What's the president's staff think about that?

ANGLE: Well, actually, they say it's a very ambitious timetable and that it's not going to be easy, but they say it is doable in part because it depends on Israeli willingness to make compromises with the Palestinians, and they are very impressed with Barak's determination to do that.

Tony?

SNOW: All right, thanks, Jim.

A dozen members of Congressman Michael Forbes's staff have resigned two days after the New York Representative switched parties and became a Democrat. The aides dropped off their keys, ID tags and letters of resignation in a ceremony orchestrated by the National Republican Congressional Committee, which shot this videotape. Several staffers said they couldn't understand why their boss left the GOP, but at his Saturday news conference announcing the switch, Forbes said Republicans stand for nothing in times of peace and prosperity.

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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL FORBES (D-NY): The national Republican Party over the last four and a half years has allowed itself to become defined through the actions of extremists in the House of Representatives. It's become an angry, narrow-minded, intolerant, uncaring, incapable of governing at all, much less from the center. And it's been tone deaf, truly tone deaf to the concerns of a vast majority of Americans.

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SNOW: Democratic Congressmen Gary Ackerman and Eliot Engel are lending staff to Forbes so he can at least answer his phones. And locksmiths acting on a Forbes request have changed the locks in his office.

We're going to take a quick break. When we return, we'll have our panel of journalists, so stay right here.

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(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

Special Report Roundtable

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GEORGE W. BUSH (R), TEXAS GOVERNOR, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: Obviously, this is just an incredibly sad moment for a lot of people. It's a family that's endured a lot of incredible heartbreak. And I wish God's blessings on them all.

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SNOW: That, obviously, George W. Bush, Texas governor and Republican frontrunner in the presidential sweepstakes, talking about John F. Kennedy, Jr.

It's panel time now. We're going to talk about this and other topics with Bill Sammon, White House correspondent for the "Washington Times," Mort Kondracke, executive editor of "Roll Call," and from the White House, Mara Liasson, White House correspondent for National Public Radio.

Mara, once again a day in which a tragedy has driven out most news and even appeared in a presidential press conference.

MARA LIASSON, NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO: That's right. The president met with Ehud Barak, who's the new prime minister of Israel. He gave a press conference where, actually, he made it through many, many questions before this topic came up. But just as he was turning to leave, David Blum (ph) of NBC did ask him about the Coast Guard search. He turned back. He wanted to make a comment on this.

He'd spoken very briefly about it earlier in the day, when he met with the World Cup soccer champions. And he talked about what the Kennedy family meant to him personally, and he said that John F. Kennedy, Jr., and his wife and his sister had been uncommonly kind to his daughter and to Hillary and himself.

And I think what he was referring to were conversations that the Kennedys had with the Clintons about how to deal with celebrity and deal with the media glare and deal with the lack of privacy. And I know that they found those conversations very helpful. So the president saddened. He offered his sympathies to the Bessette family and the sympathies of the

nation to both families.

SNOW: Now, Mort, one of the questions we're getting in emails and phone calls and everything is ``Why are you guys covering this so much?''

MORT KONDRACKE, ``ROLL CALL'': Yeah. Well, I do think that -- I mean, Hugh Sidey, who was just -- who was just here, was saying that the demand on his time as a sort of a Kennedy expert is greater than it was even after John F. Kennedy, Senior, was assassinated. Now, that is astounding. Now, this is not the same kind of event as Robert Kennedy's assassination or Martin Luther King's assassination. And it's not even quite like the Lady Di. I don't -- I don't quite understand why, culturally, Lady Di's death was such a riveting event. This is akin to it, but somehow you don't have people, ordinary citizens, standing outside television windows and stuff like that. I just don't feel the same level of interest. The media are treating it like they were equal events, but I don't -- I just don't feel that.

BILL SAMMON, ``WASHINGTON TIMES'': It shows how we've moved into the cult of celebrity, OK? I mean, you can almost see John F. Kennedy, Jr., if he's looking down on all this, sort of rolling his eyes and saying, ``Oh, geez,' ' you know, ``Yeah, I was a good guy, but'' -- I mean, you know, there's such a thing as having perspective about it, OK? I think he would be uncomfortable with people making...

SNOW: Well, look...

LIASSON: Well, you know, I'll tell -- I'll tell -- I'll offer one reason why Hugh Sidey is having more demands on his time now. Look at how many cable networks there are. Look at how many opportunities he would have to express himself about this. That's one thing. I also -- I think this isn't being treated with the kind of incredible intensity and excess that Princess Diana's death was because -- I was in New York yesterday. I happened to be walking -- it was just on my route home -- past North Moore (ph) Street. I didn't even plan to go there, and there it was, the loft building where John F. Kennedy and Carolyn Bessette Kennedy lived. There was

a small pile of Teddy bears and flowers and candles and notes, compared to the incredible avalanche that Diana got.

And I would predict that this is not going to last as long as the outpouring of grief for Diana. I think people will understand that this was a family that was touched by tragedy, a good, decent kid who grew up to be a normal person, even in spite of all of the glare. And then I think it'll dissipate fast.

KONDRACKE: Right. Right. I -- and you know, one symbol of that is that the broadcast networks, I think -- they all devoted all day Saturday to this, much as a cable news channel would, and then Sunday they didn't. You know, the -- and they operate by ratings, so they must have figured that...

SNOW: Well, but...

KONDRACKE: ... that there was nothing to report, so they wouldn't do it.

SNOW: Bill, the chances are, though, there was not a lot of news. Once there is summary covering, once there's a public funeral, whatever, we're going to have wall-to-wall coverage again everywhere.

SAMMON: Oh, absolutely. And again, Mara's right, it's a reflection of the different media age, too. We have the different 24-hour news channels. We have the information superhighway moving information around very quickly so we can get at it. And if people didn't want it, I guess I wouldn't be there, so the market is there.

I mean, you know, I didn't know much about John F. Kennedy, Jr., until he passed away, you know? And then -- which is -- which is a measure of how he kept a low profile despite his celebrity. And I learned so much about him over the weekend, and I was sort of, you know, preparing to be unimpressed because, ``Oh, no. I'm going to have to hear about this

celebrity.'' You know, I actually found myself really liking the guy because he was so unassuming and because he was so low-key and because he was so comfortable in his own skin. So it's not necessarily a bad thing. It's just sort of ironic that we -- that we now lionize him after he's gone.

SNOW: Well, Mara, you know, here we are scratching our heads over why people want to see this stuff, but let me ask you. Have you ever encountered anyone in politics or in -- you know, in movies or entertainment who had his kind of drawing power, who when that person walked into the room, everything stopped?

LIASSON: I don't think so. I mean, maybe his mother had that kind of compelling iconic stature for me. I mean, I can't -- I cannot get tired of looking at pictures of Jacqueline. I can tell you that. But he was incredibly handsome, and he was incredibly decent, and he grew up -- he was the son of the closest thing to American royalty. I know that's the cliché. But I don't think so. I think he was the closest thing America had to a crown prince, and people did love him, and he wasn't controversial. He didn't lead his life with -- he didn't leave a string of scandals behind the way Princess Diana did. He wasn't the subject of tabloids, or only -- only occasionally a cover shot.

SNOW: Well, let me switch briefly because life does move on, and we're going to have some politics getting committed in this town. We've got a couple minutes left. Mort, yesterday on Fox News Sunday, Trent Lott sent a signal that Republicans are getting ready to fight on taxes. Are we about to see a good political fight here in town?

KONDRACKE: Well, yes. You know, now, at some point, the budget realities are going to -- are going to take hold here. If the Republicans insist on the kind of tax cuts that they're demanding and they insist on the lockbox for Social Security -- that is, you can't touch the Social Security surplus -- and they keep the budget caps on, all of which they said they're going to do, something has got to give. There's going to have to be drastic cuts in health programs, in education programs, in environmental programs. And when the word gets out, I have a feeling that there is going to be a shriek from all the interest groups in the country, and you're going to have a big political fight.

SAMMON: I get the sense...

LIASSON: But that's not going to happen till September 25th.

SAMMON: I get the sense...

LIASSON: Some time very close to the next fiscal year deadline.

SAMMON: Republicans have felt like Clinton has pretty much gotten his way with so many issues. This is a core belief of theirs, tax relief, and I think they've decided they're going to make a stand on this and push it. What's interesting is that Governor Bush came out and said, ''We really need to fix Medicare and Social Security before we talk about a tax break,'' so he's sort of taking the opposite stance on this, the GOP frontrunner.

SNOW: So the White House, Mara -- you just talked about September 25th. That's obviously five days before the end of the fiscal year.

LIASSON: Well, maybe that's cutting it a little close, but I just don't think you're going to see the two sides get down to serious bargaining over this until they're facing a deadline, and the deadline is September 30th, when the new fiscal year begins. I think that right now Republicans want to lay down some markers. They want to tell their base that they are still for tax cuts. The Democrats are using their tried and true weapon here, which is to say that the Republicans are cutting taxes instead of saving Medicare. But I think Governor Bush understands something very important. He doesn't want the Republican Party to be caught in that box again, and that's why he's saying ''We've got to save Medicare and Social Security first before we cut taxes,'' which is exactly

what the president is saying.

KONDRACK: And it sort of raises the question, OK, he gets elected president. Does the Republican Congress, presumably, that he brings in with him follow his lead, or are they fighting for the base?

SNOW: OK, well, if you want to find out, folks, you're going to have to stay tuned because that's it for this panel. Mort, Bill, Mara, thanks so much.

Coming up, some final thoughts on the loss of a president's son.

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(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

SNOW: The parents of Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and Lauren Bessette said it simply: "Nothing in life is preparation for the loss of a child." John Kennedy, Jr., grew from infancy to manhood before all of us. He was rich, famous and handsome, but he set a standard for personal modesty and public grace. With each passing year, he seemed more dazzling. Americans took almost parental pride in his achievements and figured he'd do much more than just publish a magazine. Why do so many mourn his passing? Here's why.

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Clinton Hears Briefs on Kennedy

By H. JOSEF HEBERT

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WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton received an update from
top Coast Guard officials today on the ocean search for John F.
Kennedy Jr.'s plane and said it was ``a moment of sadness for
the United States.''

The president was briefed by Coast Guard Commandant James Loy
and Coast Guard Rear Adm. Richard M. Larrabee. The president
thanked them for their efforts and told them to ``keep doing what
we can to recover whatever we can,' ' White House spokesman
Jake Siewert said.

``He said he was profoundly grateful for the way they have conducted
this, and knew that the families were as well,' ' Siewert said.

Earlier, the president welcomed World Cup-winning U.S. women's soccer team to the White House. ``This is both a moment of celebration and a moment of sadness for the United States,'' Clinton said.

Today, the Senate was opened with a prayer by Chaplain Lloyd Ogilvie and a tribute to the Kennedy family.

``They have endured the excruciating pain of grief so often,'' he said. ``Yet through it all, they've shown us the resiliency of faith in you and an uplifting strength of an indefatigable commitment to public service. No American family has given more or served this nation more faithfully.''

The president referred to the tragedy in remarks at a dinner Sunday night for Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. It cast a somber tone over the gathering attended by 400 guests.

``This is a good day,'' began Clinton, alluding to the increasing prospects of peace in the Middle East. But he added, ``It is a hard day for those of us who are Americans.''

As the president spoke in the massive dinner tent erected on the South Lawn, U.S. Coast Guard officials were confirming what almost everyone all day had feared - that Kennedy, his wife Carolyn, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, had perished when their small plane crashed into the waters near Martha's Vineyard.

``We are reminded again that life and its possibilities are fleeting, that we mortals are obliged to be humble and grateful for every day and to make the most of every day,'' said Clinton.

``We share America's sorrow tonight,'' added Barak.

Earlier on Sunday, when the Coast Guard had not yet given up its search, the president remarked upon returning from Camp David that the Kennedys ``had offered more and given more'' than can be expected of a family.

The president's face was grim and his sorrow personal.

Kennedy's father had been the president that Clinton idolized from an early age.

Clinton said Kennedy and his wife, who were married almost three years ago, ``have captured our imagination and won our affection'' in recent years. And he said he would always be grateful ``for their kindnesses to Hillary and Chelsea and me.''

The Clintons on occasions spent time with the Kennedys during vacations on Martha's Vineyard, sharing boating excursions and dinners at a compound once owned by Kennedy's late mother, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

Kennedy on several occasions was a guest of Clinton's at the White House. Kennedy was in the audience when Clinton announced the first woman to command a U.S. space shuttle mission. He and his wife attended a state dinner for British Prime Minister Tony Blair in February 1998.

``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,'' Clinton said.

``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,'' Clinton said. ``Through it all, they have suffered much and given more.''

Clinton's awe of President Kennedy goes back to his youth.

He fondly recalls meeting President Kennedy in the White House Rose Garden on July 24, 1963, as a teen-ager attending Boys Nation. Later when he graduated high school, young Clinton scribbled his name below a photograph of himself and Kennedy in the yearbooks of his friends.

He once said the elder Kennedy's emphasis on public service ``taught me to believe in America. ... He made it seem fun and noble and good. The best we can do is to keep the torch burning.''

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Good morning.

Here are summaries of today's top news from the front page
of The New York Times.

Republican Schism Over Tax Cuts

Republican leaders in the House scrambled to head off a
revolt by moderates within the party and avert a humiliating
defeat on their signature issue of tax cuts.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/politics/072199house-tax.html>

Maneuver by Kennedy's Plane Suggests He Was Disoriented

John F. Kennedy Jr. turned sharply away from Martha's
Vineyard just before his plane began plunging toward the sea
Friday night, Federal investigators said, leading several
authorities on aviation to conclude that he had become lost
or disoriented.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/regional/072199kenedy-rdp.html>

2 Gun Makers Are Negotiating to Avoid a New York Lawsuit

Two major gun makers are negotiating with the New York State
Attorney General, Eliot L. Spitzer, over a lawsuit he plans
to file against gun manufacturers.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/072199ny-gun-colt.html>

New Path of Israeli Settlers: Moving Toward Mainstream

The fate of Jewish settlements in the West Bank is one of
the thorniest issues as Israel negotiates a final peace with
the Palestinians, and the settler population has the
potential to act as a destabilizing force.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/world/mideast/072199westbank-settlers.html>

Beijing Detains Leaders of Sect, Watchdog Says

In what could be the start of a broad crackdown, dozens of leaders of the Buddhist Law movement were detained by the police in 14 Chinese cities, according to a Hong Kong-based human rights group.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/world/asia/072199china-protests.html>

Cuba's New Refugees: Rafts Are Out, Hiring Smugglers Is In

In the heaviest exodus since 1994, more than 1,500 Cubans have made it ashore in South Florida, not on rafts but in the boats of smugglers, who bring them in close enough to swim ashore or launch a small dinghy.

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

Panel Recommends New System for Liver Transplants

In an attempt to settle a bitter feud over who should get donated organs, a panel of independent experts recommended that scarce livers be distributed across broad geographic areas so that the sickest patients receive them first.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/science/072199hth-organ-transplant.html>

President Selected to Head New York City University

New York Gov. Pataki and Mayor Giuliani have selected Matthew Goldstein, the president of Adelphi University, as their choice to be the next Chancellor of the City University of New York.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/regional/072199cuny-chance-edu.html>

Trade Deficit Set a Record During May

A surge of imports driven by the continued strength of the American economy pushed the U.S. trade deficit to another record in May -- over \$21 billion, a figure fueled by rising oil prices and growing evidence that China is using exports to support its lagging economy.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/news/financial/trade-report.html>

U.N. Drags Feet in Kosovo, Pentagon Leaders Declare

Opening a new rift between the Pentagon and the United Nations, Defense Secretary Cohen and Gen. Henry Shelton, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, criticized the U.N. for not moving faster to create a new police force and civil administration in Kosovo.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/world/europe/072199kosovo-pentagon.html>

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Here are summaries of today's editorials and op-ed articles from The New York Times on the Web.

EDITORIALS

Cracks in the Glass Ceiling

Carleton S. Fiorina, the new chief executive officer of the Hewlett-Packard Company, says there is no need to focus on her gender in discussing her appointment. But we have not gotten to the point where it is common to see women at the helm of major corporations.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/editorial/21wed1.html>

The Albany Budget Minuet

Finally the New York State Legislature has resumed work on its budget, now 112 days late, with a \$73 billion spending plan that was mapped out the old-fashioned way, behind closed doors.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/editorial/21wed2.html>

A Vote for Democracy Abroad

The Senate may vote to stop funding the National Endowment for Democracy. It is hard to think of a dictatorship whose opponents have not benefited from the endowment. The Senate should vote to preserve an organization whose mission is more vital than ever.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/editorial/21wed3.html>

Hemingway and the Drama of the Writer's Self

It has been 100 years today since Ernest Hemingway was born, and, looking back, it is plain to see that he, more than any

other American in the past century, has changed our sense of what it means to be a writer.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/editorial/21wed4.html>

OPINION

Finally, We're Ready to Cut, but How?
By MARTIN FELDSTEIN

Taxes distort economic decisions in a way that hurts the economy, lowers the standard of living and reduces the rate of economic growth. Tax cut plans should be judged by how much they reduce these distortions and increase real incomes.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/oped/21feld.html>

A Mother's Place Is ...
By DANIELLE CRITTENDEN

A growing majority of working mothers tell pollsters that they'd prefer to be home if they could. It's odd, then, to hear the supposed champions of women's interests pressing for new policies and programs to keep new mothers at work for as long as possible.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/oped/21crit.html>

Preparing for the Unforgiving Sky
By WILLIAM LANGEWIESCHE

We may never know exactly what happened to John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane. The sky is a vast and chaotic place. Flight safety is an ephemeral weave of small judgments and compromises joining together in combinations that are inherently difficult to regulate.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/oped/21lang.html>

The Death of a Child
By BOB HERBERT

Dr. Irwin Redlener, president of the Children's Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, lost a child in an accident in March and feels a connection to the Kennedy and Bessette families. "Everything is changed forever when you have a loss like this," he said.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/opinion/herbert/072199herb.html>

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Sunday July 18, 1999

10:23 AM ET

Clinton Briefed On Search For John F. Kennedy Jr.

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Clinton was briefed Sunday on the search for John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and her sister, feared dead after their plane disappeared near the Massachusetts resort island of Martha's Vineyard.

Clinton, who spent the weekend at the Camp David presidential retreat in western Maryland, got an update on the search from White House deputy chief of staff Maria Echaveste Sunday morning, a White House official said.

Kennedy, 38, his wife Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her sister Lauren Bessette, 35, were flying from New Jersey to Martha's Vineyard Friday night when their single-engine, six-seat Piper Saratoga aircraft disappeared.

Debris from the Kennedy plane -- including luggage and a prescription pill box -- was found at sea and washed up on shore Saturday, making it seem unlikely that the three could be found alive.

Kennedy, who was at the controls, is the son of John F. Kennedy, the 35th U.S. president who was assassinated in 1963.

A White House spokesman said Clinton spoke by telephone at about midnight Saturday night with Coast Guard Rear Admiral Richard Larrabee, who was directing the search, and with the family of Kennedy's wife and sister-in-law.

The spokesman, Jake Siewert, said Clinton had wanted to thank Larrabee for the Coast Guard's efforts and to urge him to do his utmost when the air search, suspended during the night because of low haze, resumed Sunday morning.

``He wanted to thank him for the work they have done, to get an update and to encourage him to go at it full bore in the morning,''
Siewert said.

Clinton was scheduled to return to the White House Sunday afternoon and to attend an official dinner in honor of new Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak Sunday night.

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Each weekday, TALK DAILY presents an overview of issues and quotes
excerpted from a cross-section of some of the leading
issues-oriented radio talk show hosts in America.

Rush Limbaugh
12-3pm (ET)
Radio Active Media - 550 Stations
ISSUE: Survey: Survival Gear

QUOTE:

"For what it's worth, Kimberly Clarke surveyed a thousand Americans and got just the response they hoped for. They asked a thousand Americans: If they were marooned on a deserted island, what one item would they hope to have with them on that deserted island? Some said a cell phone, some respondents said they would want Marianne, the girl from □+Gilligan's Island.' But by far, the largest number said that what they would want most would be a supply of bathroom tissue. Kimberly Clarke, the sponsor of this study, makes Kleenex."

Doug Stephan
Good Day USA's American Reality Check
4-10am (ET)
Radio America-175 Stations
ISSUE: Tax Cuts
GUESTS: Congressmen Hulshof and Hayworth
QUOTES:

Congressman Hayworth: "With the money that's left, after you take out of the money that will be there two out of every three dollars, to go to funds--Social Security and to save Medicare--what do you do with the rest? What we're saying is, □+let's give it back to the American people to save, spend it, invest it as they see fit.'" Ellen: "Representative Hayworth and then Representative Hulshof, how much money do you each think that is?" Hayworth: "How much money do I think that is? Well, it is going to be an extra trillion dollars. We're not talking about taking all of that extra trillion dollars." Doug Stephan: "As long as the economy stays strong the way it is, right?" Hayworth: "Well--but understand, our forecasts are based on deliberately low-balling. As an average, we're looking at only, what...only about two and a half percent growth level if that. And our average growth, as Kenny will attest, as I'm sure you regardless of your political orientation will attest, has been well in excess of three, it's been almost four percent." Doug: "And Bill Clinton is taking credit for all of

that."

Hayworth: "Well, sure he's gonna take credit. That's like having the time slot after Seinfeld."

Ellen: "But why not just wipe out the debt completely?"

Hayworth: "Because it won't happen that way, Ellen. Because when you leave money in Washington, guess what? IT GETS SPENT."

Howard Stern

6-10am (ET)

Infinity - Westwood One

ISSUE: Eyes Wide Shut

QUOTES:

Robin: "Meanwhile, I've heard some more bad stuff about □+Eyes WideShut.'" □+Eyes WideShut.'" "

Stern: "Horrible movie."

Robin: People, like you said, were encouraging people as they were leaving

the theater not to go in. They said they actually, people got angry because they had spent \$9 or \$9.50 to watch this thing."

Stern: "Who told you that?"

Robin: "A guy at my gym. People were irate that saw it."

Stern: "Of course. Kubrick locked himself up in a house for 30

years-completely out of touch. Never left the house.

Completely out of touch.

Come on, what are you wasting my time for? Don't even ask me if I saw that movie."

G. Gordon Liddy

12-3pm (ET)

Westwood One-275 Stations

ISSUE: Rights to Genetic Material (Cloning)

QUOTE:

G. Gordon Liddy: "...and they would have all the protections for example, that a human being has under our constitution. Someone could not clone themselves, and then assert ownership over that individual for the rest of that individual's life...saying □+you belong to me and therefore you must do this, this, and this.' It doesn't work that way. "

Neal Boortz

News Talk 750 WSB, Atlanta and National Syndication -

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ISSUE: China/Taiwan Relations

QUOTE:

"Chinese President Jiang Zemin isn't just ticked off at Taiwan anymore. Now he's telling the United States to stay out of his country's current feud with Taiwan over Taiwanese independence. Jiang said, 'We will never sit idle if

some people engage in Taiwan's independence or foreign interventions attempt to separate Taiwan from the motherland.'

Translation? 'Sit down and shut up, Mr. Clinton.' The Chinese army is set to run roughshod over Taiwan.

Then what? Not an invasion of the U.S. west coast. More like a complete takeover of eastern Asia--and they're doing it with U.S. technology, and counting on a U.S. president's compliance. They're also equipping a potential partner in North Korea...with U.S. missile technology.

The flubbed NATO bombing of the Chinese embassy in Yugoslavia has raised anti-American sentiment in Beijing, prompting them to sell missile technology to their kissing cousins in the north. But don't worry. This won't have a direct effect on your life for, oh, a few years, so there's no need to pay attention. Until the Red Chinese army marches into downtown Tokyo. Just keep mourning JFK Jr., because that's what really matters today."

Janet Parshall's America
Salem Radio Network
ISSUE: Death and Life of JFK, Jr.
QUOTE:

"Last Thursday night John F. Kennedy Jr. was watching a baseball game between Atlanta and New York. I wonder if he knew then that it would be the last time he'd ever watch a baseball game. As the nation mourns over the loss of this young man, we see how so many thought that he embodied America's hopes and dreams for living. Inside we may wish we that we could have his lifestyle, his fame, his good looks, or his potential. But none of those things kept his plane from crashing. And, you know, we're all like John F. Kennedy Jr. We all will die. We just don't know when. We could die at any moment, and good looks, family riches, political fame □* none of it, none of it will reschedule our divine appointment. When John F. Kennedy Jr. took off last Friday night in his small plane, he didn't have to file a flight plan. But all of us will arrive at one of two destinations, either heaven or hell. Fame, wealth, and the world's favor can't fly any of us to heaven. Good things we do, like loving our families and helping the poor, are

important, but even they aren't
enough to get us on to our final destination of heaven.
So the most important
question for any of us, rich or poor, famous or not, is
simply and profoundly
'Do you have a personal relationship with God through
Jesus Christ?' A
relationship with Him is the perfect flight plan for
eternal life after death."

Roger Hedgecock

KOGO AM

San Diego

ISSUE: Y2K

QUOTES:

"As you may or may not already know, we have a major
problem with
computers and the millennium. However, as you may or
may not know, this
problem will not only affect us on January 1, 2000. The
preliminary
shockwaves of this catastrophe were felt in the early
1970's when computers
first had to compute 30 year mortgages. More serious
repercussions are
being felt now as some credit card machines are unable
to accept credit cards
with expiration dates in 2000 or beyond.
This problem arises from errors in the system code, or
lines of instructions that
direct your computer and numerous other electronic
devices how to behave.
Some of the code was written as far back as the 60's,
so the programmers
were not exactly thinking of the millennium. When you
refer to the date, how
do you think of it? Usually we refer to the date in 2
digit format, such as
06/25/98. Now, back to the credit card reference, what
happens when the
clock hits 01/01/00? The computer thinks your card
expired 100 years ago,
January 1, 1900!!! So the "Y2K" problem, as it is
known, is not simply a
problem of not knowing what to do. It's the much more
terrifying thought of
knowing exactly what must be done, and how to do it,
but knowing that we
quite simply do not have enough time to do anything
about it.
So what does this all mean? Your credit card is going
to stop working? That's
all? The reality could be much worse. I say could be
because no one knows
just what will happen, after all, no one's been through
this before. The City of
Honolulu ran a Y2K test on their power grid computers,
simulating the change
of millennia, and the whole grid simply shut down. No

power. Just think about
all the things in our society that are controlled by
computers. Farming. Trucking. Gas. Power. Your Car. Insurance. Pacemakers.
Pagers. Telephones. Life Support Systems. Stoplights. The list
is never-ending. "

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TALKING IT OVER

BY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

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Let me share with you some of the words John F. Kennedy Jr. said the last time he was at the White House. It was March of 1998, and he had come to Washington for a screening of Tom Hanks' 12-hour HBO special, "From the Earth to the Moon," about the history of the Apollo space program.

"I'm honored to be here at the White House," he said, "just a few yards from where President Kennedy made the decision to send Americans to the moon and return them safely back to the U.S. before the decade of the 1960s was over. In hindsight, the choice looked obvious, but at the time, it was, in a very real sense, President Kennedy's alone, made against the opposition of conservatives who thought the priority should be warheads, and liberals who called the project 'Moondoggle' and believed the money should be better spent on social services ...

"But today, there is an American flag on a windless plain on the moon, because the challenge to explore space stirred something deep and indelible in the American character. And while all the dire predictions never came true, and the technological payoff can be found in everything -- from computers to freeze-dried foods to scratch-proof sunglasses -- we are richer as a nation with the vivid memory of that first step on the moon."

Kennedy went on to call the space program his father's "proudest legacy." This week, we celebrate that legacy by marking the 30th anniversary of Apollo 11, which landed a man on the moon for the first time, and we salute Col. Eileen Collins, the first woman to command a space shuttle mission. Today, every NASA

astronaut recognizes and remembers President Kennedy's legacy. So, it was with special sadness this weekend that Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin spoke at the Kennedy Space Center after hearing the shocking news that John Kennedy's airplane had disappeared over Martha's Vineyard. "Our hearts," he said, "go out to the family that has started so much, achieved so much, suffered and sacrificed so much, and now has even further uncertainty."

Indeed, the hearts of the entire nation go out to the Kennedy family, as well as to the family of Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and her sister, Lauren. For just as we have carried the picture of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walking on the moon, so, too, have we carried the picture of John Kennedy Jr., just 3 years old, saluting the cordon that carried his father's coffin into St. Matthew's Cathedral that bleak November day, 36 years ago.

As an adult, John's public persona was tinged with glamour and adventure. But those who knew him well knew a man who carried his father's and mother's legacy with grace -- a man who lived his life according to the Biblical edict so often repeated by his grandmother Rose: "And from everyone who has been given much shall much be required." His own legacy surely will include a strong devotion to public service and the rights of the underprivileged, the underrepresented and the underserved. I met John and his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, many times, but I'll never forget that final visit to the White House for the HBO screening. Everyone was moved by John's words about his father's contribution to the space program.

But what I remember most came after all the other guests had gone home, when we asked John and Carolyn whether they would like a tour of the White House. John, as it turned out, had not been there since 1963, and had trouble sorting out what he remembered from what he had seen only in pictures. We showed him the room where he slept, and we walked around the grounds where he and his sister played. In the Oval Office, he saw the President's desk -- the same desk under which he was caught by a photographer playing hide-and-seek as a toddler -- and the garden named in honor of his mother, Jacqueline Kennedy.

The John Kennedy I met at the White House was elegant and eloquent -- a man who

had lost so much as a child, but who went on to live a life filled with love, adventure, accomplishment and, as he said, "relative normalcy."

From the Special Olympics to the Peace Corps, from laws that have raised the minimum wage and extended health insurance to more working families, to promises that have sent men -- and now women -- into space, the Kennedy family for decades has inspired us, led us and moved our nation forward. My prayers -- and the prayers of the entire nation -- are with them today.

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Search Continues for Wreckage of John F. Kennedy Jr.'s
Plane; Friends Remember JFK Jr.

WOLF BLITZER, HOST: This is LATE EDITION PRIMETIME.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:
They are very strong people, and I think they're
carrying on as well as any
human beings could, but they need the support and
prayers of our country.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

BLITZER: The Kennedy family works through a sadly
familiar process as
people around the world grieve with them. We'll get the
perspectives of
those who knew John Kennedy Jr., including Congressman
Jesse Jackson
Jr. And while the crash revives some bad memories, a
July 20th anniversary
brings back some happy ones.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

NEIL ARMSTRONG, APOLLO 11 COMMANDER: It's one small step
for man; one giant leap for mankind.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

BLITZER: As America remembers a triumphant moment for
the U.S. space
program, questions remain about whether NASA will ever
have such a
bright moment again. We'll talk to John Glenn, one of
NASA's greatest
heroes -- past and present -- about the direction of the
U.S. space program.

Plus CNN's senior analyst Jeff Greenfield, and from
Hyannisport, CNN
correspondent Chris Black. And Bruce Morton has the
"Last Word" on

reviving America's appetite for space exploration.

ANNOUNCER: Live from Washington, this is LATE EDITION PRIMETIME, with Wolf Blitzer.

BLITZER: It's 8:00 p.m. in Washington, and Hyannisport, Massachusetts; 5:00 p.m. in Los Angeles; and 9:00 a.m. Wednesday in Tokyo. Wherever you're watching from around the world, thanks for joining us for LATE EDITION PRIMETIME.

We'll get to our guests shortly, but first, let's check in with CNN reporters covering our top story.

We begin in Massachusetts, where divers returned to the waters along Martha's Vineyard today, searching for wreckage from the plane crash that killed John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and sister-in-law, Lauren Bessette. We now get the latest on the investigation and recovery efforts. CNN's Carl Rochelle is at the command center at Otis Air National Guard Base in Massachusetts -- Carl.

CARL ROCHELLE, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Wolf, the divers spent the day looking at what they believe was the most potential target that they have found so far: in fact, had had so much potential, the Coast Guard said, that they shifted the assets in to concentrate on this one area, trying to recover at least some pieces of the aircraft, but they were hampered by cold water, by pushing tides and by visibility only six to eight feet at the very best, and came up at the end of the daylight era with nothing so far from any part of that airline anywhere in there.

They say they may continue some diving tonight -- that's the call of the commander on scene -- but not likely because when the dark hits, the visibility will go completely to zero. They still believe that this is a proper area to try in, and they will continue to search for debris from the aircraft in that area.

We have heard about reports of wheels being found, of debris from the aircraft from various and sundry things, but none of that, we are told, came from the water. All of it is stuff, debris, that has floated up.

We also learned something more about the last minutes of the aircraft today.

The National Transportation Safety Board continuing to look at radar data.

And I must caution you: There is still more radar data yet to be looked at.

But what they are telling us today is that the plane was at 5,600 feet roughly

30 miles from the Martha's Vineyard airport. It began a descent, roughly

700 feet a minute, absolutely normal: 160 knots. That's a normal cruise

speed for that particular operation. It descended down to 2,300 feet and

then began to gain altitude back to 2,600 feet and a turn to the right. It rolled

left, back toward Martha's Vineyard again, and then rolled right and over

and disappeared down out of site.

It is characteristic, Wolf, of what is known in the aviation industry as a

stall-spin syndrome. That maybe what happened to the plane. The plane

goes out of control and gets in a rotation.

A little explanation: when we talk about stall, it's not talking about an engine

stalling. It is the wings of the aircraft that are stalling and not getting lift. And

in a spin, one wing has lift; the other doesn't. The airplane is being driven

around and around. And with the engine running, it would go down very fast.

The final descent rate, we were told yesterday, 4,700 feet per minute, Wolf.

Today, we are told 5,000 feet per minute on the way down: very rapid

descent to the surface of the water, Wolf.

BLITZER: OK, Carl Rochelle, monitoring the investigation up in

Massachusetts. Thanks for joining us.

Meanwhile, the Kennedy family is closing ranks as it copes with yet another

terrible loss. CNN's Chris Black is at the Kennedy home in Hyannisport --

Chris.

CHRIS BLACK, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Wolf, today an old friend of

Senator Ted Kennedy said that family members can never achieve closure of

the heart, because John Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister

Lauren died too young. But the search for closure has begun.

The American flag that flies in front of Senator Ted Kennedy's home here at the Kennedy family compound has been lowered to half-staff. And other neighbors in this small, exquisite part of Hyannisport have followed suit.

But the family is also in a weird sort of limbo. They cannot hold a funeral service without remains. The Coast Guard continues to tell the family that they are very optimistic that they will find the remains of the three young people. Therefore, the family is reluctant to proceed with a memorial service, because they want to spare everyone two emotionally grueling rituals if they can.

But friends also say that extensive planning has already taken place for both a memorial service and/or a funeral, and they're down to writing -- the writing of the eulogies and that the family is ready to proceed at any point.

Schlossberg, met Senator Ted Kennedy and his niece, Caroline Kennedy yesterday and discussed the -- how the family should proceed. Family members and associates say that they are the key decision-makers in what will happen next.

If a decision is made to hold a memorial service, family friends say it will likely be held in New York City, where John and Carolyn Kennedy lived and worked.

A burial site is still, however, undecided. The family has told the White House that they do not want to request a waiver to bury John Kennedy Jr. with his parents at Arlington National Cemetery. They say that both families want John and Carolyn to be buried together -- Wolf.

BLITZER: OK, Chris Black, reporting from Hyannisport. Chris will be back later in the program with CNN senior analyst Jeff Greenfield.

While John Kennedy Jr. is being mourned around the world by those who never knew him personally, his death is especially painful for those who did. Joining me now with their perspectives are three guests.

In Las Vegas,
Kennedy Jr.; in
Kennedy when he
Kennedy family. He's
newspaper. And
was a friend of
Democratic convention.

Charlie King, a New York attorney and friend of John
Nashville, John Seigenthaler. He worked with Robert
was attorney general and is a longtime friend of the
also the former publisher of "The Nashville, Tennessean"
here in Washington, Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr., who
John Kennedy Jr.'s since the two met at the 1988
Democratic convention.

Welcome to all of you to LATE EDITION PRIMETIME.

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Democratic Party
this is a hard question for
watching what's going on
-- what would he say?

Charlie King, let me begin with you. You went to BROWN
with John Kennedy Jr. You went to NYU, New York
School, with him. You're a lawyer. You've been active in
politics all these years. If -- if -- if -- and I know
you to try to answer, but if John Kennedy Jr. were
right now -- the aftermath, the grief, this outpouring
-- what would he say?

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things that he would say is
people cared so
big deal out of his

CHARLIE KING, FRIEND OF JOHN F. KENNEDY JR.: Well, that
difficult question to answer. I think that one of the
that he would wish that people -- he'd be thankful that
deeply, but he wished that people would not make such a
passing.

regular guy who cared
kind to both his friends
charitable work. So
grief, but I think
remember him

John was a remarkable individual in that he was just a
very deeply about his privacy, and he was incredibly
and to people that he came across in his work and in his
I think that he would be very moved by the outpouring of
that he would -- his wish would be that for all of us to
privately and to move on.

Democratic
politician. You got to know
obviously had to handle,
deal with that in

BLITZER: OK, Congressman Jackson, you met him at the
convention. You also are the son of a prominent
him a little bit. How did he handle what -- what he
being the son of President Kennedy? How did he manage to
his own way?

REP. JESSE JACKSON JR. (D), ILLINOIS: I think he recognized that to whom much is given, much is required. John recognized that he had tremendous advantages in his life, being the son of a president, but also being extremely handsome, extremely articulate, extremely bright and very qualified to do whatever he chose to do. But what was so unique about John was that he took his celebrity and tried to shine light in very dark places.

He used his celebrity to advance the cause of cancer research, to advance the cause of young students who had been left behind. And so we saw something magnificent in John. While others were pursuing John for paparazzi purposes, he had a unique control of the situation at all times.

BLITZER: John Seigenthaler, when you look at this situation, having known the Kennedys for all these years, watched John Kennedy grow up, how does the Kennedy family learn to cope with all of these tragedies? I know you were invited to the wedding that had been scheduled for Saturday. Of course, that was indefinitely postponed -- Rory Kennedy's wedding -- the youngest child of Robert Kennedy.

JOHN SEIGENTHALER, FRIEND OF KENNEDY FAMILY: Well, Wolf, I think that that wedding sort of magnifies the tragedy. What was expected to be a wonderful, happy day for Rory Kennedy turned out to be a day of tragedy and pain.

You know, I think that, first of all, there are bonds with this family. They reach out to each other. They find strength in each other. And they lean on each other in ways that make it possible for them to survive what would be a devastating, unbearable blow to many others.

Secondly, I think there is clearly a reliance on their religious faith that helps them.

And, finally, I think that there is a sense that John Kennedy was sort of a child of us all, a child of the nation. And while this saturation, I'm sure, is painful to endure, on the other hand, it is a sort of national grieving, and I suspect that there is an ability on their part to

realize that the rest of us are
reaching out to them and that in the knowledge and
strength of that, there is
also help in sustaining them through this terrible
ordeal.

BLITZER: Charlie King, you knew him at Brown University,
at NYU. You,
after you became a lawyer in New York, you got involved
in politics, in
Democratic Party politics. Listen to what John Kennedy
Jr. told the
Democratic convention in 1988 in Atlanta. I want to get
your reaction.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP, 1995)

JOHN F. KENNEDY JR., "GEORGE": A public career is --
it's a lot to
bite off, and you better be ready for it and you better
have your life set up
for it.

The old definition of politics was that you bring it in
at the end of your life
when you really have something to sort of offer. Maybe
that's a good thing
for me.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

BLITZER: Well, actually, that was a comment he made more
recently on
"LARRY KING LIVE" in 1995.

But why do you believe he avoided getting directly
involved in politics? And
do you think that, if he had lived, he may have gotten
directly involved in
politics?

KING: Well, at this point, I guess we'll never know. I
think that one of the
reasons why he was reluctant to dive headfirst into
politics is that John was
always careful to avoid the ugliness of things, and
while he was very much
committed to helping and improving the lives of others,
he really had a
distaste for the ugliness of politics, just sort of the
personal back and forth
that really didn't really deal with the issues but --
and didn't really seem to
further any common objective for the common good. And I
think that that
really was one of the reasons why he was reluctant to
get so involved.

I know that he was deeply committed to improving the
lives of others, but he

felt that there were other avenues that he could pursue while keeping the option open of going into politics eventually, but where his voice could be heard and he could improve the lives of others. BLITZER: All right, I know -- we have to take a quick commercial break. But Congressman Jackson, Senator Robert Torricelli, who runs the effort to get Democrats elected to the Senate, he said today that late last year, he twice approached John Kennedy to run for that New York Senate seat being vacated by Daniel Patrick Moynihan that the first lady is apparently going to be running for, and he twice declined. Were you surprised by that?

JACKSON: No, I'm not. I've shared on many occasions that we inherit our father's friends and our family's enemies, neither of which we have earned, and so we have to work twice as hard to earn our father's friends and our family's friends, and to move enemies into the detractor column and then ultimately make them friends.

And so the ultimate challenge there, Wolf, is that John Kennedy had an obligation, as all of us do with these great service names, to establish a premise. I thought he was doing that through "George" magazine, showing that he understood liberal issues and conservative issues. He understood the Democratic Party, the Republican Party. He was working toward a better understanding so that he might establish a national premise that people might appreciate that John Kennedy Jr. was a serious thinker.

BLITZER: OK, we have to take a quick break. Charlie King, John Seigenthaler and Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. will share more reflections on John Kennedy Jr. when LATE EDITION PRIMETIME returns.

Stay with us.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

BLITZER: We're continuing our conversation with three individuals who knew John Kennedy Jr. We're joined by Jesse Jackson Jr. here in Washington; a congressman from Las Vegas, Charlie King joins us, a friend of John Kennedy Jr.; and John Seigenthaler, a close family friend of the

Kennedy family, who is the former publisher of "The Tennessean," "The National Tennessean."

John Seigenthaler, as you see this outpouring that's been going on: individuals, people stopping in front of the apartment building in New York City, in the TriBeCa section, where John Kennedy and Caroline Bessette Kennedy lived, just stopping leaving flowers, people who didn't know them; it's a lot different, to a certain degree, than the reaction after President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, but there also are some similarities for the nation as a whole.

What goes through your mind?

SEIGENTHALER: Well, I think, again, Wolf, that this country thought it knew John Kennedy. You know, he was born as President Kennedy took office and we saw that, and then at almost every step in his life, every meaningful event: the death of his father, the salute with the flag, every point of his education, his marriage, you know, we understood who he was. We watched him laugh at himself on television. We watched those many interviews we had. We watched him create "George" magazine. And because he came from a famous family and was a celebrity, we identified with him. And even though people did not know him personally, they came to feel that they knew him personally.

Today and yesterday, I have heard people never saw him quote his words as they had seen them when he was interviewed by, well, Larry King or one of the other television commentators or anchors, and I think that the relationship with him, because he was intelligent, because he was witty, because he had that unique ability, that remarkable Kennedy self-deprecating humor, I think people really related to him, and I feel deeply that that's why this outpouring is surprising to those of us who didn't understand the links he had. But when you think about how we've known him, it's quite understandable.

BLITZER: Charlie King, you live in New York City; he lived in New York

City, became almost the son of New York City, and so many are saying he was almost -- he was always trying to be a regular guy: walking around to the grocery stores, taking subways. He could have done it a lot differently with limos. Obviously he had the wealth.

How do you explain that effort, that conscientious effort on his part to become a regular resident of New York City?

KING: I can't explain it, except to say that it just goes to John's character.

But you're absolutely right, Wolf: there were so many different cause he could have handled all of the commotion around him, and he chose to live as normal a life as he possibly could. He really just wanted to blend in. He was remarkable in that sense that he just, notwithstanding the fact that so many people made such a fuss about him, that really all he wanted to do was to live his life and to contribute.

BLITZER: You know Congressman Jackson, you're of the generation of John Kennedy Jr., your father of the generation of his father, President Kennedy, but for your generation, this death of John Kennedy Jr. -- what does it mean to you now? What will it mean for your generation?

JACKSON: I think it has tremendous implications for us. We don't just celebrate the life of John Kennedy, we also celebrate the life of a single mother who raised an outstanding young man. And while I've watched the coverage of this particular tragedy -- this unfortunate tragedy, we've not given, I think, the appropriate credit to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, for the outstanding job that she did as a single parent raising two outstanding children. Mrs. Jackson is primarily responsible for raising the children of Jesse and Jackie.

This is a critical factor, I think, in this, and as we go forward I suspect more and more will begin to cover the outstanding work that Mrs. Kennedy did to contribute to the outstanding young man that many of us are missing at this hour.

BLITZER: John Seigenthaler, you were -- you ran "The

Nashville

"George," the
happens to that
know. I
marvelous tribute to him if his
as viable as a weekly
Tennessean" for so many years. Look at the magazine,
achievement of John Kennedy Jr.; what do you think
magazine now that he's gone? SEIGENTHALER: Well, I don't
hope for a great success. I think it would be a
colleagues and his supporters really join in making it
can possibly can be.

magazine a link between
runs with politics and I
opportunity -- the magazine
Democrats,
had and he
politicians said, but
all the reasons that
it'll be even more
I -- you know, Wolf, I think that he saw in that
himself and politics. The blood of the Kennedys is --
think that it was in his blood and it gave him an
did -- to relate to politicians as the congressman said:
Republicans, independents. You read those interviews he
conducted, and you're fascinated, not only by what the
the way his mind worked in framing questions. And for
the magazine was meaningful for him, and -- I think that
popular after him.

Congressman Jackson, it
very sad days with us
us.
BLITZER: OK, John Seigenthaler, Charlie King,
was kind of all of you to share some thoughts on these
on LATE EDITION PRIMETIME. Thank you so much for joining

KING: Thank you Wolf.

SEIGENTHALER: Thanks Wolf.

death is evoking
a happier time
moon. We'll talk
space program, with
Glenn. LATE
BLITZER: And when we return: while John Kennedy Jr.'s
sad memories from the 1960s, the country is also marking
from that era. Thirty years ago today man landed on the
about that milestone, as well as the future of America's
one of its pioneers: former astronaut and Senator John
EDITION PRIMETIME will be right back.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

spacecraft and its
stunning achievement for
BLITZER: On this day in 1969, NASA's Apollo 11
three-man crew (sic) landed on the moon. It was a

marked the the United States and space exploration. Today, NASA
achieve another anniversary with a special ceremony. It also hoped to
milestone, but that did not happen.

Florida with details CNN's Miles O'Brien is at the Kennedy Space Center in
-- Miles.

Aldrin were on MILES O'BRIEN, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Good evening, Wolf.
Thirty years ago at this moment, Neil Armstrong and Buzz
the surface of the moon struggling inside the lunar
module, inside a space
about the size of two telephone booths, to get into
their bulky 180- pound
moon walking suits. They would begin their moon walk a
little before 11:00
Eastern Time, when Neil Armstrong issue his famous "one
small step" line.

Armstrong were That's what would happen 30 years ago; today Aldrin and
stay on the moon: joined by the man who circled above them during their
Smithsonian's Air command module pilot Michael Collins. They were at the
Columbia as a & Space Museum, with the charred module they called
the Langley backdrop, they received the Smithsonian's highest award:
medal, given by Vice President Gore.

at an event televised Now a little bit later they took questions from students
They were from the Freedom Forum's Newseum in Arlington, Virginia.
asked at that time if they ever got scared.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

some things ARMSTRONG: With that much equipment, there are always
we were worried that go wrong, but it really wasn't the equipment that
concerned that we about, I think at least in my own case. We were more
flight to continue. might somehow make a mistake that would not allow the
And so if there was a worry, it was with ourselves.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

Columbia. Let's O'BRIEN: Meanwhile, some news of another space ship
This is launch pad take a look at some live pictures from NASA television.
there. NASA 39-B at the Kennedy Space Center, the shuttle Columbia

would prefer it would be in space; it remains on the pad. The ground crew busy trying to get it ready for launch just after midnight Eastern Time tomorrow night -- actually Thursday morning, if you want to be precise.

The agency had hoped to launch the shuttle just after midnight this morning, but with seven seconds left on the countdown clock the launch aborted after a balky sensor mistakenly told the controllers of the buildup of hydrogen gas beneath the shuttle's main engines, thus causing the cutoff.

It's a history-making mission: it's led by NASA's first female commander, Air Force Colonel Eileen Collins, the first female to command a NASA space mission.

On another front, a not so happy landing remembered today. The capsule piloted by "Gus" Grissom in 1961 -- the Mercury capsule was recovered at the bottom of the Atlantic about 90 miles off the coast from the Bahamas. It is headed in this direction, and it will ultimately be headed toward a museum in Kansas. That capsule sunk right after a splash down nearly drowning Gus Grissom. And it will be, as we said, part of a museum exhibit in the future.

Kind of a busy day in space, Wolf.

BLITZER: A busy day for you very much, Miles O'Brien. Thanks for joining us.

Joining me now to talk about the past, present and future of the U.S. space program is a man who's been a part of it from its earliest days. John Glenn was the first U.S. astronaut to successfully orbit the Earth in 1962. He made history again last October 29th, as Miles was just talking about, when he became the oldest astronaut in space as a crew member of the Discovery shuttle. John Glenn also served as the Democratic senator from Ohio from 1975 until his retirement last year.

Senator Glenn, welcome back to LATE EDITION.

FORMER SEN. JOHN GLENN (D-OH), FORMER ASTRONAUT:
Thank you.

anniversary of man
30 years ago

BLITZER: The emotions that you must have on this 30th walking on the moon -- what was going through your mind today?

center in the
was just as excited as

GLENN: Oh, 30 years ago today, I was in the control observation area watching that landing on the moon. I everyone else.

step, each flight
set that goal that
that whole
matter of fact.

The whole space program has been a progression of one building on the steps before. And when President Kennedy was a big order, and NASA went to work and put together Apollo team, and it came through ahead of schedule, as a

God forbid, could

BLITZER: Were you nervous on that day that something, happen?

numb, I'll tell you,
ago on that when
was he nervous?
there were a
everybody had taken
technology we
could go wrong? -- of
nervous, I think.

GLENN: Yes. Anybody that wasn't nervous that day was because there were so many -- as Neil said just a moment he was over at Freedom Forum earlier today -- you know, He was nervous about what might happen to himself, and million parts of things that could go wrong. Now, every precaution they knew how to take. It was the best knew at that time, but, was there a chance something course -- on any flight like that, so everybody was

know today
you probably had

BLITZER: When you look back on it now, knowing what you and knowing the extent of the technology 30 years ago, some pretty good reason to be nervous?

the things about
years with manned
in dealing with speeds
before; that's an

GLENN: Well, you did, but you know, the -- you -- one of NASA -- think of this, we've gone now for, what, 40 flights and had one fatal accident in space, that's -- and complexities like mankind has never dealt with amazingly good safety record.

a quick

BLITZER: The -- Senator Glenn, I'm told we have to take

commercial break. We have a lot more to talk about:
space, a lot of other
things straight ahead. Also, your phone calls for
Senator Glenn. LATE
EDITION PRIMETIME will be right back.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

BLITZER: Welcome back to LATE EDITION PRIMETIME.

We're continuing our conversation with astronaut and
former senator John
Glenn. There's an article today on the op-ed page of the
"Wall Street
Journal" by Homer Hickam. He writes this -- he's a
retired NASA engineer.
He says: "It's a sad irony that just when our wealth and
technological skills
could make space flight relatively easy, neither the
American people nor our
leaders seem either intellectually or morally prepared
to take up the
challenge." He's obviously disappointed that more is not
being done.

GLENN: Well, I think anytime you've had a program like
this, you'd like to
see more being done. But I think we've done pretty well
and I think the
direction we're headed with the international space
station is the most
productive way to go. We have 16 nations involved now in
this one project,
all working together, including the former Soviet Union,
now Russia.

And I think that's the way we should be going, and I
think, at the same time,
we want to send out probes to Mars and other places in
our solar system
and learn more about it. And we can build on that and
eventually people will
go on out to some of these other places. But I think to
-- we have a -- you
know, we always have other needs, of course, for money,
but I think one
thing we've always found throughout the history of our
country is that money
spent on research seems to come back in ways that are
very beneficial later
on. And I think that's the case now, and I think the
money spent on the
space station will prove to be very valuable; we'll be
able to do longer term
research than we can just with the two week duration
with the shuttle up
there now.

BLITZER: I'm told that you've been briefed on some of
the preliminary

results -- the scientific studies that were done in connection with your recent visit in space when you went back at your age. What are you being told? What has NASA learned from sending someone your age to space?

GLENN: Well, we'll know more about that when they have the final results in, in October. I've only had a very, very sketchy preliminary briefing. It wasn't a complete briefing at all.

And some of the analysis of the things that we did on that flight are still being analyzed right now: muscle system changes, for instance, that require long laboratory time to analyze results from all the blood samples and urine samples that we gave up there -- I gave at that time. And, you know, there are an amazing numbers of things that are similar to the natural aging process here on earth, that happened to the younger astronauts up there. And those are the thing that we were looking into.

BLITZER: The -- some of the results are -- our Miles O'Brien, someone you know, he tells me that some of the preliminary results suggest that as far as the aging process is concerned, you're going there as opposed to younger astronauts, there weren't a whole lot of differences that were detected, some say in part, because of the excellent shape that you happen to be in.

GLENN: Well, I don't know that I'm that in excellent -- I wish I was in as excellent shape as everybody seems to think I'm in.

BLITZER: When I'm your age I'd like to be half of your good shape.

GLENN: My health was good, and I was able to pass all the physicals. So, I'm in reasonable shape. And I'm looking forward to getting all the reports back too, and finding out, because on that will hinge a lot on whether NASA decides to send more people of my age bracket up there, which I think can be productive. We're looking for things that will make it better for the younger astronauts to have longer term space flight; that may be key to going out to Mars. And also, looking for things that will turn the body's systems on and off, that take away some of the frailties of old age

right here on earth.

And that's what we're about. So, I'm looking forward to getting the final report sometime in October, too.

BLITZER: You know, Eileen Collins was ready to make space history last night: the first commander of a space mission, the Columbia mission, and unfortunately, had to be postponed until Thursday. NASA has changed a lot since your days. It's not simply a boy's club anymore.

GLENN: No, I think they're -- I think it's like 22 percent of the whole astronaut corps now, which is, I think is somewhere around 130 something people at this -- right now. And I think it's 20 percent are women, and NASA is judging these things on whose qualified, and gender shouldn't determine it. If there are women qualified to be a commander in space, well, so be it.

BLITZER: All right. Let's switch gears a little bit. I know that you've been very close to the Kennedy family for many, many years. In 1968, when Bobby Kennedy was assassinated, Ethel Kennedy, his widow, asked you to console some of the children. You've known the pain, the agony of this family. Now to relive it once again these past few days, for you must have been an incredibly difficult ordeal?

GLENN: Well, it was. Back in those days when Bob was killed, Ethel asked Annie and me to bring the five of the children out there -- we brought them back to Hickory Hill the next day, and then were there that night, and that was the night Bobby died and -- along with Suzie (ph) Markham, who was the neighbor there. We had to tell the kids about his death that next morning, and that was one of the -- probably the toughest thing I've ever done in my life. So, we have had that background.

But, you know, this -- they're -- the family has had more than their share of grief. There's no doubt. I think everyone would agree with that. But they cope with it. They have strong religious faith. They band together. It's like anyone. You probably have had deaths in the family. We have too.

Everyone goes through this. It's just a shame that

they've had to endure this
almost of things more than any other family -- a continual drum beat
happening like this.

BLITZER: And the nation grieves with them an inordinate
amount. All right.
Let's take a caller from your home state of Ohio, Mount
Vernon Ohio.

Please go ahead with your question for Senator Glenn.

CALLER: Good evening, Senator Glenn.

My question to you is: How do we inspire the next
generation? I'm in my
mid-30s already and basically been looking at NASA for
all my life, and just
seeing the wonderful opportunities of what space venture
is -- would do for
our generation. But obviously that has -- looks like
it's going to pass us by.
But how do we keep the current and next generations into
outer space and
outer space travel?

GLENN: Well, I think that -- I'm looking forward to the
international space
station. You know we've had -- we can only do
experiments and research
up there that's about two weeks in length. We were up
nine days on the
flight I was on last fall. But we had the most
research-rich flight I think
NASA has ever sent up. We had 83 research projects on
that one flight. So,
we were very busy the whole time up there. And those
results of that are
being analyzed and will be made available sometime in
the future also. So,
we've had all of that.

Now we're going into the international space station
where we can do things
on a lot longer term basis. And I think that's going to
be exciting. And I think
the way you stir people's excitement about this is, if
you have results coming
back that, say are something that helps in the cure for
cancer or AIDS or
something like that, because the new pharmaceuticals can
be developed up
there, or something like that. That is exciting.

And too much, I think, the public relies on new firsts,
first events, first flight
up, first orbital flight, first flight around the moon,
and then the intervening
flights where we're really making the most of our
information and research
gathering capability that may be more productive than

the first flight, gets
very little attention.

So we tend to be oriented and Americans are used to a
lot of new things
here, and we get used to this very rapidly. But I think
when these valuable
things come back, that I think are just around the
corner in this research, I
think everybody'll see the value of it.

BLITZER: Senator Glenn, that's -- always great to have
you on LATE
EDITION. Thanks for joining us, and sorry you're not in
the Senate
anymore, but we'll still have you back here.

GLENN: Well, I miss the Senate some too, but I'm, you
know, on to other
things. That's it. Thank you, Wolf.

BLITZER: Senator Glenn always good to have you here,
especially on this
30th anniversary.

GLENN: Thank you.

BLITZER: And just ahead: Americans are gathering around
their televisions
once again following another Kennedy tragedy.
Thirty-nine years
ago the
country mourned the death of president John F. Kennedy;
now there's
public grief for the death of his son, John F. Kennedy
Jr. We'll get some
perspective on America's attachment to the Kennedy's
from CNN senior
analyst Jeff Greenfield and CNN's Chris Black.

LATE EDITION PRIMETIME will be right back.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

BLITZER: You're looking at live picture of the makeshift
memorial outside
the New York apartment building where John F. Kennedy
Jr. lived with his
wife, Carolyn. Visitors and mourners have been streaming
to the site for the
past few days.

Welcome back to LATE EDITION PRIMETIME.

Joining me now are two people who can provide some
insight on the
outpouring of grief over this latest Kennedy tragedy. In
New York is CNN's
senior analyst Jeff Greenfield, and joining us again
from the Kennedy family
home in Hyannisport, Massachusetts is CNN's Chris Black.

Jeff, talk to us a little bit about the reaction of the country to the death of President Kennedy in 1963. Compare it to the reaction that we're seeing in these most recent days.

JEFF GREENFIELD, CNN SENIOR ANALYST: Well, to be unsentimental, some of what you're seeing is the, kind of, natural curiosity and fascination that happens when a famous person dies before his or her time. Some of it's media-driven. Some of it's, you know, kind of a thrill-seeking thing. But there's something in this case, I think, much more than that.

And that -- I think you have to put the whole Kennedy mystique into the political framework. When John Kennedy was killed, that was three months after this big interracial peaceful march on Washington, and the thought was around that maybe we were going to come to grips with this American dilemma. It was less than -- it was a year after the Cuban Missile Crisis that brought us to the brink of war, and now, in 1963, the Senate was ratified a nuclear test ban treaty, and the sense of the possibility of peace was around.

Now, within a year after John Kennedy was killed, the first urban race riot had broken out, and the Gulf of Tonkin incident had set America toward an escalation of the war in Vietnam. And within a few years, cities were in flames, campuses were in flames, and the culture had become ripped apart.

I think whatever the rational calculus is, there was a kind of extra-rational feeling among a lot of people that, if only John Kennedy had have lived, this wouldn't have happened. And to some extent that, plus I think the massive national guilt that was felt about the fact that the president of the United States was murdered in broad daylight, kind of turned the Kennedy's into this family that was taken into the national bosom. And I think ever since, what's happened to the Kennedy's, tragedy, scandal, exultation, has always been fed by this enormous feeling that the death of John F. Kennedy represented a kind of rip in the national fabric.

BLITZER: Chris Black, before you joined CNN you worked for "The Boston Globe" for probably 20 years, you covered the Kennedys very, very closely all those years; why are we so nostalgic about the Kennedys?

BLACK: I think it's several things, Wolf, I would just add to Jeff's thoughts about how John Kennedy death was at the beginning of extraordinary change in this country. There was huge cultural change that came right after John Kennedy died in 1963: it was the beginning of the civil rights' movement; it was the beginning of the women's movement; there was anti-war activity. The world changed.

So I think that the president's death in 1963 also signaled a certain death of innocence, that -- and there's a natural yearning for those, sort of, simpler times, that is, sort of, also been transformed into the, sort of, Camelot notion.

But a friend was saying to me today, You know Camelot was wrong; it wasn't just one brief shining moment. Because the Kennedy legacy really endures: Senator Kennedy has been in the United States Senate for 36 years, and the baby boom generation -- my generation -- has a lieutenant governor in Maryland, Congressman Patrick Kennedy from Rhode Island, Joe Kennedy is not in Congress now, but everyone in Massachusetts will tell you that he'll probably be governor of Massachusetts some day. So the legacy of values and a significant achievement has endured, Wolf

GREENFIELD: And you know...

BLITZER: Go ahead Jeff.

GREENFIELD: Well one thing that was interesting when you talked to Jesse Jackson Jr., and you sort of identified his father as a contemporary of President Kennedy's -- only in our mind; if John Kennedy were alive today he'd be -- what? -- close to 80 years old. But because he died in the summer of his years, he will always be, in our mind, this young dashing fellow. I mean I think John Kennedy was more a contemporary of Ronald

because he will Reagan, but we don't see him that way, and we never will always be this youthful fellow.

Kennedy Jr. was And we really, when we look at John Kennedy Jr., John only, when he died over the weekend, was -- what? -- seven years younger than his father was when he died. And so there's this sense of this permanent youthfulness that adds to the, kind of, almost haze with which we look at this situation and think -- and identify the father and son so strongly.

with Jeff BLITZER: All right, we have to take a quick break. More Greenfield and Chris Black when we return. Stay with us.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

BLITZER: Welcome back to LATE EDITION PRIMETIME.

Chris Black, you wrote some articles for "George" magazine, John Kennedy Jr.'s publication. What was he like as an editor?

BLACK: Well, it's -- he was unusual as an editor, Wolf, because he was so incredibly nice. He knew what he wanted, but "George" magazine at the time I was doing some pieces for him was still really trying to find its voice. So it was interesting, it was an interesting sort of back-and-forth as I would try to get a sense of where he was coming, from what sort of voice he wanted in his magazine. But he was exceptionally pleasant to deal with.

And that's the sort -- I often think, when I think about John Jr. and his sister, Caroline, of the word well-bred, which is not an expression that we hear very much anymore. I think it may be politically incorrect. But I always thought that they were -- it was a tribute to their mother and the way she raised them. They were such incredibly nice, polite, charming, considerate people, and he was a joy to work with.

BLITZER: Coming from a journalist, nice words. Jeff Greenfield, you were talking a little bit about the haze of this Kennedy mystique. But isn't what's happening right now adding to this whole Kennedy myth that has developed over these years?

you know -- GREENFIELD: Oh, to be sure. I mean, the idea of the son,
whether he would have gone into politics or not, who
knows? -- but who was certainly by the name and by the bearing, you know,
the close -- the direct link to the martyred president dying decades
before his time is just a whole other layer of this.

And you know, people are going to be skeptical, if not
cynical, about what's to come: the commemorative issues and the souvenirs. And
no doubt there will be a lot of exploitation. But you know, this
doesn't happen purely because people decide to make money off of tragedy. This
particular family in this country has created around it something that I
don't think we've ever seen before in -- it's why the cliché of the royal
family first cropped up.

And the fact that there doesn't seem to be any longer
than a few years that go by without something else happening -- absolutely,
this is just the next and very big layer on what's going to be a continuing
haze, because you have a whole other generation of Kennedy's coming along who
will be seeking higher office.

BLITZER: All right, Jeff Greenfield and Chris Black,
time to say goodbye.
Thanks again for joining us. Always good to have you on
LATE EDITION
PRIMETIME.

Just ahead, Bruce Morton's "Last Word."

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

DANIEL GOLDIN, NASA ADMINISTRATOR: Your pioneering
efforts captured the world's imagination and your stellar
example of dedication and determination continue to inspire all of us. Certainly,
it inspired me to reach for the stars.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

BLITZER: Thirty years after the success of Apollo 11,
Bruce asks if we're prepared for the next generation in space. Stay with us.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

BLITZER: Time now for Bruce Morton's "Last Word" on

recapturing the
spirit of space exploration's heyday.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

of these pictures
BRUCE MORTON, CNN CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): The rocket
was more than 30 stories tall. The launch -- we saw most
later on -- was like a tribute to the god of fire.

men then -- in
I was in Houston, watching the men -- and it was mostly
mission control. We followed the trip.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

here
UNIDENTIFIED MALE: (UNINTELLIGIBLE) distinctly smaller
now, 177,000 miles out, over.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

MORTON: Followed the descent.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

some dust.
UNIDENTIFIED MALE: 40 feet down -- 2 1/2. Picking up

(END VIDEO CLIP)

MORTON: Heard about the landing.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

ARMSTRONG: Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed.

the
We're breathing
UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Roger, Tranquility. We copy you're on
ground. You've got a bunch of guys about to turn blue.
again. Thanks a lot.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

MORTON: Surely that was historic. The walk was historic.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

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

(END VIDEO CLIP)

think how
MORTON: They planted a flag. And yet, looking back, you
quickly America got bored with it. Man on the moon? Oh,
sure. But the last
couple of missions were canceled: Too expensive, no
interest anymore. And

mankind, which had leapt forward, took a baby step back.

Orbital missions, a space station, science -- and
valuable, probably, but no
close encounters, no promise to boldly go where only
Captain Kirk and his
mates went. We have explored since, of course, but with
machines.

Machines landed on Mars, probed Venus, mapped Jupiter.
And if we land
on other planets, explore other stars, it will be a
robot who says, "Take me
to your leader."

(on camera): Did we lose our imaginations? Did we check
our wallets?

Doing it the old-fashioned, adventurous way would be
dangerous and
extraordinarily expensive. Would we better off trying to
cure cancer with the
money? Would we all rather have a tax cut than a voyage
amidst the stars?

(voice-over): No question earth is full of problems
money can at least help to
cure: disease, poverty, the usual suspects. And yet,
seeing that rocket rising
into the sky, seeing that foot touch soil no foot had
ever touched...

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

ARMSTRONG: The surface appears to be very, very
fine-grained as you
get close to it. It's almost like a powder.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

MORTON: That was adventure and mystery and magic. We
honor it. Do
we also miss it? Hard to know. I'm Bruce Morton.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

BLITZER: Thanks, Bruce. That's your LATE EDITION
PRIMETIME for
Tuesday, July 20th. Join us again next Tuesday at 8:00
p.m. Eastern. And be
sure to catch us this Sunday and every Sunday at noon
Eastern for the last
word in Sunday talk.

For now, thanks very much for watching. I'm Wolf Blitzer
in Washington.

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Investigation Continues Into Crash of John F. Kennedy
Jr.'s Plane; Nation Mourns His Passing

LARRY KING, HOST: Tonight: America tries to make sense
of another

Kennedy tragedy. Joining us later, the Reverend Billy
Graham, who by the
way was interviewed by JFK Jr. for "George" magazine;
and father Michael
Moynihan. He spoke today with the mother of Carolyn
Bessette Kennedy
and her sister Lauren. We'll also have the very latest
on the search for

wreckage from JFK Jr.'s plane next on LARRY KING LIVE.
We're going to look into what might have happened with
this airplane, as we
begin things. Joining us here in Washington is aircraft
accident investigator
Ned Clarke, and on the scene at Coast Guard station in
Cape Cod,

Massachusetts is Carl Rochelle, outstanding CNN
correspondent, himself a
pilot and instructor as well.

Now, Ned, you investigate accidents.

NED CLARKE, AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATOR: Yes, that's
correct.

KING: OK. Celebrity aside, how common is this accident
thus far in this
kind of aircraft?

CLARKE: It's not a very unusual accident. A lot of the
circumstances of this
accident are common to a great number of other accidents
involving this
category, this type of performance aircraft.

KING: Are there lots of accidents involving young people
just getting
associated with flying?

CLARKE: Yes, there are. In fact, on average, there's

about five general aviation accidents a day, and about one of those a day is fatal.

KING: Carl, would you agree with that?

CARL ROCHELLE, CNN CORRESPONDENT: I don't know about the number of five a day; perhaps if you count running off a runway or pranging (ph) an airplane a little bit. No more than one fatal accident a day -- that also seems a little high to me. But yes, there is some difficulty in making that transition as you go along.

One thing I would point out, though: It isn't necessarily age; it's the experience in flying the aircraft. You can start people flying an aircraft at 50 or 60 years old, but there's a period between the time you get your private pilot's license and the 100- to 300-hour realm, right in there, that is the area that most of the pilots and most of the examiners feel is a very dangerous area. Beyond that, you've achieved a higher level, a higher degree of experience in operating the aircraft. You're more seasoned, more experienced and know what you can handle and what you should get into and what you should not get into.

KING: Ned, what are the investigators looking for when they, assumingly, find this wreckage? What are they looking for? What would you be looking for?

CLARKE: Well, they're going to try to excavate as much of the wreckage off the bottom as they can.

You have to realize what the accident investigation looks like. It's like a three-dimensional puzzle. It has three basic components, and the three components are this: the pilot, the aircraft and the environment. And just like the three dimensions in the puzzle, they're going to try to gather as much information data on the pilot as they can, as much on the environment as they can and as much on the aircraft. And until we get all of those parts, you can't picture the whole puzzle.

KING: Hoping to find a reason? Is that the end result?

CLARKE: That's correct. They ultimately -- this is not

about setting blame.

It's trying to find out why this accident happened, with the intent of trying to prevent similar accidents from happening again.

KING: And it also is for further use in insurance companies and possible lawsuits, to be honest, right?

CLARKE: To be honest, that's correct.

KING: OK. Will the crucial piece to you -- and this is for you, both of you, Carl, as well as Ned -- is what happened? Why was he turning? Why that drop, as we heard about today? It was 5,000 feet? Why do you guess?

CLARKE: Well, I think what you're referring to is the rate of descent, which, in the final seconds, was around 5,000 feet per minute or more.

KING: What does that tell you right off the top?

CLARKE: It tells you that it's way outside the operational or emergency operating envelope of the aircraft. You just have no reason to be there. You seldom get the airplane above a thousand feet per minute; 2,000 is a very extreme number.

KING: Carl, when you guess at a reason for something like that, what comes to mind?

ROCHELLE: Well, Larry, what comes to my mind is the stall-spin syndrome, and it's something, as an instrument instructor, that the students that -- I have been trained in this -- and the students that I train, you take them through how to deal with this kind of situation. You do it with a hood or goggles on that limit your view so you can't see outside of the aircraft, and you induce this particular situation. You cause the pilot to have at least a case of vertigo, if not vertigo you cause -- you put the airplane in a situation where they must react immediately by observing the instruments that are in front of them, interpreting what they say and reacting to them to bring the airplane straight and level.

This looks like a situation where it may have been in that. We don't know for sure. You know, a control surface could have broken off,

all kinds of things
could have happened. Something could have gone wrong
mechanically that
distracted the pilot. There are all kinds of reasons out
there, and I wouldn't
try to assess those.

When I see an airplane coming out of the sky at 5,000
feet a minute, you
can hardly make a dive at that rate. What you need to do
to get it there is
have the airplane stop flying. One of the ways to do
that is with the aircraft
stalled and in a spin, it would approach that 5,000
foot-per-minute rate
going down, particularly if the power was still on, the
engine, and the
propeller is pulling it down as well as the airplane.

The wings aren't flying at that point. One is generating
a little bit of lift. The
other is not. The one that is generating lift just stirs
it around like that all the
way down, Larry.

KING: Ned, what is disorientation?

CLARKE: I think a lot of -- you as well as your viewers
can understand this
-- if you've been to an IMAX theater and you've seen the
airplane fly down
between the canyon, you're sitting there in your chair,
holding on to the arms
of the chair. Your bottom is not moving and your head is
not moving, but as
it goes through maneuvers, flying through the canyon,
many people grab hold
of their seats and they're -- distinctly have the
impression that they're being
tilted or moved around. This is exactly what -- the same
kind of sensations
where your eyes and the rest of your senses, like your
inner ear and the seat
of your pants, are telling you something different. And
that is similar to the
situation that a pilot would feel if he was disoriented.

KING: More likely at night?

CLARKE: Yes, it is more likely at night.

KING: Have you flown this area? Have you flown Jersey to
Martha's
Vineyard?

CLARKE: Well, I've flown that, and I've also flown some
flight tests right
over Long Island Sound, at -- I'm sorry, Rhode Island
Sound, at night,
doing testing for other accident investigations

KING: Have you flown it, Carl?

ROCHELLE: I have not flown that particular corridor. I have flown at night.

I have flown at night over water.

One of the particular things that Ned did not quite get into, when you get the sense of sitting in that IMAX theater, your feet are always on the floor, and you can always grab the handles, and you know, you know where it is, even if it's jerking around a little bit. When you're in the aircraft, and you lose that orientation and you look out -- and it's dark at night, the sky is dark, the water is dark, there are no lights on it -- how do you know what is up?

And that's why the instruments are so important, looking at them and interpreting what they tell you and using the instruments alone to recover from that, ignoring what you feel here, what you see, only from the instruments. That's the difference between being in that theater and being -- sitting in that airplane in the dark of the night, Larry.

KING: By the way, Ned, could a bird have hit this plane?

CLARKE: That's another possibility. In fact, there was a case in Fort Lauderdale very recently where that happened, that a bird came in and struck the pilot, comes right through the windshield and struck the pilot. Fortunately, he had an instructor with him, and he took over control of the aircraft. So this is an...

KING: At this point, it could be anything?

CLARKE: That's right.

KING: Could have been a fire?

CLARKE: That's another possibility.

KING: Engine failure?

CLARKE: Not likely, and the reason I say that is an engine failure is going to -- you could lose power, but the aircraft will continue to glide. You can glide the airplane at 500 to a 1,000 feet per minute, which is distinctly different from the profile that we're seeing on radar.

KING: Will we, in your opinion, Carl, find the answers, as you know that water and that search?

ROCHELLE: I think that, ultimately, the answers will be deciphered. It will -- as the National Transportation Safety Board works -- and I've covered a number of different accident investigations -- they will put the pieces that they can back together and make some judgment decisions based on what they know. And here's what we're looking at now, Larry: They are getting -- trying to obtain all of his pilot records, his training records. They are interviewing the people that he has flown with.

It's known that John Kennedy Jr. very often, when he considered the weather to be bad or was making a difficult flight, would get an instructor, hire an instructor to ride along with him. They'll be interviewing those people, trying to find out what kind of pilot he was: whether he was meticulous, whether he really was very careful when he flew the airplane. That is part of what they will be looking into: the training, the conditioning of that airplane and what possibly could have gone wrong.

Yes, I think at some point they will probably come up with an answer, but they're cautioning us not to go too far in trying to draw our own conclusions from what they see, because only part of the picture is out there right now.

KING: And we thank you very much, Carl.

Would you come back, Ned?

CLARKE: Certainly.

KING: I'd like to do a whole show on accident investigation, taking apart piece by piece and putting it together.

CLARKE: I would love to...

(CROSSTALK)

KING: That would be a fascinating hour. I think it would be great.

By the way, would you, if you had the power, ban single-engine planes?

CLARKE: Absolutely not.

KING: Not?

CLARKE: Not.

KING: Because you would think, if one engine goes,
you're dead?

CLARKE: Well, there's a raging controversy about that,
about two and one engine. And the flip side of that controversy is that if
a multi-engine pilot is not proficient, he will roll the airplane over on the
single engine and cause a more serious crash. And in fact, the fatal accident rate
for twin-engine airplanes is greater than single engine.

KING: Thank so much.

CLARKE: It's my pleasure.

KING: We're going to have you back.

And thank you as always, Carl.

Carl Rochelle and Ned Clarke.

When we come back, we're going to meet Father Michael
Moynihan. The father is the pastor at St. Michael's Church in
Greenwich, Connecticut. He spoke with the mother today of Carolyn and her sister.
Don't go away.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

ROBERT PEARCE, NTSB LEAD INVESTIGATOR: The descent
continued for about five minutes to 2,300 feet. When the
airplane was about 20 miles from the airport, the airplane started a turn
to the right and climbed back to 2,600 feet. It remained at that altitude for
about one minute on a southeasterly heading. Thirty seconds into the maneuver,
the airplane started a turn to the right and descended at a rapid rate of
descent. The rate of descent may have been greater than 5,000 feet per
minute.

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(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

KING: We're back. And our special guest in this portion
is Father Michael Moynihan. Father Moynihan is the pastor at St. Michael's

Church in

Greenwich, Connecticut.

That's Catholic?

REV. MICHAEL MOYNIHAN, ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH IN
GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT: Yes, it is.

the mother

KING: And Father Moynihan today spoke with Ann Freeman,
of Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and Lauren Bessette.

right?

She has a different last name because she remarried,

MOYNIHAN: Yes.

KING: What were -- they're not in your...

many people in
people that are

MOYNIHAN: No, they're not in the parish, but they're so
the community that are friends of theirs and so many
classmates of Carolyn and friends of Lauren that have
come to the church to
pray.

We had a very fine conversation today, and...

KING: You called her or she called you?

I -- I respect

appreciative of the response of
the community in Greenwich. The people have really
poured out their love
and their respect, because she lost two daughters and
that's a very, very
difficult thing.

of the hour

KING: We'll be talking to Reverend Graham at the bottom
about this.

But what do you say to a mother who's lost two
daughters? What do you
say? MOYNIHAN: It's interesting, Larry, I had an
experience a couple of
years ago which kind of helps me explain it. One of the
things I do is I am
also a chaplain at New York Maritime College. And one of
the cadets a few
years ago, who was Asian-American, died in an accident.
When Admiral
Miller and I went to the wake, he said to me, "Introduce
me to the parents,"
and I asked the sister of the young man who had died to
meet the parents,
and she's of the Buddhist faith, and she said: Our

parents can't come,
because they're not supposed to bury their children.
"Parents aren't
supposed to bury their children," she said. Well, that
certainly impacted on
me.
Unfortunately, it happens. And at a time like this, I
think there's no words
that can be said to simply make someone feel better, but
I think of three
things: I think of faith, I think of family and I think
of friends. And I think that
there has been a tremendous outpouring of those.
This family is a very spiritual family and a family that
trusts that their two
daughter, as well as John, are with God.
KING: Did you know the girls?
MOYNIHAN: No, I didn't. I didn't.
KING: Did you -- you knew of them, though, right?
MOYNIHAN: Yes.
KING: They were very well-known, and Greenwich is not a
big city, is it?
MOYNIHAN: No, and they were very well-respected.
And a few years ago when the wedding was happening, a
large number of
the press came to our school, to Greenwich Catholic
School -- which was
once St. Mary's High School -- where Carolyn had
graduated from,
because they wanted to find out some of her background.
KING: Lauren is a twin, right?
MOYNIHAN: Yes, she is. And her sister must feel a
terrible...
KING: What do you imagine she's going through?
MOYNIHAN: ... terrible, terrible loss.
KING: What did the mother -- the mother is very thankful
for the
community and -- how is the mother -- I don't want to
give away church and
parishioner or worshiper confidentiality. How is the
mother dealing with it, in
your opinion?
MOYNIHAN: I think -- first, I think she's devastated, as
any mother or
father would be. And I think that she believes that

there is a heaven. She believes in a life with God. And I think that while it's very, very difficult to trust that, that's something that I think so many of us, particularly those of us involved in religion, this is when our faith is put to the test. But we believe that this life is a preparation for another life.

It's not the timing any of us would choose, by all means, but it's still a faith in a resurrection, a faith -- however different religions explain it, it's a faith that God prepares us here for another life.

KING: A faith sometimes doubted?

MOYNIHAN: Sometimes. I -- of course, particularly because of the fact that three very promising young lives have ended, but we believe have also begun anew.

KING: As we go to break, here's the flag flying at half staff at the Kennedy compound at Hyannisport on this late Tuesday night -- late Tuesday, early evening.

We'll be back with more of the father after this.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

KING: We're back with Father Moynihan.

One of your parishioners is a -- was a friend of John's, right?

MOYNIHAN: There are several, but one in particular, who John was the best man at his wedding, and he was devastated. He's lost a friend.

And this is an agony that touches people who knew them personally, but also people who knew the three of them even at a distance.

KING: If, God forbid, a child of mine -- two children of mine were in an accident and someone else driving, I would have some feeling of anger toward the driver without -- before I know anything, because they weren't driving. Did you notice any of this in Mrs. Freeman?

MOYNIHAN: No, I didn't. I didn't notice...

KING: Would that be understandable?

MOYNIHAN: I think anger -- so often people, when confronted with a tragedy, particularly the death of someone young, they often want to blame God. I think God is often the target, but -- and while I think it's important to understand the role of God and God's master plan, God doesn't sit there...

KING: Kill people.

MOYNIHAN: No, he doesn't. He doesn't schedule accidents to happen.

That's why they call them accidents.

KING: All right, but there was no blame on her part toward John?

MOYNIHAN: No.

KING: You conducted a children's mass over the weekend; tell us about that.

MOYNIHAN: Well every Sunday there's a children's mass in our church, and several parents had called because our kids are very -- somewhat sophisticated. I wouldn't be surprised if some of them even read "The Times" in the morning. And they were asking their parents questions about this tragedy, and we felt it was important, within the context of our Catholic faith, to address it in church, and to ask for prayers. And one of the questions that a child asked was, Why does something like this happen? Which is a question which most of us ask.

KING: And is it answerable?

MOYNIHAN: I don't think it's answerable here. If I answered that, you'd probably call me God; you wouldn't call me Father.

I think that what has happened is what I tried to answer, and what has happened is that three people who came from God -- very talented people at the very beginning of their lives -- now have gone back to God. Not in anything we would have scheduled, not in any timing that certainly a family can understand, but that those people came from God in the beginning and now are back with God. But they were given gifts and talents, the three of them, that they multiplied during their lives here.

And one of the things that I said to the children was

that they could learn so much from the three of these people. These three, I think, are something that -- one of the reasons America is hurting, I think, right now is because three rather significant young stars have been squelched.

KING: Gone.

MOYNIHAN: Yes.

KING: Did Mrs. Freeman know you'd be here tonight?

MOYNIHAN: No, she didn't.

KING: Do you know what you can tell us other than what you've told us that she said?

MOYNIHAN: Just that the family is grateful for the outpouring of sympathy and love. I think that also in the Greenwich community, people have been very good about respecting the privacy of the family, and...

KING: I notice the police have blocked off their street, right?

MOYNIHAN: Right.

KING: You can't go down -- it's trespassing to go down the street, right?

MOYNIHAN: Well, I didn't realize that, but we've tried to encourage people to come to the church instead. And just like the little shrine by the apartment in TriBeCa, people have been bringing flowers and notes. People have been calling all across the country wanting to send notes of sympathy, so we've asked them, Send them to the church and we'll be sure the family gets them.

KING: And finally, has the press descended on Greenwich?

MOYNIHAN: Oh the press has, but you know what's interesting? I was quite impressed Sunday -- we let the press come into church, and there were people who asked, even though they were covering this story, they wanted to participate in mass, and they were Catholic, and wanted to know if they'd be able to receive communion. And there was one young man -- I said, Absolutely; just take your hat off before you come into the church.

are with God
KING: Do you believe that John and Carolyn and Lauren
now?

MOYNIHAN: I do. I real...

KING: Firmly believe that.

MOYNIHAN: I believe that this life is a preparation for
the next life. Larry,
it's not something that anyone would plan. And I think,
again, that's one of
the reasons it's a tragedy.

KING: Thank you, Father. Father Michael Moynihan, St.
Michael's Church,
Greenwich. He mentioned what was happening in TriBeCa.
We'll check
right there with Gary Tuchman after this break. And
there's the picture of --
the scene goes on at the apartment of John F. Kennedy
and Carolyn
Kennedy in New York's TriBeCa section. We'll check in
with Gary
Tuchman, and then Billy Graham. Don't go away.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

KING: Welcome back to LARRY KING LIVE.

We learned of this tragedy starting Saturday morning. It
is now Tuesday
night. Gary Tuchman is on hand at the -- in front of the
TriBeCa Manhattan
apartment that was John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s. It still goes
on, Gary.

GARY TUCHMAN, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Well, Larry, to be
New York City has
perfectly blunt about it, 20 North Moore (ph) Street in
Manhattan tourist site.
now become, over the last couple of days, a major
Hundreds of people here at any given time. The peak was
this afternoon, but
right now it's almost as crowded as it's been at any
time over the last four
days. Police are moving people on; they don't want
anyone to stop because
there've been some traffic problems. They're afraid some
people will get hit
by the cars on this small street, and in a typical New
York style, the police
officers are telling the people who come here -- they're
saying, Say your
prayer and move on.

KING: Gary, why -- when you talk to them, why are they
there? What are
they getting out of this?

should say, I've
Asia, from South
here today are
a lot of them come
coming down their face,
situation, and frankly a lot of
driving right behind
the road and snapping
pictures. So it is a variety of reasons.

TUCHMAN: A variety of reasons, Larry. First of all, we
seen people today from Australia, from Europe, from
America and even Brooklyn. And these people who come
here for a variety of reasons: they're here for closure,
very solemn and leave with their eyes red and tears
and they feel this will help them cope with the
people come here for curiosity reasons. We see people
us with cameras in their cars, and they're stopping on
pictures. So it is a variety of reasons.

isn't it? It's the
neighborhood of Robert de Niro and the like, correct?

KING: And that is also a very famous, now, neighborhood,

trendy
unpretentious
especially tourists
35th president of the
warehouse at one
simple-looking building.

TUCHMAN: It's a very famous neighborhood, and a very
neighborhood. But we should say it's also a very
neighborhood, and it surprises a lot of people,
here, to see that John F. Kennedy Jr., the son of the
United States, lives in a building that may have been a
time. He lived in the penthouse, but it's a very
simple-looking building.

KING: No doorman or anything.

not the Upper
neighborhood that is a
simple neighborhood.

TUCHMAN: This is not a doorman building, Larry. This is
East Side of Manhattan on Park Avenue. This is a
very popular neighborhood, but a very -- relatively

going.

KING: The policemen make the people walk by and keep

there and they
to count the flowers
-- flowers, on
-- with the notes.

TUCHMAN: Larry, earlier today people were just standing
were reading the cards, and I have to tell you we tried
before and you can't because there are piles of flowers
flowers, on flowers. You can't even count them any more
And police are saying, Say your prayers; move on. It's a
little gruff sounding,
but police say they have to do that for safety reasons.

KING: And Gary, finally, as a journalist are, you

surprised at this?

TUCHMAN: No, I'm not surprised at this. And I'll tell you one thing that's very interesting, Larry: a block and a half from where I'm standing is the home of Lauren Bessette, the sister of Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, who was killed. And in front of her home too there are some flowers and some candles -- people are paying a small vigil there also.

KING: Thank you, Gary. Gary Tuchman on the scene in TriBeCa in Manhattan.

Billy Graham is next, but back in April Maria Shriver was on this program. She is the daughter of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, and she had some telling comments about growing up with tragedy. (BEGIN VIDEO CLIP, APRIL 30, 1999)

MARIA SHRIVER, DAUGHTER OF EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER:
When I think of my childhood, I think of death.

KING: Yes, death was in your childhood, pervasive in your childhood.

SHRIVER: And I thing violent death -- absolutely. And shocking and always wondering how to, kind of, understand about it.

KING: How'd you deal with it?

SHRIVER: So I grew up with the kind of fear of death, I grew up with death being a mystery and being very scared of death. And I've had a struggle to try to, kind of, make it not overtake me.

KING: How'd you get through it?

SHRIVER: Just kind of talking to myself. I still haven't gotten through it. Writing this book was a help. And I certainly wanted our children not to have that, so I've been making a big effort to talk to them -- not all the time, but whenever they had questions, so that they felt comfortable coming to me about that and comfortable coming to me about anything.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

KING: Tomorrow night on LARRY KING LIVE, we'll get a unique

historian Michael perspective on all of this with CBS's Bob Schieffer, Beschloss and CNN's Jeff Greenfield. That's all tomorrow night.

Reverend Billy Right now, we'll spend the rest of this program with the Graham. He comes to us from our studios in Jacksonville, Florida. He was interviewed by John Kennedy Jr. for an issue of "George."

How well did you know young John, Billy?

well. I REVEREND BILLY GRAHAM: Well, I got to know him fairly crossed paths with him on several occasions, including the "Time" magazine gala in New York and places like that. And he and his wife postponed coming home from their honeymoon about two days in order to come and see me in New York. They spent about an hour and a half to two hours in my room at the hotel. And the paparazzi people were after him at that time very strongly, and he had been more or less trying to shield his wife from it. I think it was new to her.

good chip off the KING: You knew his father very well. Was this a very old block?

every way, GRAHAM: Yes. I think that I was impressed with him in everything I've read and heard about him since then. He was coming to my home. He wanted to come -- he asked if he and his wife could come and spend the weekend with us. And I said, "Of course you can." And I have found out from some of his people that know him very well that he was really a searching Christian. He was searching for something more in life than he already had.

But he wanted more. And it seems to us, you know, that he had everything.

And I think that he really wanted Christ to come and take over his life.

KING: You must have seen him as baby, didn't you, Billy?

feeding him, and GRAHAM: Yes, I saw him as a baby when his mother was we were going out to play golf, and we stopped by. And that was the first time that I'd ever met Jackie, but I met the president,

Kennedy, several times
before.

But his father is the one -- Joe Kennedy is the one that
wanted me to come
down there because there had been a religious issue in
the election between
Catholic and Protestant. And he thought that I could
help the president
adjust to a new situation.

KING: All right, Billy, I assumed you heard Father
Moynihan, the Catholic
priest who spoke...

GRAHAM: Yes, I thought he was wonderful.

KING: What -- what do you say to -- well, you're kind of
America's voice
to the heavens in a sense. What do you say to family in
a case like this? And
then what do you say to America? What do you say to
parents who've lost a
child? How can you possibly deal with that?

GRAHAM: I would say that God loves you. God has a plan
in your life. No
accidents happen to a true believer, that this was in
somehow the plan of
God, but we cannot understand it. And to try to analyze
it as to why, it's
impossible.

We have to say by faith that God had a plan, and I
believe he did have a
plan. And there's a passage of scripture that John
Kennedy Jr. read at his
mother's funeral that was read by Cardinal Cushing (ph)
at his father's
funeral. I was there as a guest of the family at St.
Matthew's in Washington
for that funeral. And here was the passage, if I may
read it.

KING: Sure.

GRAHAM: It says: "For the Lord himself will come down
from heaven with
a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with
the trumpet call of
God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. After that,
we who are live and
are left will be caught up together with them in the
clouds to meet the Lord in
the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

And then he says: "Encourage one another with these
thoughts."

And that was what John Kennedy Jr. read at his mother's

funeral.

KING: What do you say to the public, not the direct family, the public which is taking this loss terribly?

GRAHAM: Yes. It has shocked us all. When I first heard it, it shocked me because I thought of him, you know, he was more handsome than I think any man I ever knew, and he was strong physically, and he was so kind to everybody. And I have talked to people who worked for him at "George" magazine, and they've told me that what a kind and considerate person he was. He always had time for everybody. He signed their autographs if they wanted it. And he was -- he just was a remarkable young man.

KING: But you don't question -- and I remember your telling us, when I asked you if you fear death, you said you did not fear death at all, but you do fear a method of dying, like you would not want to die in a plane crash.

GRAHAM: Well, I don't think I ever said I didn't want to die in a plane crash, because that would be a marvelous way to go except for the other people that were on the plane, because I have to think of them. And I think that...

KING: But you didn't want to go in pain, you said. You didn't want to go...

GRAHAM: In other words, I didn't want to have a long period of dying with cancer or something like that. But I have no control over that. That's in God's hands and that's by faith. And that's where faith comes in. And we have to have faith that there was a reason that that happened the other day.

KING: You told John Jr. about the last time you were with his father. And we understand he was really intently interested in that. What happened?

GRAHAM: Well, the last time that I was with his father was -- I spoke at all the presidential prayer breakfasts when he was the president. He's reportedly said that Billy Graham is the only Protestant I feel comfortable with.

(LAUGHTER)

And so I spoke at all of them. And so at the end of the breakfast, he and I would walk out together to his limousine. And we went out -- I had flu. And it was in the -- February. And I said -- he said to me -- he said: "Can you ride back to the White House with me? I want to talk to you about something."

And I said, "Mr. President, I'd like to postpone that if possible because I have flu and I don't want to give to it you." And I had a fever. And he sort of thought a minute, and he turned and said goodbye and got in his car. But I have often wondered, what did he want to talk to me about? And I have been haunted by that, because I know that he wanted to talk to me about something religious, because the first time I was over with him, I played golf with him in Palm Beach at his father's place. And he stopped the car -- he had driven to the Seminole Golf Club in Palm Beach, and we had played golf. And on the way back, he stopped car and he suddenly turned to me and he said, "Billy," he said, "I want to ask you a question." He said, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth again?"

And I said: "Yes, I do. I believe the Bible teaches that."

He said, "Does my church believe that?"

I said, "Yes, it's in their creeds."

He said, "Well, why don't I hear more about it?"

I said: "I don't know. I wish that we all could look forward to that day when Christ is going to come back and he's going to rule in peace and all the suffering and pain of this world will be finished."

KING: We'll be right back with more of Dr. Reverend Billy Graham on this edition of LARRY KING LIVE after this.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

KING: In 1995, John Kennedy Jr.'s older sister, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, was a guest on this program. We talked

about the difficulty
finding privacy in such a public life.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP, NOVEMBER 28, 1995)

CAROLINE KENNEDY SCHLOSSBERG: Well, I have it, you know,
more than you would think. And there's lots of different
types of privacy. So
although I grew up in the public eye and a lot of my
life is certainly very
well-known to many people, there are many more parts of
it that are private.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: Billy, in that area, do you think we're entitled
to more privacy than
we get?

GRAHAM: Yes. About two or three weeks ago, I spent the
evening with
the Shrivvers, Sarg and Eunice, because she was the
founder of the Special
Olympics, for retarded children or physically
handicapped children, and they
invited me to come and to speak at that and to lead a
prayer, and I did. And
I sat with Eunice all evening, and we talked for about,
I suppose, three or
four hours, and not dreaming what was just about to
happen. And I had
been with them in Paris when he was the ambassador, and
they had a strong
faith in God, and I think that was instilled from his
mother, Mrs. Rose
Kennedy.

KING: But these people have no privacy. They're followed
everywhere they
go, the paparazzi, the pictures, the magazines. Does
that irk you?

GRAHAM: It hurts me a great deal, because I had just a
little bit of it in
certain parts of the world, and it's a terrible thing to
try to hide all the time or
try to have someone with you all the time.

KING: Yes. I want to clarify something you said and see
if the -- Father
Moynihan said that this was an accident. It was not part
of God's plan.
That's why they call it an accident. You said it was
part of God's plan. Can
you separate the different thoughts to me?

GRAHAM: Well, I think Father Moynihan impressed me
tremendously as a
type of man that I could confide in. And I think the
Bessette family is very

fortunate to have him as their minister at this particular time. But I think that everything in our lives as believers is -- is in God's plans, in God's providence.

I think there's an exact moment already set aside by God when I'm to die or when I'm to go, and I go to heaven, and I'm looking forward to that.

KING: So you think God wanted John F. Kennedy Jr. Friday night?

GRAHAM: I think he allowed it. I don't say that he planned it, ordained it, but he allowed it. And he might have ordained it and planned it for just at this moment, because you see we can't figure it out. We have to take it all by faith. I cannot go beyond faith.

KING: Our guest is Reverend Billy Graham, as we go to break. He mentioned that prayer breakfast, the last time he saw John Kennedy at the prayer breakfast in 1963. Here's a sound bite of Billy speaking at that breakfast.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP, NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST, 1963)

GRAHAM: Let us as a people and as leaders this day rededicate ourselves to the moral and spiritual principles that have undergirded this nation from the beginning. I challenge you here today, and the governors prayer breakfast that are watching by television, to lead this nation back to the God of our fathers and trust him for our deliverance and our salvation.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

KING: We're back with Reverend Billy Graham. Let's take a call for Billy Graham. And by the way, we ask the caller to please speak up because Billy, as he ages, has some little hearing problem. If Billy doesn't hear the question, I'll repeat it.

Norfolk, Massachusetts, hello.

CALLER: Hi.

KING: Hi.

CALLER: Hi, Larry.

KING: Hi.

CALLER: And also for Mr. Graham, Reverend Graham. You know, I lost my mother about 10 weeks ago and she was 76. And it's so very hard to say goodbye to anyone. But you know, how do I say goodbye to someone that I so wanted to watch grow old, where my mother had the chance to do it? And I am of John's generation, his age. I'm just a couple of years older than him.

This whole weekend has been awfully, awfully hard. And how do I grieve? I'm not able to be in New York to give flowers or -- candles...

KING: That's a very good question. How does she grieve, Billy?

GRAHAM: I think we grieve by surrendering totally to the Lord in all of our thinking and read the Bible -- every day, if you possibly can. And go to the Gospel of John or one of those other -- the Book of Isaiah in the Old Testament, and you find so many things that will encourage you. And there are many devotional books that you can get. I wrote a book on death, and even I read my own book and find hope.

KING: What is it -- what is it -- what would that do for her? Supposing she got that book, your book, or read from the Bible: What does it do for you?

GRAHAM: Because I have whole chapters on that subject of how we handle grief, how we handle death, how we face death, what steps we should take in our personal lives, and if we lose our -- our loved one and so forth. And I think she would find a great deal of help in that. And there are many other books too.

KING: But you know, young people are not supposed to die, Billy.

GRAHAM: Well, they're...

KING: Not -- it's just against nature.

GRAHAM: Well, you know, people didn't live beyond youth

much a few
centuries ago. Now, they -- you know, when Lord Byron
died, he was --
what? -- 36 or 26. And Alexander the Great died in his
20s, and yet he had
conquered a great deal of the known world at that time.
And we have
extended life through our medical research and through
medical knowledge.
That's the reason I am here in Jacksonville, because I
am going to the Mayo
Clinic, and I'm taking tests for different things.

KING: How are you doing, by the way?

GRAHAM: Fine. I'm going to -- I think they're going to
give me the best
report I've ever had.

KING: You look great.

We'll be back with our remaining moments with Billy
Graham.

As we go break, once again, the scene late at night in
Manhattan, in front of
John and Carolyn's apartment in the TriBeCa area, as
crowds continue to
gather -- and as Gary Tuchman told us earlier -- from
Brooklyn and
Australia.

We'll be right back.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK) KING: We're back with our remaining
moments with Billy Graham. How do you explain, Billy, to
yourself the
Kennedy family, this incredible family which has given
and been hurt so
much? How do you explain it?

GRAHAM: I don't explain it. There again, I have to go by
faith and say
that's in God's hands, but they are a remarkable family,
I think everybody
has to admit that.

Then I remember when Mr. Joe Kennedy invited me to
Florida to meet his
son who had just been elected president, I was a little
bit concerned about it
because I was a close friend of Richard Nixon, and I
called Mr. Nixon on
the phone, and I said, "Dick," I said, "I've been
invited to go down and see
Mr. Kennedy, who just defeated you in election." I said,
"Would you feel
badly about it?" "No," he said, "I think you should." He
said, "I intend go if
I'm invited." And I feel that way about the Kennedys,

that they were a
remarkable family.

And I think Joseph Kennedy in the beginning helped make
a plan for his family. Right or wrong, there are a lot of people who
think he was a bad man. There are others who think he was a good man. I
don't know him that well. I never knew him that well.

But I know that John Kennedy, the -- John Kennedy Sr.
had a faith in God,
perhaps not as strong as his son. I think JFK Jr. had a
strong faith and I think Carolyn had a strong faith.

KING: That's new to us. Did he talk to you a lot about
that, his faith?

GRAHAM: Oh, yes.

KING: Because he never discussed it much publicly.

GRAHAM: No, he didn't. But he did. And he was coming to
our home.
And I have talked to some staff members at the magazine
who knew him very well, And they said that he was very interested.
One of them said that
he was a searching Christian, and I think that that's a
very interesting thing.

KING: Why do you think God has taken so much from the
Kennedys?

GRAHAM: Well, he gave so much to them. And if you had
taken any family in America and followed them that long and had that much
coverage in the press and the media, you might have found similar
things, but it's because
they were -- he was the president, and his -- he and his
brother, Robert,
were both assassinated, and those were spectacular,
terrible things. I
remember both of them just like it was yesterday. And
it's marked in my conscience forever, especially when John F. Kennedy was
killed and when Robert Kennedy was killed.

I remember the maid that works in our home called me and
said, "Are you watching television?" I said "No." She said, "Well
something terrible has
happened at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. Robert
Kennedy has
been shot." I couldn't believe it, and then I was
invited to attend the funeral,

and... both of them, by the family, and I went to the funerals,

KING: How many funerals have you gone to, Billy?

GRAHAM: Oh, hundreds I suppose.

KING: You ever get used to that?

been a GRAHAM: I am an old man. I've had the opportunity. I've
clergyman for nearly 60 years.

goodbye? KING: I know. But do you ever get used to having to say

person and is GRAHAM: If I know that that person has been a real good
close to God, I think I rejoice with them, because I
know they're in Heaven.

evidence of faith, If a person has been a very bad person and has shown no
I think I would have an extra tear for that person.

KING: So you rejoice in the death of a good person?

GRAHAM: Right.

and spent the KING: And by the way, Richard Nixon did go to Palm Beach
day with John F. Kennedy about a week after you went?

GRAHAM: That's right.

KING: I remember that very well.

GRAHAM: Yes.

good health. Be KING: I thank you very much, Billy. I wish you continued
with us a long time.

GRAHAM: Thank you very much, Larry.

KING: The Reverend Billy Graham.

And we thank our guests earlier as well.

show, put a Program reminder: Tomorrow night, we've got a great
wonderful perspective on this, with Bob Schieffer of CBS News; the
presidencies; and historian Michael Beschloss, who has studied the
Jeff Greenfield, our own CNN political analyst.

from Thanks for joining us on this edition of LARRY KING LIVE
Washington.

For our staff here, and for our staffs at CNN all around
the world, stay with
us; good night.

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