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WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH PETER JENNINGS
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PETER JENNINGS, ABC News: (voice-over) On World News Tonight this Tuesday -- why it's so difficult to find John F. Kennedy's plane. Who is going to win the political fight about cutting taxes, and how much do the voters care? In Yugoslavia, what looks like an environmental disaster caused by NATO's bombing. Thirty years ago today, one giant leap for mankind. And nothing like it since. We'll take ``A Closer Look'' at what the engineers say is possible.

ANNOUNCER: From ABC News world headquarters in New York, this is World News Tonight with Peter Jennings.

PETER JENNINGS: Good evening. It's rather difficult to tell this evening whether the Coast Guard and the Navy are making any serious progress in their search for John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s plane. The Coast Guard and the National Transportation Safety Board are very cautious in their reporting this evening. They warned at the outset that it might be slow going.

We're going to go first to ABC's Lisa Stark, who is in Massachusetts. Lisa, I think some members of the public are frustrated at the pace. Are the investigators frustrated?

LISA STARK, ABC News: Well, Peter, these are professionals, and they know how tough it can be to find wreckage like this. Even though they have a fairly defined search area, this is a very small plane, and it's a very large ocean. So they will keep at this as long as necessary, weeks if need be.

(voice-over) Searchers believe they now have a much more accurate picture of where the wreckage may be, based on additional analysis of radar data. Still, they have not yet recovered any underwater pieces of wreckage despite numerous dives today by both the Navy and state police.

They still believe there are two very promising locations, and divers will continue as long as possible this evening to go down and take a look. But divers are operating under very tough conditions.

SEARCH OFFICIAL: What they're facing essentially on the bottom is a water temperature of around 52 degrees. The visibility is less than eight feet. And there is a significant current that they're fighting against.

LISA STARK: (voice-over) Most of the wreckage recovered in the first three days of searching was found in the surf or on shore near the current search area. Part of it on Philbin Beach on the southwestern part of the island, and just to the south, a source confirms that the plane's registration's papers washed ashore on Saturday on property owned by John Kennedy, Jr. and his sister.

Last Friday's fatal flight was apparently the second plane trip that week for JFK, Jr. He reportedly took his Piper Saratoga to Toronto for business on Monday.

Kennedy was on crutches with a broken ankle in a cast. So when he flew to Canada, he took a flight instructor with him as a precaution. By Friday, the cast was off, and Kennedy decided to fly the plane by himself.

(on camera) Now, we have more details tonight also based on more analysis of radar data about the fatal plunge to the water, which investigators say now occurred at about 5,000 feet per minute.

Just before that dive, Kennedy descended to about 2,300 feet. He then apparently began a turn to the right and went back up slightly. Then he began another turn to the right and that is when the dive began, a rapid dive.

The lead investigator, Robert Pearce, was asked whether this was the sign of a confused pilot. He said he could not venture an opinion, but he did say at that point the plane was no longer heading toward Martha's Vineyard. Peter?

PETER JENNINGS: Thanks, Lisa. Lisa Stark in Massachusetts. Very careful investigators in every case tonight.

What It Means To Use Sonar

PETER JENNINGS: The search of wreckage or the search for wreckage on the ocean floor is a painstaking process, as Lisa makes clear. The key is sonar. ABC's Bill Blakemore tonight on what that really means.

BILL BLAKEMORE, ABC News: (voice-over) Most of the ocean floor in the search area off Martha's Vineyard is only 80 feet to 105 feet down. But it is littered with objects, everything from old shipwrecks to boulders. To help distinguish these objects from the wreckage, the searchers are using two kinds of sonar.

The first is transmitted from surface ships. This gives a general view, but not much detail. It's for closer looks that they use the side-scanning sonar, which sends signals from a pod towed underwater, closer to the sea floor. But side-scan sonar images are still hard to make out.

BARRIE WALDEN, Woods Hole Underwater Technology: They are definitely not at all like visual imagery. At 20 to 30 targets a minute, there's going to be an awful lot of work going into identifying possibilities.

BILL BLAKEMORE: (voice-over) Wreckage in pieces, spread out in a debris field, makes identification even harder.

(on camera) Ironically, the fact that the search area is in relatively shallow water makes it more difficult to find objects on the sea floor.

(voice-over) Since the sonar from the surface ships looks down through an angle of about 90 degrees, the closer to the bottom, the less it can see, like a flashlight shining on a wall.

BARRIE WALDEN: The closer you are, the smaller the spot that the flashlight is illuminating. That's exactly the situation you have with sonar in the water.

BILL BLAKEMORE: (voice-over) There is one advantage to the relatively shallow water. When they do find objects of interest, scuba divers can get to them quickly to check them out, even though there may still be difficulty when the underwater visibility is limited. Bill Blakemore, ABC News, Hyannis, Massachusetts.

PETER JENNINGS: The Kennedy family is trying as best as it can to have some privacy. It isn't easy.

(voice-over) On New York's Long Island, Caroline Kennedy and her husband knew that even a short bike ride would be recorded. But it isn't easy to be cooped up under any circumstances.

(on camera) In a moment, we'll go onto the other news.

(voice-over) .when trade is a vigorous two-way street. Looking to the north and to the south. And the rocket scientists with the grand ideas, if only they had the money.

(Commercial Break)

Winning The Political Fight Over Tax Cuts

PETER JENNINGS: On Capitol Hill today, Republican leaders are trying to

decide whether they have as popular a political issue in cutting taxes as they like to think they have. The conventional wisdom has always been that supporting tax cuts is a no-lose proposition. But ABC's Linda Douglass reports this time that may not be the case.

LINDA DOUGLASS, ABC News: (voice-over) Republicans have always believed that cutting taxes is their issue. And so it is again this year.

Rep. JOHN KASICH, Chairman, Budget Committee: We are going to cut taxes by the most amount of taxes that have been cut in modern history.

LINDA DOUGLASS: (voice-over) The push for a tax cut does not come from the state of the economy.

BRUCE STEINBERG, Merrill Lynch Chief Economist: The last thing, of course, an economy that's already very strong needs is a tax cut.

LINDA DOUGLASS: (voice-over) Bruce Steinberg and other economists worry that tax cuts will give consumers more money to spend, which might lead to higher inflation and prompt the Federal Reserve Board to raise interest rates.

BRUCE STEINBERG: And the economy would end up slowing down more than it probably needed to slow down.

LINDA DOUGLASS: And though voters think taxes are too high, they are not clamoring for a tax cut. Numerous polls show tax cuts rank low on their list of priorities, behind education, Medicare and Social Security.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: I think there's no better time than the present to start solving those problems with a surplus rather than a tax cut.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: I think there needs to be some Social Security left for the youth of America for when they retire.

LINDA DOUGLASS: (voice-over) But Republicans not only believe tax cuts are the defining issue of their party, they also see taxes as the one issue President Clinton has not yet commandeered.

MARSHALL WITTMANN, The Heritage Foundation: Republicans believe that if they offer a significant tax cut, ultimately the President will not be able to steal that issue because his main priorities are spending initiatives.

LINDA DOUGLASS: (on camera) But now the President is also calling for a tax cut. So tomorrow, the House may consider a Republican proposal to cut taxes by \$800 billion over 10 years and possibly a Democratic alternative to cut taxes by less than half that. So voters may well get a tax cut whether they want one or not. Linda Douglass, ABC News, Capitol Hill.

Another Record Trade Deficit

PETER JENNINGS: ``On The Money'' tonight -- another record for the trade deficit. In the month of May, the United States bought \$21 billion more.

(voice-over) .in product than it sold in product to the rest of the world. That's up nearly 15 percent from April.

(on camera) That is a very large trade deficit, and a growing share of it is across the country's northern and southern borders. Here's ABC's Betsy Stark.

BETSY STARK, ABC News: (voice-over) Whether it's lumber, oil or automobiles, so much of what is produced in Canada is now sold in the USA that the U.S. trade deficit with Canada now ranks behind only China and Japan.

It's the same south of the border. From T-shirts to televisions, more than 85 percent of what's made in Mexico is bought by Americans. At this rate, analysts estimate the U.S. trade deficit with Canada and Mexico could reach a record \$50 billion this year.

(on camera) But while the prospect of the U.S. buying more than it sells alarms policymakers when it comes to China or Japan, not so when it comes to Mexico and Canada.

(voice-over) That's because trade across these borders is much more a

two-way street, particularly since a free-trade zone was created in 1994. The U.S., for example, buys a lot of Levi's jeans from Mexico, but it sells Mexico the cotton used to make the jeans.

The U.S. buys cars from Canada, but it sells Canada the auto parts to make them. This arrangement has produced over half a trillion dollars in two-way trade with Canada and Mexico, which is not the case with China.

CATHERINE MANN, Institute for International Economy: Our trade with China is very much one-way. We sell, in fact, very little to China -- about \$5 billion per month. On the other hand, we import quite a bit from China, about \$25 billion per month.

BETSY STARK: (voice-over) Right now, the U.S. is importing more from just about everyone. And as long as American consumers have more money to spend than anyone else in the world, these trade gaps are likely to continue. Betsy Stark, ABC News, New York.

PETER JENNINGS: Still 'On The Money,' many investors on Wall Street were selling stocks to lock in their profits today.

(voice-over) The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped more than 191 points to close at 10,996. On the NASDAQ, there was also a lot of profit taking and some worries about slower growth at the big technology companies. Stocks there were down a fraction over 98 points.

Graphics: Dow Jones 15-day Trend

Change: Down 191.55

Close: 10,996.13

Volume: 752,023,890

NASDAQ 15-day Trend

Change: Down 98.11

Close: 2832.18

Volume: 1,017,639,653

(voice-over) Here's an interesting example of the tight job market, a shortage of priests, ministers and rabbis. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that over the next six years, there will be an average of 7,000 job openings a year for clergy of all denominations.

The world's highest oil field has been found in Tibet, more than 15,000 feet above sea level. The Chinese government, which has occupied Tibet for the past 40 years, says the field is commercially viable and could hold as much as a billion barrels of oil.

(on camera) In the mountains of southern France today, the American cyclist.

(voice-over) Lance Armstrong lost more than a minute of his lead in the Tour de France. Today, it was a grueling climb in the Pyrenees Mountains, and Armstrong finished fourth. He still leads in the overall standings by more than six minutes.

(on camera) In a moment, the toxic aftermath of a NATO attack in Yugoslavia.

(Commercial Break)

In Yugoslavia, The War'S Poisonous Legacy

PETER JENNINGS: In Yugoslavia, the war's poisonous legacy.

(voice-over) United Nations experts are now in Yugoslavia to assess the environmental damage caused by 11 weeks of NATO bombing. The U.N. team began in the city of Pancevo today, taking soil samples for analysis. Locals call Pancevo the most toxic place in the country. ABC's Bill Redeker is there.

(Church bells ringing)

BILL REDEKER, ABC News: (voice-over) The city does not appear that badly damaged. But NATO's attack on Pancevo, recorded by a local television station, ripped apart an oil refinery, a petro chemical plant, a fertilizer factory. And it released a huge cloud of cancer-causing vinyl chloride so dense that it blocked the sun for a day. The effects may be

felt for years.

SLOBODAN KRASULJA, Plant Manager: Direct damage.

BILL REDEKER: (voice-over) Today, one of the managers of the complex said the attack also caused hundreds of tons of fuel oil and mercury to leak from storage tanks into the Danube River.

SLOBODAN KRASULJA: This discharge channel is a direct connection with the River Danube. And this is the way the Danube was directly polluted from here.

BILL REDEKER: (voice-over) Toxic pollution on the Danube could damage other parts of Yugoslavia as well as Romania and Bulgaria downstream. Examples of what people there may face -- Eva Beracka (ph) says one of her sons, who suffers from asthma, now has daily attacks. Her other son complains of stomach cramps. The longer-term problems, according to scientists here and outside Yugoslavia, are likely to be much more serious.

SCIENTIST: We can expect the various malignant diseases, especially the breast cancer, lung cancer, some skin cancer.

BILL REDEKER: (on camera) In fact, no one here really knows just how contaminated their air, water and soil has become because, until now, there has been no independent assessment of the environmental damage that was created here.

(voice-over) For now, only anecdotal accounts of painful blisters, headaches, stomach aches, and what visitors first notice here -- the heavy smell of chemicals that still hangs over the area. Bill Redeker, ABC News, Pancevo, Yugoslavia.

PETER JENNINGS: Some signs of progress in Yugoslavia. Today, the government reopened the first bridge.

(voice-over) .to be repaired since the NATO campaign ended. They worked very hard at it, but an enormous construction job remains. Forty-eight more bridges to go.

(on camera) Health news today -- a new contraceptive patch is in the final stages of testing. Johnson & Johnson says it works for women very much like the nicotine patch works. The drug to prevent pregnancy is absorbed through the skin. The company plans to file for approval early next year.

(voice-over) In Los Angeles today, Kathleen Soliah, the former member of the Symbionese Liberation Army who was captured last month after 25 years on the run, has been released on \$1 million bail. Friends put up the money. She'll be allowed to return to Minnesota, where authorities will keep tabs on her through an electronic monitoring system.

(on camera) At the Kennedy Space Center today, engineers are trying to determine why.

(voice-over) .a computer malfunctioned, causing them to abort the launch of the Space Shuttle Columbia last night in just over seven seconds before take off. It says six. It was just more than seven. The computer detected a potentially dangerous build-up of hydrogen in the Shuttle's engine compartment.

(on camera) Technicians are now preparing the Shuttle for launch on Thursday.

In a moment, by the way, why are astronauts still going to space the old-fashioned way? We'll take ``A Closer Look.''

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A Closer Look

PETER JENNINGS: Well, it's a big anniversary in the American space program. As you may know, 30 years ago today, Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the Moon.

(voice-over) Today, Mr. Armstrong and fellow astronauts Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin were given an achievement award from the Smithsonian

Institution in Washington. Vice President, in fact. They all looked great.

(on camera) Consider this, three decades after the Apollo 11 triumph, NASA is still launching astronauts into space the way they have for years. Not a question of know-how. ABC's Ned Potter takes ``A Closer Look'' tonight at the way we go into space, then and now.

NED POTTER, ABC News: (voice-over) The Moon was a giant leap for mankind.

CONTROLLERS: Ten, nine -- liftoff, and the clock is started. We have ignition sequence start.

Pres. JOHN F. KENNEDY: We choose to go to the Moon.

LAUNCH CONTROLLER:...three, two, one, zero.

NED POTTER: (on camera) In those heady days, the mandate was to try something, try anything. If it worked, great. If it failed, try something else. Just reach the goal, and then, they hoped, move on.

(voice-over) But we haven't moved on and Homer Hickam, long-time NASA engineer now turned writer, says if we want to, we'll need rockets far more advanced than what we have now.

HOMER HICKAM, Jr., Author, ``October Sky': The big, bad rockets that I'm talking about building use such energy sources as fission or fusion or even antimatter, and I know that that sounds like ``Star Trek'' and ``Star Wars'' and all that kind of thing, but it's real.

NED POTTER: (voice-over) In fact, at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, they're already at work on the next generation. Engineers here talk without flinching of robot ships that can go to the next star.

How to get enough power? Instead of burning fuel as rockets do now, how about nuclear fusion -- combining atoms in the same process that powered the hydrogen bomb.

GEORGE SCHMIDT, NASA: This type of technology would give you basically fuel efficiencies of about a factor of 100 better than that of chemical rocket technology, even better than that possibly.

NED POTTER: (voice-over) If that works, a ship could jet you from Earth to Mars in a matter of weeks. Today's probes must conserve their fuel so carefully that the trip takes almost a year.

Engineers dream of space planes propelled toward orbital speed by a long track of high-powered magnets. They even look to the Sun's rays. Perhaps the pressure of the photons in them can be harnessed to propel a craft through space.

GEORGE SCHMIDT: If you're willing to pay the price, you can practically do anything.

NED POTTER: (voice-over) But here's the reality. Since the days of Apollo, the NASA budget has been cut by almost two-thirds, and advanced rockets get only 3 percent of what remains.

HOMER HICKAM, Jr.: As long as you see us keep flying the Space Shuttle over and over again and building the International Space Station, you know that we're really not serious about conquering space.

NED POTTER: (voice-over) The Moon was a giant leap. There's been nothing like it since. Ned Potter, ABC News, Huntsville, Alabama.

PETER JENNINGS: Just one other item about space tonight. Speaking of the past, the Mercury capsule that carried astronaut Gus Grissom.

(voice-over) .into a suborbital flight 38 years ago has finally been pulled up from the Atlantic Ocean today, 300 miles south east of Cape Canaveral.

(on camera) It sank shortly after he landed in the ocean. Space enthusiasts have always wanted to know if the hatch blew too early because of mechanical fault, thereby sinking it, or if Mr. Grissom himself -- the late Gus Grissom, sad to say -- caused the problem.

We'll be back in just a moment with the photographer.

PETER JENNINGS: A final note this evening about a photographer. The country is divided about photographers this week. Grant you, it's pretty divided about the media in general.

But some of the country thinks that photographers are pushing so hard they're invading the Kennedys' privacy. Others are fascinated with the intimacies of life that a candid photograph reveals.

(voice-over) These pictures were taken by a photographer who pleased the Kennedys, even as he captured very intimate moments that would become part of history. They have stirred the emotions of two generations now.

President Kennedy and his young son taking a break in the Oval Office only a month before the President was killed in 1963. John, Jr. is almost 3 as he peeks at the camera from under his father's desk.

The magic of these Tretick pictures may help explain why the fascination with the Kennedys continues and is likely to continue. Here is the young president and his young son, frozen in time.

Stanley Tretick, who took the pictures, died yesterday. He was 77.

(on camera) That's our report on World News Tonight. On Nightline this evening -- 30 years later, the astronaut Buzz Aldrin reflects on the first lunar landing.

I'm Peter Jennings. See you tomorrow. Good night.

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ADM. RICHARD LARRABEE, U.S. COAST GUARD: We had identified 10 targets to date. We had eliminated one of those targets yesterday with the Massachusetts State Police dive team. Today that same team went in the water and eliminated three more of those targets. The Navy has been able to eliminate one of those targets also. So we have a couple of targets that are left to be investigated, and we have what we think to be a couple of targets that are of high interest that we're continuing to examine.

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TONY SNOW, HOST, SPECIAL REPORT: That was Rear Admiral Richard Larrabee of the U.S. Coast Guard, who said sonar is helping authorities readjust their search for John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s plane. Of course, that search is continuing.

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

Divers searched the waters off Martha's Vineyard for the wreckage of John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s plane, which experts say likely plunged into the ocean, killing Kennedy, his wife and her sister. From Martha's Vineyard, FOX NEWS correspondent Rick Leventhal has the latest.

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RICK LEVENTHAL, FOX NEWS (voice-over): Police and Coast Guard boats are maintaining a strict perimeter around the USS Grasp, a few miles southwest of Martha's Vineyard where Navy divers have been investigating potential targets of debris throughout the day. Flags dot the ocean waters above the areas where JFK, Jr.'s plane is suspected to have crashed Friday night. The NOAA ship Rude has identified at least 15 possible locations of wreckage, but it's an inexact science. The first hit turned out to be a large rock.

UNIDENTIFIED OFFICIAL: We had nothing yesterday.

(CROSSTALK)

LEVENTHAL (on camera): Any new distinct targets today?

UNIDENTIFIED OFFICIAL: Yeah, we have new targets.

LEVENTHAL (voice-over): The Massachusetts State Police dive team was also still on the job, checking the more shallow waters closer to shore near Squibnocket, where some evidence, including the plane's registration papers, washed ashore onto the private beach of the Kennedy estate.

Meanwhile, the FAA has confirmed that a Martha's Vineyard airport employee reported Kennedy's plane missing just 25 minutes after the crash, but a search wasn't initiated until a second call was made four hours later by a Kennedy family friend. The time delay might not have made a difference, though, since no one on board the plane is believed to have survived the impact of the crash. And the search for victims and wreckage continues.

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Now, the Coast Guard and the NTSB say the Rude and other ships will continue to search for possible locations of debris and wreckage on the

ocean floor around the clock, 24 hours a day. And while they say that this is a very difficult and time-consuming process, they do believe they are making progress. They have eliminated a number of potential sites, and they have identified two new sites that they say are of very high interest to them, and they are continuing to investigate those sites as we speak.

Tony?

SNOW: Rick, also in the briefing, I guess the NTSB says that it was a sharp right turn that may have precipitated this. Possible pilot error?

LEVENTHAL: Well, you know, we can speculate as to pilot error or mechanical failure, but one of the things they have told us is that once they recover the main pieces of the wreckage of that plane, if they ever do, then, in fact, those pieces of wreckage may tell them exactly what went wrong.

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

In Hyannisport, Massachusetts, the Kennedy family remains secluded but not forgotten by friends and neighbors. FOX NEWS's Eric Shawn reports.

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ERIC SHAWN, FOX NEWS (voice-over): The sound of the Atlantic's waves soothe the Kennedy compound as searchers wait for the sea to offer its tragic contents. The flag at half staff acknowledges the loss, a silent symbol of mourning echoed throughout Hyannisport as neighbor after neighbor after neighbor show their solidarity of sorrow.

In Bridge Hampton, Long Island, John's surviving sister, Caroline, ended her seclusion, taking a bicycle ride with husband Edwin before leaving their summer home with relatives William Kennedy Smith and Maria Shriver. Her uncle, Senator Edward Kennedy, returned to the family homestead as sources say that planning for a memorial service for the crash victims is already under way.

For a third day, Ethel Kennedy and some of her sons returned to the water, sailing in the summer sun, while inside the Kennedy compound small children are diverted and entertained by games. Meanwhile, well-wishers leave flowers at the compound gates. Reads one ribbon, "The prince of America." Not far away, at the Hyannis memorial to President Kennedy, tears now flow for his son.

MOURNER: It just breaks your heart. It tears your heart out. I remember when his father died. It's not fair!

SHAWN: Besides the flowers, there are rosary beads and a Teddy bear. Cards and notes read "We'll miss you," "God bless you."

MOURNER: Prayers go out to the family! There's nothing to say. It's just too much for one family! And God love them all. They're wonderful people. They really don't deserve this.

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SHAWN: Well, family sources say that the memorial service will be likely held in New York City, perhaps as early as this weekend. We do not know if it will be public or private, but back in 1994, at the funeral of John's mother, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the family did permit America to listen through an audio feed.

Tony?

SNOW: Thank you, Eric.

Next up -- we're going to take a break, but next up: President Clinton takes a page from the legacy of John F. Kennedy, Senior. Stay tuned.

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(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

SNOW: While searchers were continuing to look for the remains of John F. Kennedy, Jr., Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and Lauren Bessette, the White House laid claim not once but three times to the political legacy of President John F. Kennedy. Our senior White House correspondent, Jim Angle, reports.

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JIM ANGLE, FOX NEWS (voice-over): Three events at the White House evoked memories of President John F. Kennedy, even as the search continues for the remains of his missing son. On the 30th anniversary of the first landing on the moon, the three astronauts received an award from the vice president, then had a private meeting with President Clinton in the Oval Office just before he stepped into the Rose Garden.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: President Kennedy, who set a goal of putting a man on the moon by the late 1960s, was committed to using technology to unlock the mysteries of the heaven.

ANGLE: The real focus of his remarks was to implore the Senate to take up the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Mr. Clinton signed it three years ago, but it's been blocked from consideration by Senator Jesse Helms and others. Mr. Clinton noted that the effort to halt nuclear testing was also a priority of President Kennedy.

CLINTON: As a first step, President Kennedy negotiated a limited test ban treaty to ban nuclear tests except those conducted underground.

ANGLE: The president urged Congress to at least schedule hearings on the test ban treaty some time this fall. Later in the day, the president celebrated the anniversary of yet another Kennedy initiative from the height of the Civil Rights movement.

CLINTON: President Kennedy called more than 200 of America's leading lawyers to this room 36 years ago, the summer of 1963.

ANGLE: And urged them to aid the Civil Rights movement at a time when the nation was deeply divided, and even the law was often on the wrong side.

CLINTON: Across my native South, there were sheriffs, mayors, governors defying the courts, police dogs attacking peaceful demonstrators, fire hoses toppling children.

ANGLE: Mr. Clinton asked today's lawyers to dedicate 50 hours a year without charge to helping the poor.

CLINTON: That would be 40 million hours of legal help. That's a lot of personal problems solved, a lot of headaches gone away.

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ANGLE: The White House said several Kennedys had been invited to that last event, had been invited much earlier than today, obviously. Understandably, none came. One official here says it is an extreme irony that three things the White House did today -- all planned in advance -- were so entwined with President Kennedy, and on a day when everyone was thinking about him because of the tragedy involving his son.

Tony?

SNOW: Jim, we have reported earlier -- actually yesterday -- that the White House has spared no expense in trying to help in the search for that plane. Now, is it true that the White House also has put a gag order on agencies so they can't brag about what they're doing?

ANGLE: Well, they did, to some extent, certainly. There were a lot of agencies that wanted to step forward, show off some of their technology, talk about their role in the search and that sort of thing on Saturday, when the search first began. The White House was extremely concerned that this would be a little disrespectful and could easily get out of hand, so they did, in a sense, gag the agencies. One key official told FOX that ``We wanted to make sure that no one in the administration did anything to offend the Kennedy family.''

Tony?

SNOW: And the president's going to have a press conference. Anything on the agenda?

ANGLE: Nothing on the agenda. He's just a lot more open to the press these days. There are no major controversies like impeachment or campaign finance, so he's a lot more open to questions.

Tony?

SNOW: All right, Jim. Thanks.

Officials from the Public Broadcasting Service now admit that as many as 50 stations may have sold membership lists to political organizations, including the Democratic and Republican Parties. During hearings on Capitol Hill, PBS officials called the fund-raising strategy, quote, "stupid." FOX NEWS correspondent David Shuster has the story.

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DAVID SHUSTER, FOX NEWS (voice-over): Lawmakers in the House were told that the practice of selling membership lists was even more widespread than had been suspected. The revelation outraged congressional Republicans.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE W.J. "BILLY" TAUZIN (R-LA): The idea that public funds spent at a public broadcast station should inure to the benefit of any one of the political parties of our country is outrageous!

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL OXLEY (R-OH): I never would have guessed that a public broadcasting station would engage in anything so stupid and so nakedly partisan.

SHUSTER: The Corporation for Public Broadcasting, known for its pitch to "viewers like you," also receives about \$250 million each year from Congress. Republicans, however, have long complained that PBS shows lean far to the left, and the scandal over membership lists has given the GOP a new opportunity to call for cuts in congressional funding. Officials from public television apologized repeatedly.

ROBERT COONROD, CORP. FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING: Occasionally, we've had to come here and say "Sorry, we blew it." And well, Mr. Chairman, here's a case where -- where clearly that's what we have to do today. We have to say you that we blew it.

SHUSTER: Coonrod said that at least 50 stations, including WETA in Washington, either sold membership lists to brokers or gave the information directly to the Democratic Party. But he and other witnesses said it was all motivated by the drive for money and had nothing to do with politics. They welcomed the idea of an outside investigation. Meanwhile, filmmaker Ken Burns testified that his educational projects would have been impossible without the government's support of public broadcasting. Congressional Democrats readily agreed and urged Republicans not to slash budgets.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD MARKEY (D-MA): And to punish the system with funding cuts would put pressure on the system to become more commercial in its operation and in its personality.

SHUSTER (voice-over): For now, though, the focus is on the strategy of selling membership names. Lawmakers in both parties described it as "shameful" and promised legislation to fix it by the end of the year.

In Washington, David Shuster, FOX NEWS.

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SNOW: More after this.

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Interview with Author Andrew Chaikin

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SNOW: On this 30th anniversary of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's landing on the moon, we're joined by Andrew Chaikin, who spent hundreds of

hours interviewing those men and the 21 other surviving astronauts who were involved in lunar missions, and then spent eight years researching and writing ``A Man on the Moon.'' The book became the basis for Tom Hanks's HBO mini-series ``From Earth to the Moon,'' and now has been reissued as an illustrated three-volume set by Time-Life.

Mr. Chaikin, welcome.

ANDREW CHAIKIN, AUTHOR, ``A MAN ON THE MOON'': Thanks for having me.

SNOW: Let's talk a little bit about the lunar landings. First...

CHAIKIN: Yeah.

SNOW: ... given today's technology, we look backward, and it's pretty amazing they pulled it off, isn't it.

CHAIKIN: It really is. I mean, the thing that people always mention is the computer that was in the spacecraft because it only had 33,000 words of memory, which is, you know, less than you've got in your little palmtop organizer these days. But that's what Apollo was all about. It was all about taking the technology of the 1960s and stretching it to the limits of its capabilities.

SNOW: Now, these were guys who carried slide rules on the spacecraft with them, so they -- I mean, they just...

CHAIKIN: Yeah.

SNOW: ... in terms of perspective for folks.

CHAIKIN: Oh, yeah. It's astonishing stuff. I mean, the thing about Apollo is it is human ingenuity personified.

SNOW: Now, the other amazing thing is the turnaround from the accident in 1967...

CHAIKIN: The fire.

SNOW: ... the fire in 1967, January, 1967...

CHAIKIN: Right.

SNOW: ... that claimed the lives of -- let's see, it was...

CHAIKIN: Gus Grissom...

SNOW: ... Grissom, Chaffee and White.

CHAIKIN: ... and Chaffee and White. And by the way, they just pulled Gus Grissom's capsule from Mercury out of the ocean, which is pretty exciting.

SNOW: That's right. For those who read ``The Right Stuff,'' of course...

CHAIKIN: Right.

SNOW: ... it screwed the pooch and it went down into the water.

CHAIKIN: You know, that fire -- and you're right to mention that because that was a tragedy. But you know the ironic twist about that is that the fire gave NASA a chance to stop and fix some very serious problems. And I've heard many people say, including Deke Slayton, who was the head of the astronauts, including Chris Craft (ph), who was the leader of mission control, that if it hadn't been for that fire, we probably would not have gotten to the moon by the end of the decade.

SNOW: Now, you talk about the fire. Everybody knows, of course, the pure oxygen atmosphere was one of the problems, but...

CHAIKIN: Pure oxygen under pressure.

SNOW: Pure...

CHAIKIN: That was the clincher, 16 pounds per square inch. In that kind of pressure, pure oxygen is not merely a fire hazard, it's like a bomb waiting to go off.

SNOW: So it went off. They also had to change the escape hatch because it turned out they couldn't open that up.

CHAIKIN: They couldn't get out because the hatch in the original Apollo opened into the cabin. They didn't want to have a repeat of Gus Grissom's spacecraft sinking. Gus's hatch had an explosive charge, and it blew off prematurely, and the capsule sank. They said, ``We're not going to let that happen again,'' so they made the hatch open inward. Well, what happened in the fire was the gases built up from the fire inside the

spacecraft, and it created tons of force per square inch on that hatch, and nobody -- no living human could get that hatch open.

SNOW: So you have a tragedy...

CHAIKIN: So you had a new hatch...

SNOW: They have a new hatch. They do new wiring.

CHAIKIN: Fireproof spacecraft. They fixed a lot of their manufacturing processes. They redesigned it, completely redesigned it. And then, the amazing thing is, they take on only the second test flight, and they send it all the way to the moon on Apollo 8 on Christmas Eve of 1968.

SNOW: They didn't expect to do that, and then they hustled and got Apollo 11 onto the moon.

CHAIKIN: Well, once Apollo 8 happened in December of '68, and they made that flight, that bold step of going all the way to the moon on the second flight -- once they pulled that off, then the way was clear to try for a landing. They had two more test flights, one in Earth orbit on Apollo 9, and then a lunar orbit flight with the complete spacecraft on 10. And then in July, 11 was ready to go.

But one of the interesting things I found was that Neil Armstrong only gave a 50-50 chance of pulling it off before he left Earth.

SNOW: Now, one of the questions people have -- and it was raised last week in a press conference with the astronauts -- is why did Armstrong go out? Now, you say it's due to the design of the lunar module.

CHAIKIN: Oh, you mean the whole business of who gets out of the lunar module first, the tried-and-true question, which they're still hounding these guys over. I couldn't believe somebody at the press conference said, "Did you fight over it" or haggle over it. They didn't have to haggle because it was decided long before they left Earth. Number one, the hatch opened towards Buzz's side of the cabin. It was a tiny little cabin. And if they'd wanted to let Buzz get out first, they would have had to switch places -- not impossible, but very awkward.

More importantly, I think, was the fact that Neil was the commander, and in Deke Slayton's mind, it's the commander who gets out first. And that's the way it was on every lunar landing.

SNOW: Now, let's talk a little bit about the future of the space program. There's been a lot of discussion about how we get to the moon again, how we get to other planets. In fact, there's a piece in "The Wall Street Journal" that argues the most important thing to do is to set up a space station in a proper orbit -- arguing that the present space station is not -- and use that as a basis. What do you think's going to happen?

CHAIKIN: Well, I mean, it all comes down to money. That's been the determining factor all the way along. Why did we spend the money to go to the moon in the '60s? It was not for the sake exploration. It was to beat the Russians. We don't have that political impetus today. The cold war is over. So what we need is for the economics to shift. We've either got to get a gold rush going in space where something happens that space begins to be profitable, which has not happened yet, or we need to build a new generation of spaceships that can get into space more cheaply. Then we can get into Earth orbit. We can take up tourists. We can send people to the moon and to Mars and do all of those things.

SNOW: People don't realize it, but the space shuttle -- if -- we're talking about a lunar module that's a '70s -- '60s technology -- the space shuttle's '70s technology.

CHAIKIN: That's right, and it's early '70s technology. With any of these programs, the lead time is so long that they have to take the technology and freeze the design very early in the process because then they've got to go build it. And the shuttle, as you know, was built in the early -- designed in the early '70s. The computers on it are ancient. They can't really change them, but they've got additional computers that they bring up with them -- laptops and so forth. They do a lot of their science that way.

SNOW: So if you're making a guess, how long before man lands on Mars?

CHAIKIN: Mars? I thought you were going to say on the moon, and I would say maybe about 20 years. Mars, I would say, between 20 and 30 years.

SNOW: So it's really that long, huh?

CHAIKIN: Well, maybe they'll surprise me and make it sooner. We have the capability, if we started now, if we had the political will to do it, we could do it in 10 or 15 years, but I just don't know if that political will is there. I think we have to have a national conversation about all this.

SNOW: Well, that national conversation begins right now. Thank you, Andrew Chaikin.

Speaking of the space program, mission control halted the launch countdown for the space shuttle Columbia just six and a half seconds shy of a scheduled lift-off. A balky rocket delayed by at least two days Lieutenant Colonel Eileen Collins's debut as the first female shuttle commander. Ironically, her flight was supposed to lift off on the 30th anniversary of the first manned lunar landing. Steve Centanni has that story.

STEVE CENTANNI, FOX NEWS: Well, the astronauts from Apollo 11 were in town today, Tony -- Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins all being honored at the Smithsonian Institution's Air and Space Museum, one of the most popular attractions here in Washington. They were given the Langley Award, the top honor of that institution, and they also appeared at the Newseum, an organization across the river here in Arlington, Virginia.

They were given a warm welcome. Vice President Al Gore praised them for their accomplishments, and then the president did the same. So a warm reception for three men who made history 30 years ago today when they became the first to arrive at the moon, and two of them became the first to step foot on the surface of the moon.

Tony?

SNOW: Now, Steve, you talk about a little visit to the Newseum. That's normally a journalistic shrine. What did they do there?

CENTANNI: Well, they answered questions from school children across the country with remote satellite link-ups and that type of thing. It was a program where they were interviewed and answered questions. And they said that they were honored here in Washington today and, of course, this was a momentous occasion for America, as it won the space race with the Soviets and what will be remembered forever as the first time a man laid foot on the moon.

SNOW: All right, Steve. Thanks so much.

Folks, we got to do news, but we'll be back.

(18:28)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

Interview with Congressman John Kasich

SNOW: Republican leaders say they're ready to wage war on tax cuts despite White House warnings of a veto. But right now, the biggest threat to the plan comes not from the White House, but from within the ranks of the GOP itself. Brian Wilson has details.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

BRIAN WILSON, FOX NEWS (voice-over): Usually the fight over tax cuts is between Democrats and Republicans, but in the House right now the fight is really between different factions of the Republican Party. After originally talking about a larger tax cut, the House Republican leadership has agreed to a proposal to cut taxes by \$792 billion, a package that resembles a Senate plan now receiving some bipartisan support. House GOP

leaders call a scheduled Wednesday vote a key showdown.

DICK ARMEY (R-TX), HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER: This is the big event of the week. We are ready for it. We expect the bill to be on the floor on Wednesday.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE J.C. WATTS (R-OK): I would encourage every member, Republicans and Democrats, to look within themselves, and I think tomorrow is a defining moment.

WILSON: But a group of moderate House Republicans believe they have positioned themselves in such a way as to derail that proposal because the leadership may not have the votes.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE RAY LAHOOD (R-IL): The reality will be that the whip organization will check their counts and find out they probably don't have 218 Republicans to pass this.

WILSON: The moderates are lining up behind a smaller, \$500 billion tax cut plan authored by Congressman Mike Castle of Delaware that would use the projected surplus in a very different way.

LAHOOD: All we hear are ``tax cuts,' ' ``tax cuts,' ' ``tax cuts.' ' Some of us think we ought to pay attention to the debt.

WILSON: The problem for the leadership: the vote margin in the House between Republicans and Democrats is so thin that if even a few Republicans defect, the leadership tax proposal could be defeated. This Republican in-fighting over tax cuts is driving some long-time tax-cut proponents crazy.

UNIDENTIFIED TAX CUT PROPONENT: It's just, well, stupid economics. It's stupid negotiating. And you wonder where these people learn their negotiating skills. This is the premature cringe. This is giving up before you've started.

WILSON: No matter. The moderates seem to be standing together on this, suggesting that there may be room for more compromise within the party.

LAHOOD: It's got to be a package that's realistic enough to get to where we want to be at the end of the day in our negotiations.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

WILSON: It should be pointed out that there are at least five different tax cut proposals floating around Capitol Hill and Washington right now, and while the vote scheduled for Wednesday now is important for Republicans, it is not the final vote. It is not at all clear which of these various tax cut proposals will survive the legislative process.

Tony?

SNOW: OK, Brian, you're saying that the leadership has thrown in with the plan. Is there any vote count right now to indicate whether that Wednesday vote is going to go up or down for the leadership plan?

WILSON: I would say that it's a very close question at this time. I can tell you that this afternoon there was a meeting between the House leadership and these moderates in which Bill Archer of Ways and Means and John Kasich walked into the room and tried to make their case for why they should go with the leadership plan. There was a good, solid give-and-take, I am told, but the moderates seem to be sticking to their guns on this, and it's a very close call for the House leadership. It is not all exactly clear how it will be resolved. It is possible that if they do a whip check and they find out they don't have the votes, they may actually pull this or delay a final vote on the floor of the House.

SNOW: All right, Brian Wilson, thanks for that update.

It is a perfect way to tee up a guest we're going to have right after the break, the aforementioned Representative John Kasich, chairman of the House Budget Committee. Stay with us.

(18:35)

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

SNOW: And now, as promised, to talk about the looming conflict over tax cuts, I'm joined by John Kasich, chairman of the House Budget

Committee. Mr. Kasich, you were a part of the House leadership group that met with the so-called "moderates" to talk about a final plan. Do you think the leadership plan, nearly \$800 billion in tax cuts, is going to pass on the House floor?

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JOHN KASICH (R-OH): Well, Tony, I hope so. I've encouraged our leadership to move forward with it. Obviously, you want to talk to some of the members that don't like this plan the way it's written, but my view is we ought to proceed. And I'll be going into a meeting here within the next 15 or 20 minute to talk about it, but I would hope that we would bring that plan to the floor and see what the will of the House is.

SNOW: Now, Ray LaHood, one of the leaders of the faction that wants about a third less than what you're proposing -- he wants \$500 billion in tax cuts -- says the big problem here is that you guys don't pay off the national debt. Your reply?

KASICH: Well, Tony, I think you know, as well as most of the listeners, that if you think the politicians are going to let money sit on the table, you know, you got a check under your pillow for the tooth fairy. I mean, the fact is, is that the national debt went down about \$50 billion last year. It would go down about \$100 billion -- I'm talking about the publicly held debt -- this year.

But Tony, the tax cuts are about getting this power out of this town. And if we're going to run our country from the bottom up and let people have more control over the future, I think tax cutting is a good thing to do every day because that's what we're hungry for, to have some personal power over the circumstances that come our way in the future. So you know, you just got to be patient with people who don't see it your way and try to explain it to them and keep working at it. And I still don't know what the result's going to be.

SNOW: Wouldn't it be a big humiliation or embarrassment for the leadership if they lost this vote after -- especially after having Dick Armey, the majority leader, and J.C. Watts, his leader of the Republican conference, describe this as a "pivotal, key vote" in this legislative year?

KASICH: Well, I guess there's a couple ways to look at it, Tony. I'd be very disappointed if we lost the \$800 billion because anything less than that -- frankly, I think it ought to be higher than that, but anything less than that means people get a little less and government has a little more.

But when you think about the fact that the president I think has proposed about \$250 billion, and our moderates, some of them, have proposed \$500 billion, at least we're arguing about what the level of tax cuts ought to be, rather than whether we should have none at all. And I went through that back in 1995. It was tough sledding to get any tax program moved along through our conference.

So you know, I don't -- is it going to be a terrible embarrassment? I think it'd be a tremendous loss because this represents perhaps the greatest shift of power from government to people, you know, in my adult lifetime. And that's what would be sad about it. But again, we're still talking about cutting taxes, not about not having any tax cuts.

SNOW: Mr. Kasich, the White House says that if there's a tax cut of the magnitude that you contemplate, it will actually use up all of the non-Social Security surplus for the next 10 years. And therefore, they say, if you're going to meet your obligations to protect Social Security and protect Medicare, you're going to have to make what are described as deep cuts elsewhere. Will you?

KASICH: Well, Tony, you know, deep cuts in this town is that, you know, you increased it by a hundred -- you increased it by 10 percent last year, and this year you can't afford to keep increasing it. That's the way they describe cuts around here. I think everybody knows that the government -- government, by nature, is full of waste and abuse and

duplication. The fact is, we have not really done the oversight we need to do here, Tony.

And look, this is not just about, you know, like, cutting and slashing. If government is big, then it frustrates our ability to have a strong economy. You got bureaucrats that make regulations that frustrate people. The government is not reflecting the values of people who live across this country. And so you know, this is really a mission to make people more important and government less important. And so what the White House is crying about is they really don't want the power to leave this town, and we do. So they don't -- that doesn't worry me in the least.

SNOW: Now, you've been out on the campaign trail. You recently were a GOP presidential hopeful. Do people outside of Washington really give a rip about this stuff?

KASICH: Well, I think that they -- if they actually thought they would get a tax cut, I think they would care about it. I know one thing, that if you show up out there and say you're from the government, "I'm here to help," you know, they tell you "Can you take the next plane back to Washington? No thanks."

Yeah, I think people are increasingly disinterested in what goes on in government, and they don't believe politicians. So to some degree, their lack of interest is reflected in the fact that, you know, "You fooled me once. Don't try to think you're going to fool me again." And I think it's important we deliver on this tax bill and actually have some taxes cut in a broad-based way because that helps to empower people, and it helps to restore a sense of believability.

And as I think you know, we got a long way on that front to get people to be less cynical and more willing to do things in their own community and not feel as ripped off as they feel today.

SNOW: You say people lack faith in government. Is that one of the reasons you're going to leave Congress?

KASICH: Tony, I'm going to go out and get renewed. And I've been here a long time. It's time for somebody else to take this seat. And I'm not going to get out of politics, but I'm going to get out of Congress, and I'm going to try to figure out how to continue to speak out. The things that you've heard me talk out -- speak out about over the years mean a great deal to me. The most important thing is the spirit of the country. And I think there's some things lacking in the spirit of this country, and I'd like to be part of being able to renew it.

SNOW: And how would you do that?

KASICH: Tony, I think part of it is to give people their power back so they don't feel so frustrated. You know, if you're in business today, small business, you feel ripped off because of high taxes or a legal system that doesn't make sense or a bureaucratic regulatory system that frustrates you. I think if people can have their power back, then I think they're more willing to help their neighbor...

SNOW: OK...

KASICH: ... and that's what being an American's about.

SNOW: That's a great answer.

Our journalists are next. Stay tuned.

(18:44)

Special Report Roundtable

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

SNOW: ... Mort Kondracke, executive editor of "Roll Call," and from the White House, Mara Liasson, White House correspondent for National Public Radio. All three are FOX NEWS contributors.

Mara, we're sitting in here kibitzing about Republicans carving each other up over tax cuts.

MARA LIASSON, NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO: Yup.

SNOW: Is the White House loving this or what?

LIASSON: They absolutely love this. I mean, as far as they're concerned, the more in-fighting that can happen in the Republican Party, it's better for them. And they have a very clear and consistent message, which is they want Medicare and Social Security dealt with first before you get to tax cuts. And when you do get to tax cuts, the president won't agree to anything over \$300 million (ph). That's far, far smaller than anything on the table on -- that the Republicans have so far.

SNOW: Fred's laughing cynically. Why?

FRED BARNES, ``THE WEEKLY STANDARD``: Well, I think he's going to have to wind up -- because the president looks like he may want a deal now, he's going to have to wind up agreeing to more than \$300 billion. Certainly, Senate Democrats will. House Democrats would prefer to have no tax cut at all, really. And I think he's probably going to wind up having to agree to that.

Also, the president knows perfectly well how to get Congress and Republicans, who are the majority, after all, of both of the House and the Senate -- how to get them to take up Social Security tonight, and that -- if he says, ``Look, forget what I said earlier about Social Security -- my plan. I'm willing to take seriously your proposal that includes a small amount of privatization.'' If he said that, he could have a deal tomorrow on Social Security.

LIASSON: Well, but the Republicans don't really have a plan yet on Social Security.

BARNES: They're crawling with plans, Mara! Every...

LIASSON: They're crawling with plans...

BARNES: Every Republican has a plan!

LIASSON: ... but they haven't united on -- that's my point.

BARNES: Mark Sanford has a plan...

LIASSON: When they unite on one plan and come up and say to the president...

BARNES: Oh!

LIASSON: ... ``This is what we want,'' then you can negotiate. He can't negotiate with 100 different plans.

BARNES: Mara -- Mara, get serious. The problem -- the impediment to serious Social Security reform is not Republican disarray or disagreement on plans, it's the president's refusal. Trent Lott knows that. Denny Hastert knows that. And Bill Clinton knows that.

MORT KONDRACKE, ``ROLL CALL``: Well, you know, the question here is does Bill Clinton want a deal more than he wants to reward his Democratic colleagues with an issue by handing them the issue for the year 2000.

SNOW: And the issue is?

KONDRACKE: Clearly -- well, the issue is Social Security privatization. The issue is Medicare -- the size of a prescription drug benefit and, you know, how big to -- how much taxes to raise as opposed to education or NIH spending or, you know, what -- whatever, you know, government programs. And if there is a deal, I think it will follow a veto. I mean, Clinton will make his point by saying, ``Whatever you pass,'' and it looks like it's not going to be \$500 billion, it's going to be more in the \$600 billion or \$700 billion range -- he will say ``Excessive. I will not -- I will not agree to this. I veto it.''

SNOW: So the new Democrat...

KONDRACKE: ... in order to have a new negotiate...

(CROSSTALK)

LIASSON: Well, you know what? I -- Mort is making a really important point because, you know, the budget -- the budget battle, where the Democrats felt they did pretty good, followed the same form. First you have a fight, where you can draw a bright, clear line between the parties and get some issues, and then in the end, after you've made your points and defined the difference between the parties, then you make a deal.

SNOW: And what precisely are those differences?

LIASSON: Well, I think the Democrats see the differences as they are the party that wants to take care of Medicare and Social Security, and the Republicans are the party that would rather spend the surplus on tax cuts.

KONDRACKE: Well, there's another...

BARNES: No, well -- well, wait a minute here, Mort. Let me -- let me -- look, Mara, the Democrats and the White House do not want to take care of Social Security. They want no reform. They want to throw some more money at it. But they don't want to do anything that would make Social Security solvent into the middle of the 21st century, which the only way you can do that is through some kind of reform. They want to keep it as it is. This is reactionary liberalism in its classic form! That's what they want to do. Now, Medicare they want to do some other things -- not reform, just add a benefit. So I mean, they can call it ``reform,'' it's not reform.

LIASSON: Well, do you think that the Republicans are willing to come forward with -- I guess what you mean by ``reform'' are either tax hikes or benefit cuts. Are they willing to do that again? They've had that for -- they got the limb sawed off under them the last time they did it.

KONDRACKE: Well, what the -- what the Republicans want is, you know, some sort of private -- partial privatization of Social Security...

SNOW: But well, so does -- so does Senator Moynihan...

(CROSSTALK)

KONDRACKE: Well, are the Republicans ready to line up...

LIASSON: Yeah, that's the question.

KONDRACKE: ... with that as their position?

BARNES: Well...

KONDRACKE: And you know, they always get scared off by Democrats because they anticipate that the Democrats are going to beat them over the head with it, which suggests that the Republicans don't think that it's a salable proposal unless they have full control of the government and can ram it through.

BARNES: Now, look, various -- look -- well, if -- one thing's for sure. If they thought that the White House -- that the White House and Democrats would not demagogue the issue, then they would come forward with a lot bolder proposal than they have.

LIASSON: Well, you know...

BARNES: The one -- they do favor private individual investment accounts being a small part of Social Security.

LIASSON: Right.

BARNES: The public -- if you see any poll on this, the public loves the idea, as well. The White House does not -- does not have public opinion on its side on this, but it does have reactionary liberals, organized labor and others...

(CROSSTALK)

LIASSON: Well, you know, on Medicare, you know, the president has said several times that he actually is for means testing. He'd be willing to consider that if there was a consensus in Congress. He didn't put that in his plan because he was told there was so much opposition.

BARNES: Among Democrats!

LIASSON: I'm wondering if -- among Democrats. But since he has said that -- I mean, I think he was trying to give Republicans cover on that. Why haven't they come forward with...

BARNES: Because most...

LIASSON: ... a means-testing program?

BARNES: Because most of them are not for means testing because there's already a bunch of means testing...

(CROSSTALK)

SNOW: ... way into the tall grass on this. Let's just -- we'll speak English for a couple of minutes.

BARNES: Why not.

SNOW: So means tests on Social Security, Fred -- I want to get back to your point. Let's finish this one off. Republicans want some sort of private investment component. If that is so popular, then why don't they just push it? Why don't they just say, ``OK, Mr. President, we'll have that fight with you''?

BARNES: Because -- because the bill will be vetoed and they'll be demagogued on the Social Security issue. Everybody knows, Tony, and you and Mort and Mara know, as well, that there's only one way to actually pass some Social Security reform legislation. It's what they did in the '80s. It has to be bipartisan, and it has to include the White House, who's ever there. And they fear that if they try something and they fail, they will be demagogued. They won't get their reform, and they'll be demagogued by Democrats...

KONDRACKE: It seems to me -- it seems to me...

BARNES: ... in the 2000 elections.

KONDRACKE: ... that this -- that this is an issue -- and Fred is right on the -- on the popularity of it, because you ask voters, ``Do you favor this?'' and they do. You know, now, this is something where you -- where it takes leadership, and maybe George W. Bush will come up and say, ``This is what I want.'' I would guess he will. And maybe he can make it sound ``compassionate.'' When -- when the -- when the guys on the Hill start talking about it, they're so demagogue-able, if that's a word -- whatever the word is -- that, you know, it's easy to beat them over the head with it.

SNOW: OK, let's talk about...

BARNES: I know what you mean.

SNOW: ... another issue. You know, Republicans -- John Kasich was talking about, you know, shrinking government. One of the test cases for years has been what do you do with public broadcasting. Now, in the -- you know, everyone in this panel, including the host here, has taken some money from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Nevertheless, today there was a hearing on Capitol Hill where it was confessed that it was, quote, ``stupid,'' to give money to -- to share donor lists with parties. It was both parties, but predominantly Democrats. Fred Barnes, what's the likely scenario next?

BARNES: I think the likely scenario next is that local stations, PBS stations all over the country, will get energized and they will lobby their House members, and we will wind up not seeing any significant cuts at all in PBS spending or spending for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

KONDRACKE: That is certainly -- that is certainly...

BARNES: It's happened before.

KONDRACKE: ... the lesson of 1995. You remember?

BARNES: Yeah.

KONDRACKE: The Republicans, in their revolutionary fervor, were going to ``zero out''...

BARNES: Right.

KONDRACKE: ... public broadcasting. What happened? They got attacked by all their home folks, the lovers of Big Bird and ``Masterpiece Theater,'' and they -- and they scattered for the weeds.

SNOW: Well, you're just...

(CROSSTALK)

SNOW: ... that don't need money.

BARNES: Exactly.

SNOW: Mara, at the White House, I guess this is another one of these where it's kind of a spectator sport and you watch what happens on Capitol Hill.

LIASSON: Well, yes, although Joe Lockhart today said something pretty interesting, and he echoed what I think is a widespread consensus,

which is he said it's puzzling that public broadcasting, who was under so much scrutiny to begin with, would do something to put themselves in this kind of jeopardy. So I think that -- that public broadcasting leaders have said it was pretty dumb, and the White House agreed today.

SNOW: And they also -- the public broadcasting leaders also said, Mort, 'Well, we welcome a full investigation.'

LIASSON: Yeah.

(CROSSTALK)

KONDRACKE: Well, what else do they...

SNOW: ... cooperate fully and...

(CROSSTALK)

KONDRACKE: Yeah, what else are they going to do? You know, it's all out. They -- they know they're guilty.

SNOW: Well, Fred, of course, the history of investigations in this Congress -- unstoppable.

BARNES: Well, the history of these investigations is you don't get a full cooperation from the administration, among others. And they peter out and get nowhere.

SNOW: Now, Mara, but I'm a little curious. Why was Joe Lockhart talking about this?

LIASSON: Oh, because he was asked a question in the briefing.

SNOW: Oh, OK.

LIASSON: No, he didn't -- he didn't volunteer this.

SNOW: OK.

LIASSON: He was asked a question in the briefing, and he responded.

SNOW: All right. Mara, Fred, Mort, thanks so much.

That's all the time for the panel, but stay with us for a shocking brainstorm by Buckeye State Democrats.

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(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

SNOW: OK, consider this scenario. A state Democratic Party wants a candidate for the United States Senate. It can't find home-grown talent to suit its tastes, and so it goes looking to someone from Illinois.

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(voice-over): I'm not talking about Hillary Rodham Clinton, of course. That would be too obvious. I'm talking about Jerry Springer. Ohio Democratic honcho Tim Burke came up with the idea recently when thinking about possible challengers to incumbent Republican Michael DeWine.

TIM BURKE, OHIO DEMOCRATIC PARTY: I think a good Democratic candidate can beat DeWine. I think Springer would be an awesome candidate in that kind of a race.

SNOW: Devotees of political trivia know that just 25 years ago Springer was the hottest Democratic commodity in Ohio. He was a member of the Cincinnati City Council and tops on every local list of congressional possibilities. That is, until he got caught paying prostitutes with personal checks.

JERRY SPRINGER: If I live to 90, there's always going to be someone who's going to say, 'Hey, can you write a check?' But you know, the check was good.

SNOW: But that wasn't the end of the trail. After a four-year political hiatus, Springer returned as the youngest ever mayor of Cincinnati, then retired to become a local news anchor, and finally built a new career as, well, Jerry Springer.

SPRINGER: Oh, I don't think anyone can look at our show and say it's serious.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

SNOW: But there is no truth to the rumor that they want Brandi Chastain to be the campaign manager.

That's SPECIAL REPORT for this time. Please join us next time. And meanwhile, stay tuned. We got a lot more news next.

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SUBJECT: JFK, Jr. Council Guidance

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CC: Joseph P. Lockhart (CN=Joseph P. Lockhart/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
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TEXT:

John Kennedy, Jr was a member of the National School-to-Work Advisory Council. The Council was run by the Departments of Labor and Education whose members include educators, corporations, local elected officials, organized labor and its goal was to look at the different aspects of the School-to-Work Law and how it should be implemented between the private and public sectors.

John Kennedy, Jr was a very active participant of the Council and had a strong commitment to young people involved in school-to-work particularly youths with disabilities.

Lower Press will be getting a fact sheet on the Council and right now there is no press contact at the School-to-Work Council but I hope to have that information soon.

Thanks

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CREATOR: Dawn Robinson <Dawn_Robinson@ama-assn.org> (Dawn Robinson <Dawn_Robinson@a

CREATION DATE/TIME: 21-JUL-1999 16:39:06.00

SUBJECT: Interesting Quote

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TEXT:

Given the media preoccupation with the recovery operations of JFK Jr.'s plane today, I thought this quote was interesting...

Senate Minority Leader Daschle, tongue firmly in cheek, seeking to increase the crowd at a news conference he held today.
"Could you see if anybody in the hallway could come in and fill these chairs? I mean, grab a tourist and - the sergeant-at-arms, anyone."

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RECORD TYPE: FEDERAL (EXTERNAL MAIL)

CREATOR: Nanda Chitre@EOP@LNGTWY@EOPMRX

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-JUL-1999 16:57:00.00

SUBJECT: HEADS UP on JFK Photo/Service

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TEXT:

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Statement on potus/hrc attending serive friday coming

Photo release (disks being given to wires only) of POTUS and JFK Jr. and
Carolyn touring house on March 5, 1998 are on their way

RECORD TYPE: FEDERAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Julia M. Payne@EOP@LNGTWY@LNGTWY (Julia M. Payne@EOP@LNGTWY@LNGTWY [WHO]

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-JUL-1999 17:02:02.00

SUBJECT: Re: JFK Tour of WH

CC: Philip J. Crowley@eop (Philip J. Crowley@eop [NSC])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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The Oval Office visit was in 1994 following a School-to-Work Council Meeting

Nanda Chitre
07/21/99 04:24:47 PM
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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

CC:

Subject: JFK Tour of WH

JFK Jr. attended the March 5, 1998 HBO screening "From the Earth to the Moon"
w/Tom Hanks. That's when potus and hrc gave him and carolyn the tour of the
residence. The tour is referenced in Mrs. Clinton column today.

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CREATOR: Jena V. Roscoe (CN=Jena V. Roscoe/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-JUL-1999 17:26:37.00

SUBJECT: President & First Lady to attend Memorial Service for JFK, Jr. & Carolyn B

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to New York City on Friday, July 23, 1999 to attend the memorial service for John F. Kennedy, Jr. and Carolyn Bessette Kennedy.

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CREATOR: owner-txt_national@NEWSHOST.NYTIMES.COM@INET@LNGTWY (owner-txt_national@NE

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-JUL-1999 04:39:28.00

SUBJECT: New York Times National Headlines

TO: Steven J. Naplan@eop (Steven J. Naplan@eop [NSC])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Good morning.

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

Bodies Found in Kennedy Plane; Cremation Planned

A red sonar blotch led searchers to the bodies of John F. Kennedy Jr. and his two passengers, trapped in the shattered fuselage of his plane on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/regional/072299kennedy-rdp.html>

Are Gun Laws, and Agency That Enforces Them, Equal to the Task?

The gun industry and its supporters often say that the U.S. has enough gun laws already, that what is lacking is enforcement. But a review of cases and of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, reveals a more complicated situation.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/072299guns-atf.html>

Cruiseline Admits It Dumped Oil and Hazardous Chemicals

Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., the world's second-largest cruise ship line, pleaded guilty to routinely dumping oil and hazardous chemicals from nine ships in coastal waters around the United States.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/072299cruise-ship-pollute.html>

Study Finds Women Have Higher Rate of Fatal Heart Attacks

In people under 50, heart attacks are far less common in women than in men, but when they do occur, women are more than twice as likely to die, doctors reported.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/science/072299hth-women-heart.html>

FTC Urges Congress to Place New Restrictions on Cigars

Responding to the rapidly growing popularity of cigars, the Federal Trade Commission recommended that Congress impose new restrictions like those already governing cigarettes, including health warning labels and a ban on television and radio advertising.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/news/washpol/cigar-ads.html>

Abused New York Children Still Falling Through the Cracks

A rising number of abused or neglected children reported to the child welfare agency have died, and an advocacy group's analysis of such cases finds a pattern of caseworker and agency mistakes.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/news/national/regional/ny-child-welfare.html>

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CREATION DATE/TIME:22-JUL-1999 04:39:30.00

SUBJECT: New York Times Opinion Headlines

TO: Steven J. Naplan@eop (Steven J. Naplan@eop [NSC])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Good morning.

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

EDITORIALS

A Foolish Tax Bill

House Republican leaders struggled to muster enough votes in their own caucus to pass a huge and irresponsible tax cut. Only the true believers in the tax-cutting gospel of the Reagan years would think a tax break of this size would be sound policy and smart politics today.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/editorial/22thu1.html>

Three People, Dying Young

President Clinton artfully balanced the public and private aspects of the deaths of John F. Kennedy Jr., Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and Lauren Bessette at his press conference Wednesday.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/editorial/22thu2.html>

Lessons of the F-22

The House of Representatives should deny the Air Force money for buying the costly and unnecessary F-22 fighter. The Pentagon needs to reduce wasteful duplication and concentrate on meeting the very different military needs of the 21st century.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/editorial/22thu3.html>

The Right Leader for CUNY

After failing for nearly two years to find a permanent Chancellor, CUNY has settled on an excellent candidate,

Matthew Goldstein, the president of Adelphi University and a former head of Baruch College.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/editorial/22thu4.html>

OPINION

Rebels Without a Cause

By DAVID BROOKS

While most politicians are lovable, they are also breathtakingly self-absorbed and when they come to Washington, they enter a work environment that only further magnifies their self-importance.

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/oped/22broo.html>

Let's Not Get Too Wired

By EDWARD TENNER

The Commerce Department has just reported that 67 percent of Americans still do not use the Internet. The report concludes that the gap between the already-wired haves and the less-connected have-nots is turning a "digital divide" into a "racial ravine."

<http://www.nytimes.com/yr/mo/day/oped/22tenn.html>

The Cherubic Commando

By WILLIAM SAFIRE

With "bad cop" Benjamin Netanyahu gone, many Israelis can accept the risks that "good cop" Ehud Barak is prepared to recommend. And it seems that Barak can get from a softened-up Clinton what his predecessor was denied.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/opinion/safire/072299safi.html>

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SUBJECT: Talk Daily -- 7/22/99

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Rush Limbaugh
12-3pm (ET)
Radio Active Media - 550 Stations
ISSUE: JFK Jr.'s body recovered
QUOTES:

"The body of John F. Kennedy Jr. was actually recovered 2 am this morning.
It's not still down there, they went down and got the body. All morning long
the reports were the body was still in fuselage they didn't know if they went
down there and got the body out they might disturb parts of the fuselage that'll
be needed maybe to determine what happened. And if they bring the fuselage
or that part of it that remains up with the body still in it, the currents and trip
up through 100 feet of water could do damage to the body that they would
rather not do. ALL that turned out to be bunk, the body had been on the
surface since two o'clock this morning. And only NOW, only twenty minutes
ago did they so state from the NTSB. Now burial at sea. Now there's and
obvious conclusion here, we've spent all this money to recover the body and
it's just going to be returned. At any rate ladies and gentlemen--you know
what I did some research last night, further research, went to the National
Transportation Safety Board Web site and they have a running tally of all air
craft accidents year to date. You know what there have been 1,127 verified
aviation accidents world wide year to date. Approximately 380 verified
deaths since January 1, 1999. What does that tell us? Tells us that this is
relatively common, we're only through just a little over half the year and nearly
1200 verified accidents with nearly 400 verified deaths. Many of them of
course don't end up being reported or if they are it's on B5 or C12 or
whatever because the occupant is not a celebrity or an icon."

Doug Stephan's Good Day with co-host Ellen Ratner
6:22 AM
4-10am (ET)

Radio America-175 Stations
ISSUE: JFK Jr.'s Body Found
QUOTES:

DOUG: "Doug Stephan here with Ellen Ratner....Ellen, what's the

latest on the
search?"
ELLEN: "I have heard--and again, this is totally
unconfirmed--that they know
where the bodies apparently are..."
DOUG: "They found them?"
ELLEN: "...They don't want to bring them up in daylight, because
they don't
want people trained on with their lenses, and seeing that sight,
and so they're
trying to figure out a way of saying, "Well we're moving in on
the area, blah
blah blah," and trying to figure out a way to bring them up more
at night,
where people cannot view them."

Howard Stern
6-10am (ET)
Infinity - Westwood One

ISSUE: Private Lives
GUESTS: Kid Rock and Joe C
QUOTES:

STERN: "What happened--when you first started to get some money
from
the record label, like your first check was like five grand."
KID ROCK: "Oh yeah! This was in 1990 though, that's when I ended
up in
New York."
STERN: "You told your father to f-off, you don't like your
father."
KID ROCK: "Well now we're cool because I made a lot of money."
STERN: "Right, so he likes you now, but when you were a kid did
your father
always tell you you were a jerk and stuff?"
KID ROCK: "Oh yeah!" (Laughter)
ROBIN: "Doesn't he feel stupid now!"
STERN: (mimicking KID ROCK) "I'm some jerk. I'm banging chicks
every
night! What famous broads have you done? You go to Houston, I
bang it!"
(Laughter)
KID ROCK: "One night I was showing him these pictures of me with
these
porn stars hanging out, we're in the back of this bus or whatever
and my dad
says, 'Oh Jesus Christ I need to come on the road with you,' and
I was like,
'Yeah you're married,' and he says, 'Yeah...bullshit!' My mom and
dad are
married and they live in separate houses."
STERN: "Do they really?"
KID ROCK: "Yeah."
STERN: "They don't get along that well."
KID ROCK: "Well, the weekends are alright, about an hour. He can
go for
about an hour."
STERN: "Really? Now that's an unusual marriage. You know people
have

unusual marriages, not everyone has a conventional marriage. Your
parents
have separate homes, they stay married and..do they see other
people?"

KID ROCK: "Hmmm..I don't know." (snickering)

STERN: "Who knows, who wants to see them--like who wants to know!"

KID ROCK: "I don't think so."

STERN: "That's like the time I asked my mom if she has anal sex I
was like,
'You know what I don't think I want to even know. Sorry I asked.'
(Laughing)

G. Gordon Liddy

12-3pm (ET)

Westwood One-275 Stations

ISSUE: Homosexuality

GUEST: Rob (caller)

QUOTES:

ROB: "How are you doing there Mr. Liddy? I've got a comment about
the
statement you just made to the man just now about his daughter
being gay.

You basically implied that the women must have some psychiatric
problem
because you could have corrected it at a young age. I mean that's
basically
saying that because this women has a preference of other women
then there
must be something mentally wrong with her."

LIDDY: "Yes, it is abnormal. This area comes under abnormal
psychology.

The norm is for people to be attracted to the opposite sex, if
that were not so
the human race would die out. Now, when you have someone
attracted to the
same sex you've got something radically wrong. That is abnormal
and it is an
inappropriate sexual preference and the best thing to do is as
soon as you find
out such inclination or fooling around like that being done by a
child I
emphasize you can take them to a psychiatrist and have them
treated and
hope for the best just as you can if they had something else. The
point I'm
trying to make and was making with him is that the first thing I
asked was the
age of the child because that person is now what is known legally
an

emancipated adult and there's nothing whatsoever that a parent
can do other
than persuasion--you know to get the person into treatment."
ROB: "But I truly, I truly agree that it is a preference and if
it is a preference
then having a preference that's different is not saying that the
person is nuts!"

LIDDY: "No it's not a preference that is different, it's a
preference that is

abnormal. If I say I prefer blondes and Jon says, 'Well I prefer brunettes,' that

is a difference but there is nothing abnormal about it. If I say I prefer girls and

Jon says, 'I prefer Cameron,' that's radically abnormal."

ROB: "Well some people may think that dating outside the race is totally

abnormal and to say that if I'm attracted to blacks or if I'm attracted to whites

then there must be something totally wrong with me."

LIDDY: "No, no that does not follow. Blacks and whites and for that matter

reds and yellows are all human beings and if a black man is attracted to a

white woman or vice versa or an oriental woman, the natural order of things

can still be accomplished. There can be children, so that is not abnormal."

ROB: "I'm guessing we're going to have to disagree on this because I don't

think the person is considered nuts to have a preference."

Neal Boortz

News Talk 750 WSB, Atlanta and National Syndication - Cox Radio Network

ISSUE: News Priority: JFK Jr.'s Tragic Death vs. Tax Cut Vote in Congress

QUOTE:

"Our own newscast this morning said that the 'top national story of the day'

was the search for pieces of John Jr. and his passengers off the coast of

Martha's Vineyard. Sadly, they're probably right. Here we are at a time in our

history when Americans are being taxed at the highest rate ever --- when

Americans (or at least some of them) don't earn one single penny that they

can spend on themselves until just before lunch on Wednesday of each week

--- and the story of a plane crash is more important than a tax cut vote in

Congress. Well, there's a reason read on. Yesterday's USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll had some news □(GOOD news for the tax-and-spend big-government statist, but BAD news for those who value

minimum government and maximized personal liberty. The results were not

surprising to those who have fully understood the statist agenda of the past 40

years. When asked whether or not they wanted a tax cut or an increase in

social spending, 61 percent of respondents said that they would rather see the

spending increases. This brings us, once again, to this quote that was both

historical and prophetic. It was penned by historian Alexander Tyler: 'A

democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist

until the voters discover that they can vote themselves money from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policies, always followed by a dictatorship.' This was written in 1913, and the subject was the fall of the Athenian Republic. It could have been written about the American Republic."

Les Kinsolving
WCBM, 680 AM, Baltimore
ISSUE: Dave Beckwith Fired Due to "Friendly" Relationship with Reporters

QUOTE:
"No wonder the Texas Bush For President campaign press office was so unpleasant, when, on the day before George W. came to Baltimore, I telephoned and asked for Dave Beckwith. I had known Dave for years, as one of the best and most honest and congenial press secretaries in the business. I thought sure that I might be able to reason with him concerning what the Maryland Bush campaign and the AP had told me were the plans for the Bush-in-Maryland appearance. The Bush Maryland campaign advised me that they had learned (and the AP date book had confirmed) the astonishing news that The Thirty Six Million Dollar Man ('The Overdog' as he is also becoming known) was coming to Baltimore for only two events: (1) Another fundraiser, at night, when I am on the air, and (2) The only questions he would be taking were from children, in an East Baltimore community center. The children proved to be adorable--and (not incidentally) perfect for a photo-op. But their questions were, well, childish--with one exception. That one surely seemed planted by adults, since children that age do not usually discuss the minimum wage. never in doubt. He'd quit his job at EDS in Washington, arranged for his two daughters to attend schools in Texas this fall, packed up his family and moved to Austin earlier this summer. Nevertheless, Bush operatives trashed him after he departed...' If George W. does such incredibly cruel things before he is elected to the nation's highest office, what will he do if he is elected?'"

Janet Parshall's America

Salem Radio Network

ISSUE: Teenage Sex

QUOTE:

"When parents in Arlington, Virginia, tried to talk to their daughters after being notified by school officials about a new pattern of teen sexual behavior during the past school year, one girl responded, 'What's the big deal? President Clinton did it.' This troubling story, along with others, was featured recently in a disturbing front-page Washington Post article about a trend in Washington-area middle schools for students to push the boundaries of sexual behavior in what has been called an 'anything but intercourse' approach. Apparently these teens have gotten the Planned Parenthood-style message about the need to avoid pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, but sadly, they haven't learned the emotional and moral significance of various degrading forms of sexual activity. They're endangering the health of their souls. This Summer's crop of vile movies marketed to teens is also pushing bad messages. Unfortunately, young people are fooling themselves and being fooled about staying safe from disease and crushing heartbreak. America's teens are hungry for the love and moral nurture strong families provide, but Clinton's example and Hollywood's greed are serving up a diet of lies."

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Subject: Re: Arrangements for JFK, Jr., his wife & sister-in-law

I just checked in again with the Kennedy team in NYC and do not yet have a response. I am, however, convinced that one is coming reasonably soon.

Patricia A. McHugh@OVP

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Subject: Arrangements for JFK, Jr., his wife & sister-in-law

We were wondering if flowers from the VP & MEG would be appropriate. Could you give us your advice, along with details, as available. Since I'll be traveling tomorrow & Friday, could you or someone on your staff be in touch w/Wendy and/or Paul. Many thanks.

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The death of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife Carolyn and sister-in-law Lauren Bessette captured the attention of overseas media, with papers from Europe to Latin America headlining the news and, like their U.S. counterparts, devoting considerable editorial space to eulogizing the son of the former president. Foreign media evoked similar themes to those found in U.S. media: the Kennedy clan's "destined tragic path" for which many found analogues in Greek tragedy; JFK Jr. as the "closest thing America has to a crown prince" who would not, in the end, fulfill the promise of his assassinated father; and the enduring public fascination with the Kennedy "myth" and "mystique," which, most agreed, would be perpetuated by the untimely death of Mr. Kennedy. This "heir apparent," observed a Canadian writer, "was the tangible link to the magic of his father's White House Camelot.... With the crash of John John's plane, we face the reality that the link may be broken, forever." Several recalled the "moving military salute of the three-year-old toddler," as did one analyst who mused, "It is not hard to think of [John Jr.] in the same light as his predecessors, whose deaths were followed by the imponderable question mark of dashed potential." Indeed, much of the comment focused on "what might have been" should Mr. Kennedy have decided to follow in his father's and uncles' political footsteps. According to a Sydney daily, "JFK Jr. had yet to make his mark. But his obvious talents...suggested that when he did, it would be a mark etched into the core of the nation's destiny." While many looked nostalgically to the Kennedy family's history, London's centrist Independent chose to look to the future and what "legacy" John Jr. might leave. "It would be fitting," the paper declared, "if John Jr.'s death reminded America and the world of the high ideal of public service and liberal values that run through the Kennedy rhetoric. It is the Kennedy greatness to call us to a higher moral purpose, and the Kennedy tragedy that none of the family could fulfill that purpose." Meanwhile, many editorials simply paid tribute to JFK Jr., a "modest and charming young man." Highlights follow:

AMERICA'S ENDURING 'FASCINATION' WITH THE KENNEDYS: Many voices reflected on what the Kennedy family means to America, and tried to account for "the depth of the shock America, and indeed the world, felt at the news of his disappearance." "The Kennedy story is part of the American emotional landscape," suggested one analyst, who elaborated, "They are wholly American in this special dichotomy of doing good while sometimes offhandedly, carelessly risking the worst, and they have entered the deepest area of American myth-making as a result." A Dutch editorial

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"The Saga Continues"

Right-of-center Frankfurter Allgemeine observed (7/19): "A plane crash is an ugly but cruel banality. If the plane of a member of the Kennedy clan crashes, the crash turns into the sign of an inevitable fate. The fact that Kennedy was on his way to a glamorous family meeting gives the whole event the stage of a great tragedy. Now global info-tainment has again something to report about: the curse of the Kennedys. The great saga of power and glory, love and violence, disease and death is continued."

ITALY: "America In Love With Dynasties"

New York correspondent Mario Platero pondered in leading business Il Sole-24 Ore (7/20): "After making a revolution against the monarchy, America finds itself fascinated by the concept of monarchy and in love with dynasties. Not only political ones, but also those in the business world.... It may seem surprising that a country that projects such a dynamic image of itself, a country that looks ahead and rewards merit and

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"Those Royal Republican Families"

Prominent commentator Sergio Romano front-paged this comment in centrist, top-circulation Corriere della Sera (7/20): "Both in the case of Lady Diana and John Kennedy Jr., their beauty, their luck and their deaths have made for an irresistible media mix.... But in the case of John there is something more: Part of U.S. society seems to believe that the Kennedys are a sort of clan-party, a breeding ground for leaders, a genetic resource for the future of the country. The most powerful democracy on earth seems to believe that the descendants of an unprincipled Irish immigrant and of an American president form a genus destined for power and have more rights, from a human and political point of view, than their fellow citizens. All of this happens in a nation that dismissed the King Of England and whose first president, George Washington, refused a crown. I hope that America, after mourning the death of the crown prince, will remember that it is republican."

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A commentary by Carol Beebe Tarantelli in pro-DS (leading government party) L'Unita' held (7/18): "If there is a meaning that this family has projected about itself, it is in its refusal to be overwhelmed by the weight of tragedy."

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Mario Platero wrote from New York in leading business Il Sole-24 Ore (7/18): "The umpteenth connection between fate and facts has occurred again in the Kennedy family.... In the best tradition of 'Camelot,' John John had it all: He was good-looking and very rich. He was perhaps the most famous young man in America. Certainly the closest America has to a crown prince.... Now this image of happiness has disappeared in the abyss of the Atlantic."

RUSSIA: "America, World Again Mourns JFK"

Dmitry Chernogorsky opined in centrist Nezavisimaya Gazeta (7/20): "News of the death of the famous president's son has been at the top of TV and radio broadcasts, newspapers and wire agency reports. The world is as shocked as it was after the death of Princess Diana.... Many of those who were kids in 1963 when President Kennedy was assassinated are explaining to their children the tragedy that befell America."

HUNGARY: "What Could Have Been"

Center-right Magyar Nemzet carried this piece by Washington correspondent Gabor Lambert (7/21): "If unfulfilled promises make legends live on, then the Kennedy myth will never die. JFK, the 35th president of the United

States, has been even today put by numerous polls the best ever leader of the country.... What makes the Kennedy legend live on is the questions what could have become of JFK Jr., should he have once felt prepared for the serving the public?"

IRELAND: "Haunted Tragedy"

The centrist, top-circulation Irish Independent editorialized (7/18): "But what misfortunes! How large the writing! The catalogue is too long.... Yet the clan has brought Ireland more comfort than sadness. Senator Edward Kennedy and Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith have taken an intense interest in our affairs. At critical points in the Northern peace process, their influence with President Bill Clinton counted for the good."

THE NETHERLANDS: "Understandable Attention"

Centrist Algemeen Dagblad's editorial judged (7/20): "The mass attention being paid to this accident is understandable. There has rarely been another family suffering such great tragedy and enjoying such fame. The Kennedy family, as President Clinton said, 'suffered a lot and gave a lot.' They recovered from all of their setbacks with remarkable talent. They did great service to their country, for many Americans and also for many people elsewhere in the world. Their allure and their sense of community have made great contributions to the prestige of the United States."

"A Media Blitz"

Influential, liberal De Volkskrant carried an op-ed by Frans Verhagen (7/20): "Wealth, power, and celebrity status have a high price and we should be glad that we, as ordinary citizens do not have to pay that price. But we don't want to miss anything of other people's misery. It is the reason why we see a media blitz, not just in the United States, but also in the Netherlands."

"The Loss Of An American Dream"

Influential, independent NRC Handelsblad's (7/19) editorial assessed the loss of John Kennedy Jr. in terms of the loss of an American dream: "The Americans mourn the loss of a romantic dream out of a half-forgotten past: a Kennedy, chosen royalty, in the White House. This archetypically American, ambitious and strong-willed family of Irish immigrants...renewed the promise of America as the land of unlimited possibilities."

SPAIN: "America's Grief: John Kennedy Jr."

Conservative La Razon noted (7/19): "The American people (and many others around the world) are turning the pages of their photo albums in memory of President John F. Kennedy and the rest of his clan as they genuinely grieve the latest loss of a family marked by tragedy. But even as they offer flowers in memory of the latest victim of the Kennedy family's curse, they wonder about someone who had it all and yet...challenged danger as a way of giving new meaning to the value of life."

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EGYPT: "Fame Can Become A Curse"

Said Sonbol remarked in pro-government Al Akhbar (7/20): "The United States is a republic whose president is not allowed to stay in power for more than eight years. However, the Kennedy family always kept its ambition about occupying this position continuously.... The saying about the family curse

re-emerged [with the disappearance of JFK Jr.]. In my opinion, there is no curse. Death is the fate of every man. But it is the family's fame that makes its members stars under the media lights. Fame sometimes becomes a curse and spoils lives."

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PHILIPPINES: "Mourning JFK Jr."

Associate Editor Ana Marie Pamintuan held in the third-leading Philippine Star (7/20): "Watching those replays of three-year-old John John saluting the remains of his assassinated father, even those who are not Kennedy fanatics feel cheated. This is not the way fairy tales are supposed to end."

"The Prince Survives"

An editorial in the independent Manila Standard reasoned (7/20): "Over the weekend Filipinos followed CNN coverage of the search for JFK Jr.'s plane. Many were as concerned as Americans were over the fate of this man we have never met.... Our sympathy stems not only from our cultural, historical and emotional ties to his country, but to an individual and personal empathy with this charming young man, brought to life in living rooms around the world through the magic of television and media. Life will end, violently and too soon at times, as has so often happened with members of the Kennedy family."

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ARGENTINA: "John John--Another Myth, But Without A Crown"

Maria Flores Correa, leftist Pagina 12's New York correspondent, remarked (7/21): "The comparison between the United States' collective grief and the British people's pain for Diana's death is inevitable. In both cases, this collective pain appears to be the result of the fascination--a blend of Hollywood and jet set--which the two accidents triggered in the public opinion rather than the result of the life-time achievements of these famous dead people.... Like Diana, John--considered the prince of the Kennedy clan--was never a public figure of weight. The only landmark he left in the political scene was the launching of his magazine, George. A somewhat modest achievement. But, like TV networks have repeatedly reminded us, Kennedy was a 'hunk' and a privileged member of that exclusive and inaccessible world of privilege and glamour where common people place their fantasies. In fact, John was better known for his photos in People magazine...than by his own magazine."

"The Kennedy Clan And Greek Tragedy"

Osvaldo Quiroga, international columnist of business-financial El Cronista,

opined (7/20): "From one generation to the other, destiny or bad luck accompanied the Kennedy clan.... The case of John John is paradigmatic. Perhaps, in order to escape his destiny he escaped the political life.... When he headed towards death he was traveling with Carolyn Bessette, his wife, and her sister. The couple seemed to be in their splendor. Both were young and beautiful. They had money and...possibilities.... But, like Greek heroes, destiny was waiting for them at the least expected moment. Perhaps the tragic mistake... was driving an aircraft after only 46 hours of flight. Just like Icarus, John John went too high and singed his wings."

"Again, A Family's Tragic Destiny"

Fernando Sanchez Zinny commented for daily-of-record La Nacion (7/18): "We will always remember the moving military salute of a three-year-old toddler at the coffin of his murdered father.... John Fitzgerald Kennedy made his final trip between flags and soldiers and John John's three-year-old image was the tragic representation of the fugacity of power and splendor. Almost 36 years later, this same child is, once more, the symbol of how destiny destroys human ambitions. Not only because this flight was leading him to a wedding...but because this wedding was going to take place at Hyannis Port, where old Joseph, in his wheelchair, witnessed the ruin of his dreams. John John...was not an especially important man, but, nevertheless, only a few like him played a role in this clear example of the futility of human things, which, by now, expresses the 'Kennedy saga.'... They have become the Habsburgs of the 20th century, heirs to the paradigmatic exaltation-humiliation-tragedy which the Austrian dynasty endured in the past."

BRAZIL: "The Kennedy Myth; The Son's Legacy"

Luis Fernando Verissimo wrote in his daily column for center-right O Estado de Sao Paulo: (7/21): "The Kennedy myth of the charming, wise, handsome and fair king endures. Helped by his personal appeal and a photogenic wife, and by his being the first American president made by and for television, John Kennedy was more than a president--he was a presidential celebrity.... Kennedy represented much more than he did; he had more fame than anything else. So much so that today the fame is remembered as reality. His son seems to have understood, unlike other Kennedys, that his legacy would be his ability to bridge politics and entertainment.... Maybe he decided that viewing politics only as a diversion was a way to avoid a bullet to his head."

"Electoral Appeal"

Liberal Folha de Sao Paulo published this view (7/20): "The disappearance of JFK Jr. may have buried once and for all the elements that could lead a new member of the Kennedy dynasty to the first team of U.S. politics.... The last heir in the JFK dynasty reconciled the virtues of a modest and charming crown prince, the attractiveness of a healthy and handsome young man and Hollywood star appeal. There is no reason to doubt that John Jr. could have had electoral appeal in a society that elected an actor, Ronald Reagan, twice."

"Unraveling The Mystery Of The Public's Fascination"

Political analyst Clovis Rossi judged in liberal Folha de Sao Paulo (7/20): "The public's fascination with the Kennedy family is a mystery. A

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CANADA: "Simply Sad"

Quebec's English-language Gazette asserted (7/20): "People for whom it is a matter of complete indifference and practical inconsequence whether another Kennedy runs for the White House...mourned the loss of the scion of the fabled Kennedy clan.... It is possible to be aware of how Kennedy family members use myth-making for their own political advancement and still remain transfixed by what seems a tragedy of truly mythic proportions.... Like many sons of famous fathers...the burden of expectation for him must have been crippling. The Democratic Party was forever standing in the wings, willing him to follow in his father's footsteps and recreate Camelot, oblivious to how tarnished its image has become over time.... The fierce, almost hostile, desire on the part of many to explain the Kennedys as a Greek tragedy fails to acknowledge the complexity that lies within them.... Three young people died early, robbing their families and the world of their contributions. It is not a mythic tale. It is simply sad."

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Stephen Handelman reflected in the liberal Toronto Star (7/20): "Is the family cursed? Should anyone care if it is?... The Kennedy story is a part of the American emotional landscape, picked up by every immigrant almost as a rite of passage. No one wants to let it go, even as the Kennedy family itself has been notably ambiguous about the myth-making.... The Kennedys are wholly American in this special dichotomy, of doing good while sometimes offhandedly, carelessly, risking the worst, and they have entered the deepest area of American myth-making as a result. If the Kennedys are cursed, then so are all Americans. The Kennedys are always there, ready to be pulled out as symbols of unfinished business. Many Americans, who up till now hadn't given JFK Jr. a second thought, were surprised to find themselves emotionally caught up in his death."

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The conservative Halifax Chronicle-Herald opined (7/20): "America has lost a favorite son. A political dynasty has lost a worthy, yet reluctant torch-bearer. And an all-American family has lost two beloved daughters.... Although he was a quiet, stable Kennedy, it is hard not to think of him in the same light as his predecessors, whose deaths were followed by the imponderable question mark of dashed potential."

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 when the Kenn
 edys are involved. This is a sensitivity towards a reversal of
 fortune that ca
 nnot be explained with voyeurism alone. Not even John F.
 Kennedy's political a
 chievements justify such a veneration that goes beyond
 his death.... John F. K
 ennedy personifies a myth that has not faded even
 today.... The deep sympathy
 with which the United States is now taking note
 of the death of his son is refl
 ecting all this. It is the sympathy for the
 fate of a family which does not gi
 ve in despite all setbacks, that gets up
 and rises again.... John John was no
 politician, but he was surrounded by
 the aura to be the son of John F. Kennedy,
 and he was a member of the Kennedy
 family.... The United States needs such fa
 milies, if necessary, to distract
 attention from its own problems.... The Unit
 ed States needs its tragic
 heroes. Like no other country, the Americans offer
 sympathy and regret,
 glamour and glory only if fate has broken the spell of suc
 h idols. In this
 respect, the Kennedy dynasty personifies everything you like:
 An
 unprecedented rise, power, attractiveness, and a fatal fall."

□"The Saga Continues"

□Rightofcenter Frankfurter Allgemeine observed (7/19): "A plane crash is an
 ug
 ly but cruel banality. If the plane of a member of the Kennedy clan
 crashes, t
 he crash turns into the sign of an inevitable fate. The fact that
 Kennedy was
 on his way to a glamorous family meeting gives the whole event
 the stage of a
 great tragedy. Now global infotainment has again something
 to report about: t
 he curse of the Kennedys. The great saga of power and
 glory, love and violence
 , disease and death is continued."

□ITALY: "America In Love With Dynasties"

□New York correspondent Mario Platero pondered in leading business Il Sole24
Or

e (7/20): "After making a revolution against the monarchy, America finds
itself

fascinated by the concept of monarchy and in love with dynasties. Not
only po

litical ones, but also those in the business world.... It may seem
surprising

that a country that projects such a dynamic image of itself, a
country that loo

ks ahead and rewards merit and change is, in fact, so linked
to the idea of con

tinuity. Even though it is the largest, the Kennedy
dynasty is not the only o

ne. Certainly it is the most powerful....

America, in sum, is mourning the lo

ss of a potential heir."

□"Those Royal Republican Families"

□Prominent commentator Sergio Romano frontpaged this comment in centrist,
topci

rculation Corriere della Sera (7/20): "Both in the case of Lady Diana
and John

Kennedy Jr., their beauty, their luck and their deaths have made for
an irresi

stible media mix.... But in the case of John there is something
more: Part of

U.S. society seems to believe that the Kennedys are a sort of
clanparty, a bre

eding ground for leaders, a genetic resource for the future
of the country. T

he most powerful democracy on earth seems to believe that
the descendants of an

unprincipled Irish immigrant and of an American
president form a genus destine

d for power and have more rights, from a human
and political point of view, tha

n their fellow citizens. All of this happens
in a nation that dismissed the K

ing Of England and whose first president,
George Washington, refused a crown.

I hope that America, after mourning the
death of the crown prince, will remembe

r that it is republican."

□"The Death Of Kings Without A Crown"

□A commentary by Carol Beebe Tarantelli in proDS (leading government party)
L'U

nita' held (7/18): "If there is a meaning that this family has projected
about

itself, it is in its refusal to be overwhelmed by the weight of
tragedy.

"They threw themselves into public life, without ever retreating,
notwithstandi

ng everything. And now John's death. It seems a Greek tragedy.

A senseless f

ate that each time, with the horror of a violent death, targets
 a family that
 is the emblem of beauty, promise, tenaciousness, idealism....
 If there were a
 sense and an order to things, John John would have had to be
 spared. But there
 is no justice in fate."

□"America's Crown Prince"

□Mario Platero wrote from New York in leading business Il Sole24 Ore (7/18):
 "

The umpteenth connection between fate and facts has occurred again in the
 Kenne
 dy family.... In the best tradition of 'Camelot,' John John had it all:
 He wa
 s goodlooking and very rich. He was perhaps the most famous young man
 in Ameri
 ca. Certainly the closest America has to a crown prince.... Now
 this image of
 happiness has disappeared in the abyss of the Atlantic."

□RUSSIA: "America, World Again Mourns JFK"

□Dmitry Chernogorsky opined in centrist Nezavisimaya Gazeta (7/20): "News of
 t
 he death of the famous president's son has been at the top of TV and radio
 broa
 dcasts, newspapers and wire agency reports. The world is as shocked as it
 was a
 fter the death of Princess Diana.... Many of those who were kids in
 1963 when
 President Kennedy was assassinated are explaining to their children
 the tragedy
 that befell America."

□HUNGARY: "What Could Have Been"

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Gabor Lambert (7/21): "If unfulfilled promises make legends live on, then

the Kennedy myth will never die. JFK, the 35th president of the United
 States
 , has been even today put by numerous polls the best ever leader of the
 country
 What makes the Kennedy legend live on is the questions what
 could have be
 come of JFK Jr., should he have once felt prepared for the
 serving the public?"

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□The centrist, topcirculation Irish Independent editorialized (7/18): "But
 wha
 t misfortunes! How large the writing! The catalogue is too long....
 Yet the
 clan has brought Ireland more comfort than sadness. Senator Edward
 Kennedy an

d Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith have taken an intense interest in our affairs.

At critical points in the Northern peace process, their influence with President Bill Clinton counted for the good."

□THE NETHERLANDS:□ □"Understandable Attention"

□Centrist Algemeen Dagblad's editorial judged (7/20): "The mass attention being paid to this accident is understandable. There has rarely been another family suffering such great tragedy and enjoying such fame. The Kennedy family, as President Clinton said, 'suffered a lot and gave a lot.' They recovered from all of their setbacks with remarkable talent. They did great service to their country, for many Americans and also for many people elsewhere in the world. Their allure and their sense of community have made great contributions to the prestige of the United States."

□"A Media Blitz"

□Influential, liberal De Volkskrant carried an op-ed by Frans Verhagen (7/20): "Wealth, power, and celebrity status have a high price and we should be glad that we, as ordinary citizens do not have to pay that price. But we don't want to miss anything of other people's misery. It is the reason why we see a media blitz, not just in the United States, but also in the Netherlands."

□"The Loss Of An American Dream"

□Influential, independent NRC Handelsblad's (7/19) editorial assessed the loss of John Kennedy Jr. in terms of the loss of an American dream: "The Americans mourn the loss of a romantic dream out of a half-forgotten past: a Kennedy, chosen royalty, in the White House. This archetypically American, ambitious and strong-willed family of Irish immigrants...renewed the promise of America as the land of unlimited possibilities."

□SPAIN: "America's Grief: John Kennedy Jr."

□Conservative La Razon noted (7/19): "The American people (and many others around the world) are turning the pages of their photo albums in memory of President John F. Kennedy and the rest of his clan as they genuinely grieve the latest loss of a family marked by tragedy. But even as they offer flowers in memory of the latest victim of the Kennedy family's curse, they wonder about someone who

ho had it all and yet...challenged danger as a way of giving new meaning to the value of life."

MIDDLE EAST

□EGYPT: "Fame Can Become A Curse"

□Said Sonbol remarked in progovernment Al Akhbar (7/20): "The United States is a republic whose president is not allowed to stay in power for more than eight years. However, the Kennedy family always kept its ambition about occupying the position continuously.... The saying about the family curse reemerged [with the disappearance of JFK Jr.]. In my opinion, there is no curse. Death is the fate of every man. But it is the family's fame that makes its members stars under the media lights. Fame sometimes becomes a curse and spoils lives."

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□AUSTRALIA: "Another Death In Eden"

□The liberal Sydney Morning Herald's editorial read (7/19): "At 38 years of age, JFK Jr. had yet to make his definitive mark. But his obvious talents...suggested that when he did, it would be a mark etched into the core of the nation's destiny.... It could not be ruled out that JFK Jr., like his father, might have entered politics at a critical time for his country. That is another reason why, over the next few weeks, Americans will count the cost of his death and consider the deeper significance it holds."

□PHILIPPINES: "Mourning JFK Jr."

□Associate Editor Ana Marie Pamintuan held in the thirdleading Philippine Star (7/20): "Watching those replays of threeyearold John John saluting the remains of his assassinated father, even those who are not Kennedy fanatics feel cheated. This is not the way fairy tales are supposed to end."

□"The Prince Survives"

□An editorial in the independent Manila Standard reasoned (7/20): "Over the weekend Filipinos followed CNN coverage of the search for JFK Jr.'s plane. Many were as concerned as Americans were over the fate of this man we have never met

.... Our sympathy stems not only from our cultural, historical and emotional ties to his country, but to an individual and personal empathy with this charming young man, brought to life in living rooms around the world through the magic of television and media. Life will end, violently and too soon at times, as has so often happened with members of the Kennedy family."

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

□ ARGENTINA: □ "John John Another Myth, But Without A Crown"

□ Maria Flores Correa, leftist Pagina 12's New York correspondent, remarked (7/2

1): "The comparison between the United States' collective grief and the British

people's pain for Diana's death is inevitable. In both cases, this collective

pain appears to be the result of the fascination a blend of Hollywood and jet set

in which the two accidents triggered in the public opinion rather than the result

of the lifetime achievements of these famous dead people.... Like Diana, John

was considered the prince of the Kennedy clan was never a public figure of weight.

The only landmark he left in the political scene was the launching of his magazine, George. A somewhat modest

achievement. But, like TV networks have repeatedly reminded us, Kennedy was

a 'hunk' and a privileged member of that exclusive and inaccessible world of

privilege and glamour where common people place their fantasies. In fact,

John was better known for his photos in People magazine... than by his own

magazine."

□ "The Kennedy Clan And Greek Tragedy"

□ Osvaldo Quiroga, international columnist of business financial El Cronista, opined

(7/20): "From one generation to the other, destiny or bad luck accompanied

the Kennedy clan.... The case of John John is paradigmatic. Perhaps, in order

to escape his destiny he escaped the political life.... When he headed toward

his death he was traveling with Carolyn Bessette, his wife, and her sister. The

couple seemed to be in their splendor. Both were young and beautiful. They had

money and... possibilities.... But, like Greek heroes, destiny was waiting for

them at the least expected moment. Perhaps the tragic mistake... was driving

an aircraft after only 46 hours of flight.

Just like Icarus, John John went too high and singed his wings."

□"Again, A Family's Tragic Destiny"

□Fernando Sanchez Zinny commented for dailyofrecord La Nacion (7/18): "We will always remember the moving military salute of a threeyearold toddler at the coffin of his murdered father.... John Fitzgerald Kennedy made his final trip between flags and soldiers and John John's threeyearold image was the tragic representation of the fugacity of power and splendor. Almost 36 years later, this same child is, once more, the symbol of how destiny destroys human ambitions. Not only because this flight was leading him to a wedding...but because this wedding was going to take place at Hyannis Port, where old Joseph, in his wheelchair, witnessed the ruin of his dreams. John John...was not an especially important man, but, nevertheless, only a few like him played a role in this clear example of the futility of human things, which, by now, expresses the 'Kennedy saga.'... They have become the Habsburgs of the 20th century, heirs to the paradigmatic exaltationhumiliationtragedy which the Austrian dynasty endured in the past."

□BRAZIL: "The Kennedy Myth; The Son's Legacy"

□Luis Fernando Verissimo wrote in his daily column for centerright O Estado de Sao Paulo: (7/21): "The Kennedy myth of the charming, wise, handsome and fair king endures. Helped by his personal appeal and a photogenic wife, and by his being the first American president made by and for television, John Kennedy was more than a presidenthe was a presidential celebrity.... Kennedy represented much more than he did, he had more fame than anything else. So much so that today the fame is remembered as reality. His son seems to have understood, unlike other Kennedys, that his legacy would be his ability to bridge politics and entertainment.... Maybe he decided that viewing politics only as a diversion was as a way to avoid a bullet to his head."

□"Electoral Appeal"

□ Liberal Folha de Sao Paulo published this view (7/20): "The disappearance of JFK Jr. may have buried once and for all the elements that could lead a new member of the Kennedy dynasty to the first team of U.S. politics.... The last heir in the JFK dynasty reconciled the virtues of a modest and charming crown prince, the attractiveness of a healthy and handsome young man and Hollywood star appeal. There is no reason to doubt that John Jr. could have had electoral appeal in a society that elected an actor, Ronald Reagan, twice."

□ "Unraveling The Mystery Of The Public's Fascination"

□ Political analyst Clovis Rossi judged in liberal Folha de Sao Paulo (7/20):

"The public's fascination with the Kennedy family is a mystery. A fascination that has no borders, and is so spectacular that in Brazil, the story managed to even overcome the classical interest in soccer, at the exact time Brazil was preparing for the South American tournament. John Kennedy's death gives the impression that the world, and Brazilians included, needs a royal family to admire, hate, love and gossip about.... In the case of the Kennedys, the permanent family tragedy...works as an extra attraction. It seems to be a compensation: Yes the Kennedys are imperial, but suffer as any ordinary mortal or perhaps even more."

□ CANADA: □ "Simply Sad"

□ Quebec's Englishlanguage Gazette asserted (7/20): "People for whom it is a matter of complete indifference and practical inconsequence whether another Kennedy runs for the White House...mourned the loss of the scion of the fabled Kennedy clan.... It is possible to be aware of how Kennedy family members use mythmaking for their own political advancement and still remain transfixed by what seems a tragedy of truly mythic proportions.... Like many sons of famous fathers...the burden of expectation for him must have been crippling. The Democratic Party was forever standing in the wings, willing him to follow in his father's footsteps and recreate Camelot, oblivious to how tarnished its image has become over time.... The fierce, almost hostile, desire on the part of many to explain the Kennedys as a Greek tragedy fails to acknowledge the complexity that li

es within them.... Three young people died early, robbing their families and the world of their contributions. It is not a mythic tale. It is simply sad."

□"The Unfinished Journeys Of The Kennedys And America"□

Stephen Handelman reflected in the liberal Toronto Star (7/20): "Is the family

cursed? Should anyone care if it is?... The Kennedy story is a part of the American emotional landscape, picked up by every immigrant almost as a rite of passage.

No one wants to let it go, even as the Kennedy family itself has been notably ambiguous about the mythmaking.... The Kennedys are wholly American in

this special dichotomy, of doing good while sometimes offhandedly, carelessly,

risking the worst, and they have entered the deepest area of American mythmaking

as a result. If the Kennedys are cursed, then so are all Americans. The Kennedys are always there, ready to be pulled out

as symbols of unfinished business. Many Americans, who up till now hadn't given JFK Jr. a second thought, were

surprised to find themselves emotionally caught up in his death."

□"America Loses A Favorite Son"

□The conservative Halifax ChronicleHerald opined (7/20): "America has lost a favorite son. A political dynasty has lost a worthy, yet reluctant torchbearer.

And an all-American family has lost two beloved daughters.... Although he was

a quiet, stable Kennedy, it is hard not to think of him in the same light as his predecessors, whose deaths were followed by the

imponderable question mark of dashed potential.

"Questions of judgment will also linger long after JFK Jr.'s demise. Why did he, as a relatively inexperienced pilot, fly out at night over open water in hazardous conditions, with a barely healed broken foot and no life preservers? The answers may never be known. Speculation will become the substitute for fact, as it has with so many Kennedy tragedies. The simplest answer may be that tempting fate is in the Kennedy genes. Danger acts as both the wind beneath their wings and as the sudden gust that knocks them down.... In that sense, JFK Jr. was his father's son."

□"Nourishing The Myth Of The Kennedys"

□Guy Taillefer editorialized in liberal, Frenchlanguage Le Devoir (7/20):

"Ame

rican journalists transformed into obituary writers are offering themselves a f

uneral orgy with the disappearance at sea of JFK Jr.... Unlike the death of La

dy Di, which shook the British monarchy by emphasizing its anachronism, that of

JFK Jr. strengthens and confirms in the American psyche the royal deification

of the Kennedy clan...where father and son are intimately joined.... JFK Jr.

has died tragically; for all those baby boomers who grew up following the Kenne dy saga, the myth goes on."

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□X□□"The Kennedy Mystique"

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□The conservative Calgary Sun lamented (7/19): "The depth of the shock America

, and indeed the world, felt at the news of the disappearance of JFK Jr.'s plan

e is, at first, difficult to understand.... His birthright was celebrity, a na

me that would never allow America to forget that he should, somehow, shine so b

rightly, achieve so much, fulfill an unspoken promise. It was not a mantle he

soughthe distanced himself, as much as was possible, from the ambitions of the

Kennedy clan.... But no matter how little he wanted it, his charm, his handsom

e good looks, his charismahis namemade him heir apparent to the Kennedy mystiqu

e. Although he tried to deny it, he

was the tangible link to the magic of his father's White House Camelota

simpler time, when leaders were larger than life , when people dared to

believe, when it seemed dreams were possible. With the crash of John John's

plane, we face the reality the link may be broken, forever ."

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PRESIDENT CLINTON TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK, NY

Washington, DC -- President Clinton will travel to New York, NY on Friday, July 23, 1999 to attend a memorial service for John F. Kennedy, Jr. and Carolyn Bessette Kennedy. The memorial service is closed press.

Pre-credentialing is not required for media wishing to cover airport and landing zone arrivals and departures. However, media must show valid federal or state issued photo identification and press credentials at the designated entrance to gain access.

There is no local pool. Times are tentative and subject to change.

Friday, July 23, 1999
New York, New York

9:50 a.m. (EDT) THE PRESIDENT arrives John F. Kennedy International Airport via Air Force One and boards Marine One en route Wall Street Landing Zone.

OPEN PRESS

Press entrance: TWA Cargo Area A, Hangar 12,
Off South Service Road, Gate 16

Final access: 8:15 - 9:00 a.m.

Satellite truck parking: directed on site at gate

General Parking: same as above

10:20 a.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives Wall Street Landing Zone, New York, NY via Marine One and departs via motorcade en route St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church,
New York, New York

OPEN PRESS

Press entrance: Wall Street Helipad Entrance

Final access: 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m. THE PRESIDENT attends the memorial service for John F. Kennedy, Jr. and
Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church,
New York, New York

CLOSED PRESS

1:00 p.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives Wall Street Landing Zone, New York, NY and departs via Marine One

OPEN PRESS

Press entrance: same as Marine One arrival

Final access: 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

2:45 p.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives John F. Kennedy International Airport and departs via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base

OPEN PRESS

Press entrance: same as Air Force One arrival

Final access: 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Satellite truck parking: same as Air Force One arrival

General Parking: same as Air Force One arrival

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Partly cloudy. High 89. Low 71.

CINCINNATI, OHIO

Partly cloudy with isolated evening thunderstorms. Low 68 to 73. High 88 to 93.

ASPEN, COLORADO

Partly cloudy. High 73 to 78. Schedule of the President
for

Friday, July 23, 1999

Final Schedule

8:10 am THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart The White House via
motorcade en route the Reflecting Pool
[drive time: 5 minutes]

8:15 am THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Reflecting Pool

8:25 am THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Reflecting Pool via
Marine
One en route Andrews Air Force Base
[flight time: 10 minutes]

8:35 am THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Andrews Air Force Base

8:50 am THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Andrews Air Force Base
via
Air Force One en route John F. Kennedy International Airport
[flight time: 55 minutes]

9:45 am THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive John F. Kennedy
International Airport

10:00 am THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart John F. Kennedy
International Airport via Marine One en route Wall Street Landing Zone
[flight time: 20 minutes]

10:20 am THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Wall Street Landing Zone

10:30 am THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Wall Street Landing Zone
via motorcade en route Church of St. Thomas More
[drive time: 20 minutes]

10:50 am THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Church of St. Thomas
More

11:00 am- MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JOHN F. KENNEDY, JR. AND

12:30 pm CAROLYN BESSETTE KENNEDY

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

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-- The President and the First Lady proceed to their seats.

-- Mass service begins.

-- Upon conclusion of the Mass, the Priest leads the recessional.

-- The President and First Lady depart with the family recessional and proceed to the Rectory Sitting Room.

12:35 pm- HOLD

12:55 pm RECTORY SITTING ROOM

1:10 pm THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Church of St. Thomas More via motorcade en route Wall Street Landing Zone
[drive time: 20 minutes]

1:30 pm THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Wall Street Landing Zone

1:40 pm THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Wall Street Landing Zone via Marine One en route John F. Kennedy International Airport
[flight time: 15 minutes]

1:55 pm THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive John F. Kennedy International Airport

2:10 pm THE PRESIDENT departs John F. Kennedy International Airport via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base
[flight time: 1 hour]

3:10 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Andrews Air Force Base

3:25 pm THE PRESIDENT departs Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One en route the Reflecting Pool
[flight time: 10 minutes]

3:35 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives the Reflecting Pool

3:45 pm THE PRESIDENT departs the Reflecting Pool via motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 5 minutes]

3:50 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives The White House

4:00 pm- BRIEFING

4:05 pm OVAL OFFICE DINING ROOM

Staff Contact: Loretta Ucelli, Megan Moloney

4:05 pm- TAPE RADIO ADDRESS

4:45 pm ROOSEVELT ROOM

Remarks: Jordan Tamagni

Staff Contact: Loretta Ucelli, Megan Moloney

4:50 pm THE PRESIDENT departs The White House via motorcade en route Reflecting Pool
[drive time: 5 minutes]

4:55 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Reflecting Pool

5:05 pm THE PRESIDENT departs Reflecting Pool via Marine One en route Andrews Air Force Base
[flight time: 10 minutes]

5:15 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Andrews Air Force Base

5:30 pm THE PRESIDENT departs Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force One en route Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport [flight time: 1 hour, 20 minutes]

6:50 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport

Greeters: State Senator Mark Mallory
 Catherine Barrett, State Representative
 Tyrone Yates, Cincinnati City Council Member
 Paul Booth, Cincinnati City Council Member
 Lovey Andrews, Mayor, Lincoln Heights
 Wayne Coates, Mayor of Forest Park
 Earl Schmidt, Mayor of Reading
 Minette Cooper, Vice Mayor
 Todd Portune, Cincinnati City Council Member
 Joseph Wolterman, Colerain, Ohio Township Trustee
 Gwen McFarlin, Springfield Ohio Township Trustee
 Timothy Burke, Chair, Hamilton County Democratic Party
 Robert Richardson, President AFL-CIO Labor Council
 Joseph Zimmer, Executive Secretary, Greater Cincinnati Building Trades Co.
 Pat Erb, Cincinnati Ward 2 Democratic Chair
 Lois Graham, Lincoln Heights Democratic Chair
 Roscoe Fultz, Cincinnati Ward 13 Democratic Chair
 Dick Cozzi, Vice President, DHL (T)
 John Lambert, Facilities Manager, DHL

7:05 pm THE PRESIDENT departs Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport via motorcade en route Private Residence [drive time: 50 minutes]

7:55 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Private Residence

Greeters: Joe Andrew, Chair, Democratic National Committee
 Stan Chesley

8:00 pm- PHOTO RECEIVING LINE

8:25 pm DINING ROOM

Private Residence

Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

Event Coordinator: Aviva Steinberg

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Note: There will be approximately 50 guests in attendance.

8:30 pm- DNC DINNER

9:30 pm LIVING ROOM

Private Residence

Remarks: Josh Gottheimer

Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

Event Coordinator: Aviva Steinberg

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Note: There will be approximately 50 guests in attendance.

-- The President takes his seat at the head table and dinner is served.

-- Stan Chesley makes welcoming remarks and introduces Joe Andrew.

-- Joe Andrew, Chair, Democratic National Committee, makes brief remarks and introduces Stan Chesley.

-- Stan Chesley introduces the President.

-- The President makes remarks and departs.

9:35 pm THE PRESIDENT departs Private Residence via motorcade en route Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport
[drive time: 50 minutes]

10:25 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport

10:40 pm THE PRESIDENT departs Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport via Air Force One en route Denver International Airport

[flight time: 2 hours, 30 minutes]

[time change: -2 hours]

11:10 pm MT THE PRESIDENT arrives Denver International Airport

Greeters: Jim Lyons

11:25 pm THE PRESIDENT departs Denver International Airport via Air Force One (C-20) en route Pitkin County Airport, Aspen, Colorado
[flight time: 55 minutes with INTERCHANGE]

Note: In the event of inclement weather, the President will travel to Aspen via motorcade. [drive time: approximately 4 hours]

12:20 am THE PRESIDENT arrives Pitkin County Airport, Aspen, Colorado

Greeters: Mayor Rachael Richards, Aspen

State Representative Carl Miller

Leslie Lamont, Chair,

Pitkin

County Commissioners

Michael Ireland, Pitkin County Commissioner

John Ely, Pitkin County Attorney

Amy Margerum, Aspen City Manager

Tom McCabe, Aspen City Councilman

Terry Paulson, Aspen City Councilman

John Worcester, Aspen City Attorney

Eve Homeyer, former Mayor of Aspen

Tim Knaus, Chair, Colorado Democratic Party

Camilla Auger, Chair, Pitkin County Democratic Party

Raymond Auger, Vice Chair, Pitkin County Democratic Party

Mary Hugh Scott, Democratic Activist

Tong K. Luu, Democratic Activist

12:35 am THE PRESIDENT departs Pitkin County Airport, Aspen, Colorado via motorcade en route Private Residence
[drive time: 20 minutes]

12:55 am THE PRESIDENT arrives Private Residence

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