

Previews

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Mike Wilbury

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{ Gals 1 & 2 hands ->

Grabs presents

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not took place - male now take care of a

certain
reason

④ ④

aren't you with the rest? ④

Nothing for Kantas -

length -> (short length)

All your hobbies -> work - work -

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picture of Jimmy Smito

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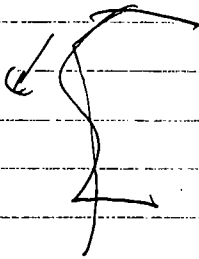
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(4) No place like home — ~~she~~ ~~relieve~~ ~~back~~ ~~her~~

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relieve back here...

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of course — you ~~have~~

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butler,

● Michele Ballantyne

09/07/99 01:48:22 PM

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To: Joshua S. Gottheimer/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc: Fern Mechlowitz/WHO/EOP@EOP

Subject: Re: do you have list of john's september speaking? 

Here's the list of events for which JDP will need talking points/remarks:

Wed. 9/8 Janet Marguia farewell (needs jokes) 

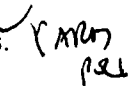
Thurs 9/9 IGA Outreach meeting

IGA is preparing talking points that should be sent to me cob today - hopefully you can review and comment

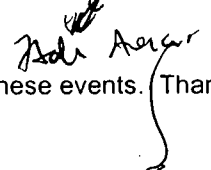
Mon 9/13 National Farmers Union

15 mins remarks followed by 15 mins Q&A - OPL is supposed to prepare (review by you) 

Fri 9/17 Italian American Dinner in NYC

He's receiving an award - will need brief thank you remarks. 

Thurs 9/30 WH Fellows Alumni Meeting and Reunion

I will let you know as soon as I know any details about these events. Thanks. 

(Thurs 9/13) - budget & gric - 

JA - call Jackie Shufel.
66542

Ken Tass -
✓ 491-6033

Frank Axelrod
784-8338 

Biography

Janet Murguia

Janet Murguia serves as Deputy Assistant to the President and the Deputy Director for Legislative Affairs for the White House. Prior to her February 1998 promotion to Deputy Director, she served as the House Liaison for White House Legislative Affairs. She began her work with the White House Legislative Affairs as a Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs and had served in this position since her appointment on January 25, 1994. In her current position, she provides policy-making and strategic advice to the President; she serves as the chief Deputy liaison between the White House and the Congress and works to advance the Clinton Administration's legislative initiatives in Congress.

During her five year tenure as President Clinton's liaison to the U.S. Congress, Murguia has been directly involved with managing several legislative accomplishments including initiatives related to: health care, the environment, telecommunications, immigration, education, welfare reform, trade, taxes, child care, Puerto Rico, and Mexico certification.

Murguia holds a J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law, which was conferred in 1985. She also received a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from the University of Kansas. She is a member of the Kansas Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Prior to her position at the White House, Murguia served as Legislative Counsel to former Kansas Congressman Jim Slattery.

Book - ? who knows the way
Tom Thornton?