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1						Friday Polling Report (4/8-4/21)	
2							
3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	FL-Gov.	4/11-4/17	Crist (R)	37	-2	48.7%	N/A
7			Davis (D)	39		51.3%	N/A
8	MD-Gov.	4/11-4/13	Erlich (R)	41	-5	47.1%	N/A
9			O'Malley (D)	46		52.9%	N/A
10	MI - Gov.	4/17-4/19	DeVos (R)	42	-1	49.4%	N/A
11			Granholm (D)	43		50.6%	N/A
12	NJ-Sen.	4/7-4/9	Kean (R)	34	+2	51.5%	23
13			Menendez (D)	32		48.5%	28
14	PA-Gov.	4/7-4/9	Swann (R)	39	-3	51.5%	25
15			Rendell (D)	42		48.5%	37
16	PA-Sen.	4/7-4/9	Santorum (R)	40	-10	44.4%	32
17			Casey (D)	50		55.6%	33
18	WI-Gov.	4/7-4/9	Green (R)	43	0	50.0%	N/A
19			Doyle (D)	43		50.0%	N/A
20							
21	Presidential Approval						
22				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
23	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
24	4/7-4/16	35	55	10	-20	1,501	Adults
25	4/18-4/19	33	57	10	-24	900	RVs
26	4/10-4/13	36	59	5	-23	1,004	Adults
27	4/8-4/11	39	57	4	-18	1,357	Adults
28	4/4-4/5	36	53	11	-17	900	RVs
29	4/3-4/5	36	62	2	-26	1,003	Adults
30	3/29-3/30	37	57	6	-20	1,004	Adults
31	This wk. Avg.	34.0	56.0	10.0	-22.0		
32	Last wk. Avg.	36.8	57.6	5.6	-20.8		
33	Past mo. Avg.	37.3	57.2	5.5	-19.9		
34	Jan-March Avg.	39.4	55.4	5.2	-16.0		

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1				Strategy Department								
2												
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4				Polling								
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization								
6	N/A	N/A	RVs	Quinnipiac								
7	N/A											
8	N/A	N/A	Adults	Gonzales Marketing Strategies								
9	N/A											
10	N/A	1,200	RVs	Strategic Vistion (R)								
11	N/A											
12	11	800	RVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
13	13											
14	6	1,200	RVs	Strategic Vision								
15	25											
16	32	1,200	RVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
17	10											
18	N/A	800	RVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
19	N/A											
20												
21												
22	Polling											
23	Organization											
24	Pew Research Center											
25	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics											
26	Gallup											
27	Los Angeles Times											
28	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics											
29	AP-Ipsos											
30	Time											
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1						Friday Polling Report (3/25-3/31)	
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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	CA-Gov.	3/15-3/22	Schwarzenegger (R)	39	+8	55.7%	N/A
7			Westly (D)	31		44.3%	N/A
8	FL-Gov.	3/21-3/23	Crist (R)	46	+16	60.5%	42
9			Davis (D)	30		39.5%	16
10	FL-Sen.	3/21-3/23	Harris (R)	35	-16	40.7%	29
11			Nelson (D)	51		59.3%	46
12	FL-Gov.	3/24-3/26	Crist (R)	47	+9	55.3%	N/A
13			Davis (D)	38		44.7%	N/A
14	FL-Sen.	3/24-3/26	Harris (R)	28	-28	33.3%	N/A
15			Nelson (D)	56		66.7%	N/A
16	MA-Gov.	3/18-3/20	Healey (R)	25	-9	42.4%	N/A
17			Reilly (D)	34		57.6%	N/A
18	NY-Gov.	3/21-3/27	Faso (R)	18	-48	21.4%	6
19			Spitzer (D)	66		78.6%	51
20	PA-Gov.	3/14-3/22	Swann (R)	35	+7	54.7%	53
21			Rendell (D)	29		45.3%	39
22	RI-Sen.	3/23-3/30	Whitehouse (D)	49	N/A	61.3%	66
23			Brown (D)	31		38.8%	48
24	WA-Gov.	3/24-3/26	McGavick (R)	39	-10	44.3%	N/A
25			Cantwell (D)	49		55.7%	N/A
26							
27	Presidential Approval						
28						N	Population
29	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Other/ Not Sure	% Diff. (D-A)		
30	3/22-3/23	39	56	5	-17	1,003	Adults
31	This wk. Avg.	39.0	56.0	5.0	-17.0		
32	Last wk. Avg.	36.7	58.0	5.3	-21.3		
33	Past mo. Avg.	37.5	57.2	5.3	-19.7		
34	Jan-March Avg.	39.6	55.3	5.1	-15.7		

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1				Strategy Department								
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4				Polling								
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization								
6	N/A	444	LVs	PPIC								
7	N/A											
8	10	625	AVs	Mason-Dixon								
9	7											
10	31	625	AVs	Mason-Dixon								
11	14											
12	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
13	N/A											
14	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
15	N/A											
16	N/A	400	AVs	7News-Suffolk University								
17	N/A											
18	4	1,647	RVs	Quinnipiac								
19	11											
20	37	1,500	Adults	IssuesPA/Pew								
21	17											
22	25	700	LVs	Anzalone Liszt Research (D)								
23	32											
24	N/A	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
25	N/A											
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28	Polling											
29	Organization											
30	Time											
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1						Friday Polling Report (3/18-3/24)	
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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	GA-Gov.	3/14-3/17	Perdue (R)	48	+8	54.5%	N/A
7			Cox (D)	40		45.5%	N/A
8	IA-Gov.	3/20-3/22	Nussle (R)	43	-1	49.4%	52
9			Culver (D)	44		50.6%	50
10	MA-Gov.	3/18-3/20	Healey (R)	25	-9	42.4%	36
11			Reilly (D)	34		57.6%	36
12	ME-Gov.	3/3-3/8	Emery (R)	24	-13	39.3%	N/A
13			Baldacci (D)	37		60.7%	N/A
14	MI-Gov.	3/13-3/17	DeVos (R)	41	-2	48.8%	N/A
15			Granholm (D)	43		51.2%	N/A
16	NJ-Sen.	3/8-3/14	Kean (R)	36	-4	47.4%	18
17			Menendez (D)	40		52.6%	21
18	PA-Gov.	2/13-3/7	Swann (R)	34	-8	44.7%	N/A
19			Rendell (D)	42		55.3%	N/A
20	PA-Sen.	2/13-3/7	Santorum (R)	31	-14	40.8%	N/A
21			Casey (D)	45		59.2%	N/A
22							
23	Presidential Approval						
24				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
25	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
26	3/18-3/21	37	57	6	-20	1,100	Adults
27	3/16-3/17	36	58	6	-22	1,020	Adults
28	3/13-3/16	37	59	4	-22	1,000	Adults
29	This wk. Avg.	36.7	58.0	5.3	-21.3		
30	Last wk. Avg.	35.8	56.6	7.6	-20.8		
31	Past mo. Avg.	37.7	57.2	5.1	-19.5		
32	Jan-March Avg.	39.6	55.3	5.1	-15.7		

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1				Strategy Department								
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4				Polling								
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization								
6	N/A	500	LVs	InsiderAdvantage/Majority Opinion								
7	N/A											
8	28	600	LVs	Research 2000								
9	21											
10	31	400	LVs	7News/Suffolk Univ.								
11	31											
12	N/A	401	LVs	Strategic Marketing Services								
13	N/A											
14	N/A	600	RVs	Marketing Resource Group								
15	N/A											
16	6	1,147	RVs	Quinnipiac								
17	10											
18	N/A	1,102	Adults	Mansfield University								
19	N/A											
20	N/A	1,102	Adults	Mansfield University								
21	N/A											
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23												
24	Polling											
25	Organization											
26	American Research Group											
27	Newsweek											
28	Gallup											
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1						Friday Polling Report (3/11-3/17)	
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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	CA-50	3/8-3/11	Bilbray (R)	41	+3	51.9%	N/A
7			Busby (D)	38		48.1%	N/A
8	FL-Sen.	2/20-3/13	Harris (R)	28	-20	36.8%	N/A
9			Nelson (D)	48		63.2%	N/A
10	MA-Gov.	3/3-3/9	Healey (R)	35	-15	41.2%	41
11			Reilly (D)	50		58.8%	49
12	MI-Gov.	3/10-3/12	DeVos (R)	33	-17	39.8%	N/A
13			Granholt (D)	50		60.2%	N/A
14	MI-Sen.	3/10-3/12	Bouchard (R)	37	-11	43.5%	N/A
15			Stabenow (D)	48		56.5%	N/A
16	PA-Sen.	3/10-3/12	Santorum (R)	38	-14	42.2%	N/A
17			Casey (D)	52		57.8%	N/A
18	PA-Gov.	3/10-3/12	Swann (R)	44	0	50.0%	51
19			Rendell (D)	44		50.0%	43
20							
21	Presidential Approval						
22				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
23	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
24	3/14-3/15	39	51	10	-12	900	RVs
25	3/10-3/13	37	58	5	-21	1,005	Adults
26	3/10-3/12	36	60	4	-24	1,001	Adults
27	3/9-3/12	34	57	9	-23	1,136	Adults
28	3/8-3/12	33	57	10	-24	1,405	Adults
29	This wk. Avg.	35.8	56.6	7.6	-20.8		
30	Last wk. Avg.	39.0	59.0	2.0	-20.0		
31	Past mo. Avg.	37.9	56.7	5.4	-18.8		
32	Jan-March Avg.	39.8	55.0	5.2	-15.2		

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1				Strategy Department								
2												
3												
4				Polling								
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization								
6	N/A	507	LVs	Field Poll								
7	N/A											
8	N/A	591	RVs	University of North Florida								
9	N/A											
10	17	503	LVs	UNH/Boston Globe								
11	15											
12	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
13	N/A											
14	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
15	N/A											
16	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
17	N/A											
18	26	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
19	34											
20												
21												
22	Polling											
23	Organization											
24	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics											
25	NBC News/WSJ											
26	Gallup											
27	CBS											
28	Pew											
29												
30												
31												
32												

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1						Friday Polling Report (3/4-3/10)		
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3	State Races							
4					Diff	Committed		
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.	Unfav.
6	CA-Sen.	2/12-2/26	Mountjoy (R)	28	-28	33.3%	5	7
7			Feinstein (D)	56		66.7%	51	34
8	GA-Lt. Gov.	3/3-3/5	Reed (R)	41	N/A	53.2%	39	44
9			Cagle (R)	36		46.8%	N/A	N/A
10	GA-Gov.	3/3-3/5	Perdue (R)	57	+21	61.3%	N/A	N/A
11			Cox (D)	36		38.7%	N/A	N/A
12	MI-Gov.	3/5-3/8	DeVos (R)	41	-10	44.6%	27	20
13			Granholm (D)	51		55.4%	56	38
14	MI-Sen.	3/5-3/8	Bouchard (R)	36	-18	40.0%	16	4
15			Stabenow (D)	54		60.0%	56	23
16	NJ-Sen.	2/27-3/6	Kean (R)	37	-5	46.8%	40	12
17			Menendez (D)	42		53.2%	40	13
18	NJ-Sen.	3/6-3/8	Kean (R)	32	+2	51.6%	22	9
19			Menendez (D)	30		48.4%	25	14
20	NY-Gov.	2/26-3/5	Weld (R)	16	-41	21.9%	N/A	N/A
21			Spitzer (D)	57		78.1%	N/A	N/A
22	NY-Gov.	3/1-3/7	Weld (R)	18	-43	22.8%	11	13
23			Spitzer (D)	61		77.2%	62	18
24	NY-Sen.	2/26-3/5	Spencer (R)	30	-27	34.5%	N/A	N/A
25			Clinton (D)	57		65.5%	N/A	N/A
26	NY-Sen.	3/1-3/7	Spencer (R)	32	-25	36.0%	14	9
27			Clinton (D)	57		64.0%	55	39
28	WI-Gov.	3/3-3/5	Green (R)	44	0	50.0%	N/A	N/A
29			Doyle (D)	44		50.0%	N/A	N/A
30	WI-Sen.	3/3-3/5	Thompson (R)	46	+5	52.9%	N/A	N/A
31			Kohl (D)	41		47.1%	N/A	N/A
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33	Presidential Approval							
34				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population	Polling

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1			Strategy Department								
2											
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4	Polling										
5	N	Pop.	Organization								
6	507	LVs	Field Poll								
7											
8	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
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10	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
11											
12	600	LVs	EPIC/MRA								
13											
14	600	LVs	EPIC/MRA								
15											
16	601	RVs	Fairleigh Dickinson/Public Mind								
17											
18	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
19											
20	1,457	RVs	Newsday/NY 1								
21											
22	620	RVs	Siena College Research Institute								
23											
24	1,457	RVs	Newsday/NY 1								
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26	620	RVs	Siena College Research Institute								
27											
28	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
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30	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
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35	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)			Organization
36	3/6-3/8	37	60	3	-23	1,000	Adults	AP-Ipsos
37	3/2-3/5	41	58	1	-17	1,000	Adults	ABC News/WP
38	This wk. Avg.	39.0	59.0	2.0	-20.0			
39	Last wk. Avg.	37.5	57.2	5.3	-19.7			
40	Past mo. Avg.	39.5	55.9	4.6	-16.4			
41	Jan-March Avg.	40.4	54.8	4.8	-14.4			

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2							
3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	AL-Gov.	2/18-2/22	Riley (R)	45	+9	55.6%	N/A
7			Baxley (D)	36		44.4%	N/A
8	AL-Gov.	2/18-2/22	Riley (R)	53	+26	66.3%	N/A
9			Siegelman (D)	27		33.8%	N/A
10	CA-Gov.	2/12-2/26	Schwarzenegger (R)	39	0	50.0%	44
11			Angelides (D)	39		50.0%	24
12	CA-Gov.	2/12-2/26	Schwarzenegger (R)	37	-4	47.4%	44
13			Westly (D)	41		52.6%	19
14	KY-4	2/7-2/8	Davis (R)	37	-10	44.0%	49
15			Lucas (D)	47		56.0%	58
16	NY-Gov.	2/24-2/26	Weld (R)	23	-39	27.1%	N/A
17			Spitzer (D)	62		72.9%	N/A
18	NY-Sen.	2/24-2/26	Spencer (R)	24	-39	27.6%	N/A
19			Clinton (D)	63		72.4%	N/A
20							
21	Presidential Approval						
22				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
23	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
24	2/28-3/1	39	54	7	-15	900	RVs
25	2/28-3/1	38	60	2	-22	1,020	Adults
26	2/25-3/1	38	58	4	-20	1,273	Adults
27	2/21-2/28	36	58	6	-22	1,892	RVs
28	2/23-2/26	40	54	6	-14	1,000	Adults
29	2/22-2/26	34	59	7	-25	1,018	Adults
30	This wk. Avg.	37.5	57.2	5.3	-19.7		
31	Last wk. Avg.	41.0	54.8	3.8	-13.8		
32	Past mo. Avg.	39.6	55.2	5.2	-15.6		
33	Jan-March Avg.	40.5	54.5	5.0	-14.0		

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2											
3											
4	Polling										
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization							
6	N/A	408	LVs	Univ. of South AL/Mobile Register							
7	N/A										
8	N/A	408	LVs	Univ. of South AL/Mobile Register							
9	N/A										
10	49	507	LVs	Field Poll							
11	13										
12	49	507	LVs	Field Poll							
13	9										
14	28	505	LVs	Cooper & Secrest Assoc. (D)							
15	15										
16	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)							
17	N/A										
18	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)							
19	N/A										
20											
21											
22	Polling										
23	Organization										
24	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics										
25	Gallup										
26	L.A. Times/Bloomberg										
27	Quinnipiac										
28	Cook/RT Strategies										
29	CBS										
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2								
3	State Races							
4					Diff	Committed		
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.	Unfav.
6	FL-Sen.	2/15-2/20	Harris (R)	37	-11	58.7%	26	27
7			Nelson (D)	26		41.3%	37	11
8	FL-Gov.	2/17-2/19	Crist (R)	46	N/A	55.4%	26	27
9			Gallagher (R)	37		44.6%	37	11
10	IA-Con.	2/15-2/16	Whalen (R)	38	N/A	76.0%	41	3
11			Dix (R)	12		24.0%	22	3
12	MA-Gov.	2/7-2/14	Healy (R)	42	-1	49.4%	N/A	N/A
13			Reilly (D)	43		50.6%	N/A	N/A
14	MA-Gov.	2/7-2/14	Healy (R)	38	-2	48.7%	N/A	N/A
15			Patrick (D)	40		51.3%	N/A	N/A
16	TX-Gov.	2/9-2/15	Perry (R)	36	-17	65.5%	47	38
17			Bell (D)	19		34.5%	12	5
18	Presidential Approval							
19				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population	Polling
20	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)			Organization
21	2/16-2/19	45	52	2	-7	807	RVs	Diageo/Hotline
22	2/15-2/16	40	54	5	-14	1,001	Adults	Time
23	2/13-2/15	40	57	3	-17	931	RVs	WNBC/Marist
24	2/9-2/12	39	56	5	-17	1,000	Adults	Gallup
25	This wk. Avg.	41.0	54.8	3.8	-13.8			
26	Last wk. Avg.	39.5	56.5	4.0	-17.0			
27	Past mo. Avg.	41.2	54.0	4.8	-12.8			
28	Jan-Feb Avg.	41.2	53.9	4.9	-12.7			

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4			Polling								
5	N	Pop.	Organization								
6		RVs	Quinnipiac								
7	1,079										
8		RVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
9	1,200										
10		LVs	McLaughlin and Assoc.								
11	400										
12	550	RVs	Univ. of Massachusetts								
13											
14	550	RVs	Univ. of Massachusetts								
15											
16	1,482	RVs	Blum and Welprin Assoc.								
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1						Friday Polling Report (2/11-2/17)		
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3	State Races							
4					Diff	Committed		
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.	Unfav.
6	AL-Gov.	2/4-2/8	Riley (R)	56	N/A	66.7%	N/A	N/A
7			Moore (R)	28		33.3%	N/A	N/A
8	CT-Gov.	2/9-2/14	Rell (R)	70	+54	81.4%	70	5
9			DeStefano (D)	16		18.6%	15	10
10	CT-Sen.	2/9-2/14	Weicker (I)	21	-41	25.3%	19	33
11			Lieberman (D)	62		74.7%	53	16
12	MA-Gov.	2/7-2/14	Healy (R)	42	-1	49.4%	N/A	N/A
13			Reilly (D)	43		50.6%	N/A	N/A
14	MA-Gov.	2/7-2/14	Healy (R)	38	-2	48.7%	N/A	N/A
15			Patrick (D)	40		51.3%	N/A	N/A
16	OH-Sen.	2/2-2/7	DeWine (R)	41	-3	48.2%	N/A	N/A
17			Brown (D)	44		51.8%	N/A	N/A
18	PA-Gov.	2/8-2/13	Swann (R)	36	-12	42.9%	29	8
19			Rendell (D)	48		57.1%	40	24
20	PA-Sen.	1/31-2/6	Santorum (R)	36	-15	41.4%	31	29
21			Casey (D)	51		58.6%	34	6
22	WA-Sen.	2/6-2/9	McGavick (R)	25	-30	31.3%	N/A	N/A
23			Cantwell (D)	55		68.8%	N/A	N/A
24	WA-Sen.	2/10-2/12	McGavick (R)	40	-8	45.5%	N/A	N/A
25			Cantwell (D)	48		54.5%	N/A	N/A
26								
27	Presidential Approval							
28				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population	Polling
29	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)			Organization
30	2/13-2/15	40	57	3	-17	931	RVs	WNBC/Marist
31	2/9-2/12	39	56	5	-17	1,000	Adults	Gallup
32	This wk. Avg.	39.5	56.5	4.0	-17.0			
33	Last wk. Avg.	41.1	53.7	5.1	-12.6			
34	Past mo. Avg.	41.2	54.0	4.8	-12.8			

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4	Polling										
5	N	Pop.	Organization								
6	400	LVs	Univ. of South AL/Mobile Register								
7											
8	957	RVs	Quinnipiac								
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10	957	RVs	Quinnipiac								
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12	550	RVs	Univ. of Massachusetts								
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14	550	RVs	Univ. of Massachusetts								
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16	502	RVs	Hart Research (D) for the DSCC								
17											
18	1,045	RVs	Quinnipiac								
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20	1,661	RVs	Quinnipiac								
21											
22	405	RVs	The Elway Poll								
23											
24	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
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35	Jan-Feb Avg.	41.2	53.9	4.9	-12.7			

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1						Friday Polling Report (1/28-2/10)	
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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	CO-Gov.	2/6-2/8	Beauprez (R)	37	-6	46.3%	27
7			Ritter (D)	43		53.8%	26
8	MA-Gov.	2/2-2/4	Healey (R)	32	-15	40.5%	35
9			Reilly (D)	47		59.5%	35
10	MI-Gov.	1/27-1/29	DeVos (R)	34	-14	41.5%	N/A
11			Granholm (D)	48		58.5%	N/A
12	MI-Sen.	1/27-1/29	Bouchard (R)	36	-13	42.4%	N/A
13			Stabenow (D)	49		57.6%	N/A
14	NJ-Sen.	1/18-1/23	Kean (R)	33	+5	54.1%	21
15			Menendez (D)	28		45.9%	23
16	NY-Sen	1/24-1/26	Spencer (R)	33	-29	34.7%	N/A
17			Clinton (D)	62		65.3%	N/A
18	PA-Gov.	1/31-2/5	Swann (R)	42	-3	48.3%	27
19			Rendell (D)	45		51.7%	41
20	RI-Gov.	2/4-2/6	Carcieri (R)	46	+11	56.8%	N/A
21			Fogarty (D)	35		43.2%	N/A
22	RI-Sen.	2/4-2/6	Chafee (R)	38	+2	51.4%	N/A
23			Brown (D)	36		48.6%	N/A
24	WI-Gov.	1/27-1/29	Green (R)	43	-1	49.4%	N/A
25			Doyle (D)	44		50.6%	N/A
26	WY-Gov.	1/30-2/1	Hunkins (R)	17	-38	23.6%	N/A
27			Freudenthal (D)	55		76.4%	N/A
28							
29	Presidential Approval						
30				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
31	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
32	2/6-2/9	42	55	3	-13	1,002	Adults
33	2/7-2/8	44	47	9	-3	900	RVs
34	2/6-2/8	40	57	3	-17	1,000	Adults

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4	Polling										
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization							
6	23	625	LVs	Mason-Dixon							
7	3										
8	31	400	RVs	7NEWS/Suffolk Univ. Poll							
9	33										
10	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)							
11	N/A										
12	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)							
13	N/A										
14	8	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)							
15	12										
16	N/A	854	RVs	Marist College							
17	N/A										
18	8	611	Adults	F & M/Keystone Poll							
19	40										
20	N/A	785	RVs	Brown Univ./Taubman Center							
21	N/A										
22	N/A	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)							
23	N/A										
24	N/A	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)							
25	N/A										
26	N/A	625	AVs	Mason-Dixon							
27	N/A										
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30	Polling										
31	Organization										
32	Gallup										
33	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics										
34	AP-Ipsos										

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35	2/1-2/5	40	52	8	-12	1,502	Adults
36	1/26-1/29	39	54	7	-15	1,011	Adults
37	1/24-1/26	41	55	4	-14	1,002	Adults
38	1/23-1/26	42	56	2	-14	1,002	Adults
39	This wk. Avg.	41.1	53.7	5.1	-12.6		
40	Last wk. Avg.	41.0	53.6	5.4	-12.6		
41	Past mo. Avg.	41.7	53.3	5.0	-11.6		
42	Jan-Feb Avg.	41.4	53.6	5.0	-12.2		

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35	Pew										
36	NBC News/WSJ										
37	Time										
38	ABC News/WP										
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1						Friday Polling Report (1/21-1/27)	
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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	AZ-Gov.	1/5-1/13	Goldwater (R)	27	-28	32.9%	N/A
7			Napolitano (D)	55		67.1%	N/A
8	GA-Gov.	1/20-1/22	Perdue (R)	56	+18	59.6%	N/A
9			Cox (D)	38		40.4%	N/A
10	GA-Gov.	1/20-1/22	Perdue (R)	57	+21	61.3%	N/A
11			Taylor (D)	36		38.7%	N/A
12	IL-Gov	1/16-1/18	Topinka (R)	37	-8	45.1%	45
13			Blagojevich (D)	45		54.9%	47
14	MO-Sen.	1/16-1/18	Talent (R)	44	-3	48.4%	50
15			McCaskill (D)	47		51.6%	52
16	NJ-Sen.	1/18-1/23	Kean (R)	36	-2	48.6%	17
17			Menendez (D)	38		51.4%	16
18	PA-Gov.	1/20-1/22	Swann (R)	46	+2	51.1%	N/A
19			Rendell (D)	44		48.9%	N/A
20	PA-Sen.	1/20-1/22	Santorum (R)	40	-10	44.4%	N/A
21			Casey (D)	50		55.6%	N/A
22							
23	Presidential Approval						
24				Other/ Not Sure	% Diff.	N	Population
25	DATE	Approve	Disapprove		(D-A)		
26	1/24-1/25	41	51	8	-10	900	RVs
27	1/22-1/25	43	54	3	-11	1,555	Adults
28	1/20-1/25	42	51	7	-9	1,229	Adults
29	1/20-1/22	43	54	3	-11	1,006	Adults
30	1/19-1/22	36	58	6	-22	1,100	Adults
31	This wk. Avg.	41.0	53.6	5.4	-12.6		
32	Last wk. Avg.	44.5	53.0	2.5	-8.5		
33	Past mo. Avg.	41.6	53.5	4.9	-11.9		
34	Jan Avg.	41.5	53.5	5.0	-12.0		

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4				Polling								
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization								
6	N/A	549	LVs	Behavior Research Center								
7	N/A											
8	N/A	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
9	N/A											
10	N/A	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
11	N/A											
12	31	800	LVs	Research 2000								
13	43											
14	42	800	LVs	Research 2000								
15	36											
16	5	961	RVs	Quinnipiac Univ.								
17	7											
18	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
19	N/A											
20	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
21	N/A											
22												
23												
24	Polling											
25	Organization											
26	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics											
27	L.A. Times/Bloomberg											
28	CBS/New York Tmes											
29	Gallup											
30	American Research Group											
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1						Friday Polling Report (1/14-1/20)		
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3	State Races							
4					Diff	Committed		
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.	Unfav.
6	CO-Gov.	1/3-1/5	Beauprez (R)	58	N/A	81.7%	N/A	N/A
7			Holtzman (R)	13		18.3%	N/A	N/A
8	FL-Gov.	1/2-1/5	Gallagher (R)	28	N/A	54.9%	N/A	N/A
9			Crist (R)	23		45.1%	N/A	N/A
10	FL-Gov.	1/2-1/5	Davis (D)	14	N/A	56.0%	N/A	N/A
11			Smith (D)	11		44.0%	N/A	N/A
12	NJ-Sen.	1/3-1/10	Kean (R)	36	+11	59.0%	N/A	N/A
13			Menendez (D)	25		41.0%	N/A	N/A
14	NY-Gov.	1/10-1/16	Golisano (R)	25	-31	30.9%	18	12
15			Spitzer (D)	56		69.1%	52	10
16	NY-Sen.	1/10-1/16	Spencer (R)	30	-30	33.3%	4	4
17			Clinton (D)	60		66.7%	51	28
18	NY-Sen.	1/10-1/16	Cox (R)	29	-31	32.6%	10	5
19			Clinton (D)	60		67.4%	51	28
20	OH-2	1/9-1/10	Schmidt (R)	54	N/A	61.4%	N/A	N/A
21			McEwen (R)	34		38.6%	N/A	N/A
22	TX-22	1/10-1/12	DeLay (R)	22	-8	42.3%	28	60
23			Lampson (D)	30		57.7%	N/A	N/A
24								
25	Presidential Approval							
26				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population	Polling
27	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)			Organization
28	1/12-1/15	46	53	1	-7	806	RVs	Diageo/Hotline
29	1/9-1/12	43	53	4	-10	1,003	Adults	Gallup
30	This wk. Avg.	44.5	53.0	2.5	-8.5			
31	Last wk. Avg.	41.2	53.5	5.3	-12.3			
32	Past mo. Avg.	42.3	53.8	3.9	-11.5			
33	Jan Avg.	41.9	53.4	4.7	-11.5			

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5	N	Pop.	Organization								
6	300	LVs	Tarrance Group (R) for Beauprez								
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8	330	LVs	Vantage Point Strategies								
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10	331	LVs	Vantage Point Strategies								
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12	707	RVs	Fairleigh Dickinson University								
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14	1,059	RVs	Quinnipiac Univ.								
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16	1,059	RVs	Quinnipiac Univ.								
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18	1,059	RVs	Quinnipiac Univ.								
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20	400	LVs	Tarrance Group (R) for Schmidt								
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22	500	RVs	Houston Chronicle Poll								
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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	CA-Gov.	1/2-1/6	Schwarzenegger (R)	30	+5	54.5%	N/A
7			Angelides (D)	25		45.5%	N/A
8	CA-Gov.	1/2-1/6	Schwarzenegger (R)	28	+4	53.8%	N/A
9			Westly (D)	24		46.2%	N/A
10	CT-Gov.	1/4-1/9	Rell (R)	64	+43	75.3%	67
11			DeStefano (R)	21		24.7%	16
12	CT-Gov.	1/4-1/9	Weicker (I)	21	N/A	24.4%	19
13			Lieberman (D)	65		75.6%	53
14	GA-Gov.	12/27-12/29	Perdue (R)	56	+25	64.4%	72
15			Taylor (D)	31		35.6%	47
16							
17	Presidential Approval						
18				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
19	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
20	1/10-1/11	42	49	9	-7	900	RVs
21	1/6-1/8	43	54	3	-11	1,003	Adults
22	1/5-1/8	41	52	7	-11	1,151	Adults
23	1/4-1/8	38	54	8	-16	1,503	Adults
24	1/3-1/5	40	59	1	-19	1,001	Adults
25	12/19-12/22	43	53	4	-10	1,004	Adults
26	This wk. Avg.	41.2	53.5	5.3	-12.3		
27	Last wk. Avg.	42.7	54.7	2.7	-12.0		
28	Past mo. Avg.	42.1	53.5	4.4	-11.4		
29	Jan Avg.	40.8	53.6	5.6	-12.8		

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3											
4	Polling										
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization							
6	N/A	757	RVs	San Jose University							
7	N/A										
8	N/A	757	RVs	San Jose University							
9	N/A										
10	5	1,369	RVs	Quinnipiac Univ.							
11	9										
12	32	1,369	RVs	Quinnipiac Univ.							
13	14										
14	21	501	LVs	Atlanta Journal Constitution/Zogby							
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18	Polling										
19	Organization										
20	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics										
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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	FL-Sen. Prim.	12/14-12/19	Harris (R)	44	N/A	65.7%	N/A
7			Foley (R)	23		34.3%	N/A
8	FL-Gov. Prim.	12/14-12/19	Crist (R)	38	N/A	66.7%	N/A
9			Foley (R)	19		33.3%	N/A
10	MI-Gov.	12/16-12/18	DeVos (R)	35	-11	43.2%	N/A
11			Granholm (D)	46		56.8%	N/A
12	MI-Sen.	12/16-12/18	Green (R)	43	-2	48.9%	N/A
13			Doyle (D)	45		51.1%	N/A
14	PA-Gov.	12/16-12/18	Swann (R)	41	-4	47.7%	N/A
15			Rendell (D)	45		52.3%	N/A
16	PA-Sen.	12/16-12/18	Santorum (R)	39	-11	43.8%	N/A
17			Clinton (D)	50		56.2%	N/A
18							
19	Presidential Approval						
20				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
21	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
22	12/16-12/18	41	56	3	-15	1,000	Adults
23	12/15-12/18	47	52	1	-5	1,003	Adults
24	12/15-12/18	40	56	4	-16	1,100	Adults
25	This wk. Avg.	42.7	54.7	2.7	-12.0		
26	Last wk. Avg.	42.4	53.2	4.3	-10.8		
27	Past mo. Avg.	41.7	53.4	4.9	-11.7		
28	Jan-Dec Avg.	44.6	50.6	4.8	-6.0		

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5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization								
6	N/A	800	LVs	McLaughlin & Associates (R)								
7	N/A											
8	N/A	800	LVs	McLaughlin & Associates (R)								
9	N/A											
10	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
11	N/A											
12	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
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14	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
15	N/A											
16	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	MI-Gov.	12/11-12/15	DeVos (R)	39	-14	42.4%	22
7			Granholm (D)	53		57.6%	57
8	ND-Sen.	11/11-11/13	Cramer (R)	22	-43	25.3%	24
9			Conrad (D)	65		74.7%	74
10	NY-Gov.	12/7-12/12	Weld (R)	16	-47	20.3%	N/A
11			Spitzer (D)	63		79.7%	N/A
12	NY-Gov.	12/7-12/12	Gosliano (R)	22	-38	26.8%	N/A
13			Spitzer (D)	60		73.2%	N/A
14	NY-Sen.	12/7-12/12	Pirro (R)	30	-32	32.6%	N/A
15			Clinton (D)	62		67.4%	N/A
16	OH-GOV Prim.	12/6-12/7	Blackwell (R)	33	N/A	50.0%	51
17			Petro (R)	33		50.0%	54
18	OH-GOV Prim.	12/6-12/7	Brown (D)	51	N/A	69.9%	38
19			Hackett (D)	22		30.1%	13
20	PA-Gov.	11/30-12/6	Swann (R)	35	-13	42.2%	28
21			Rendell (D)	48		57.8%	38
22	PA-Sen.	11/30-12/6	Santorum (R)	34	-16	40.5%	35
23			Clinton (D)	50		59.5%	40
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25	Presidential Approval						
26					Other/ % Diff.	N	Population
27	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
28	12/13-12/14	42	51	7	-9	900	RVs
29	12/12-12/13	50	47	3	3	813	RVs
30	12/9-12/12	39	55	6	-16	1,006	Adults
31	12/8-12/12	44	53	3	-9	1,016	LVs
32	12/9-12/11	42	55	3	-13	1,003	Adults
33	12/8-12/11	42	55	3	-13	1,000	Adults
34	12/7-12/11	38	54	8	-16	1,502	Adults

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4	Polling										
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization							
6	20	600	AVs	EPIC/MRA							
7	35										
8	11	504	LVs	Garin-Hart-Young (D)							
9	15										
10	N/A	1,091	RVs	Quinnipiac							
11	N/A										
12	N/A	1,091	RVs	Quinnipiac							
13	N/A										
14	N/A	1,091	RVs	Quinnipiac							
15	N/A										
16	12	500	LVs	Public Opinion Strategies (R)							
17	11										
18	9	600	LVs	Feldman Group (D)							
19	6										
20	8	1,447	RVs	Quinnipiac							
21	27										
22	28	1,447	RVs	Quinnipiac							
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26	Polling										
27	Organization										
28	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics										
29	Diageo/Hotline										
30	NBC News/WSJ										
31	Democracy Corps										
32	Gallup										
33	Cook/RT Strategies										
34	Pew										

Polling Notes

-According to Democracy Corps, 41% say that the country should continue in the direction Bush is headed, the highest since July. 55% think it should head in a different direction.

-The President's job approval is increasing. This week the President has a 42.4% average approval and a 53.2% average disapproval. This is a 2.2% increase since last week when it was 40.5%-53.5%.

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35	12/5-12/8	43	52	5	-9	1,013	Adults
36	12/5-12/7	42	57	1	-15	1,002	Adults
37	This wk. Avg.	42.4	53.2	4.3	-10.8		
38	Last wk. Avg.	40.5	53.5	6.0	-13.0		
39	Past mo. Avg.	41.4	53.5	5.1	-12.1		
40	Jan-Dec Avg.	44.7	50.5	4.8	-5.8		

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35	Gallup										
36	AP-Ipsos										
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1						Friday Polling Report (12/3-12/9)	
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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	GA-Gov.	12/2-12/4	Perdue (R)	54	+13	56.8%	N/A
7			Cox (D)	41		43.2%	N/A
8	NY-Gov.	12/2-12/4	Gosliano (R)	35	-21	38.0%	N/A
9			Spitzer (D)	57		62.0%	N/A
10	NY-Gov.	12/2-12/4	Weld (R)	25	-33	30.1%	N/A
11			Spitzer (D)	58		69.9%	N/A
12	NY-Sen.	12/2-12/4	Pirro (R)	31	-27	34.8%	N/A
13			Climton (D)	58		65.2%	N/A
14	TX-Gov.	11/14-11/30	Perry (R)	55	N/A	69.6%	N/A
15			Strayhorn (R)	24		30.4%	N/A
16	TX-22	12/1-12/4	DeLay (R)	36	-13	42.4%	37
17			Democrat	49		57.6%	N/A
18	WA-Sen.	12/2-12/4	McGavick (R)	39	-11	43.8%	N/A
19			Cantwell (D)	50		56.2%	N/A
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21	Presidential Approval						
22				Other/ Not Sure	% Diff. (D-A)	N	Population
23	DATE	Approve	Disapprove				
24	12/2-12/6	40	53	7	-13	1,155	Adults
25	11/30-12/4	41	54	5	-13	1,000	LVs
26	11/28-12/4	40	54	6	-14	1,230	RVs
27	11/29-12/1	41	53	6	-12	1,004	Adults
28	This wk. Avg.	40.5	53.5	6.0	-13.0		
29	Last wk. Avg.	40.3	52.3	7.3	-12.0		
30	Past mo. Avg.	38.9	55.3	5.8	-16.4		
31	Jan-Dec Avg.	44.8	50.3	4.9	-5.5		

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5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization								
6	N/A	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
7	N/A											
8	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
9	N/A											
10	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
11	N/A											
12	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
13	N/A											
14	N/A	1,000	Adults	Scripps Howard								
15	N/A											
16	52	713	RVs	CNN/USA Today/Gallup								
17	N/A											
18	N/A	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)								
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Polling Notes

-The President's approval numbers are going up. 6 out of the last 6 polls had the President's approval rating above 40%. Just 3 of the previous 15 polls before that had the President's approval rating above 40%.

-Three generic Congressional ballots came out this week. The CBS/New York Times had the Republicans trailing Democrats by 9 points (33%-42%), the Democracy Corps had Republicans trailing by 10 points (39%-49%), and the Time poll showed Republicans trailing by 12 points (36%-48%).

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1						Friday Polling Report (11/19-12/2)	
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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	FL-13	11/16-11/17	Buchanan (R)	28	N/A	66.7%	31
7			Clarke (R)	14		33.3%	N/A
8	FL-Gov.	11/25-11/28	Crist (R)	45	+7	54.2%	N/A
9			Davis (D)	38		45.8%	N/A
10	FL-Sen.	11/25-11/28	Harris (R)	32	-16	40.0%	33
11			Nelson (D)	48		60.0%	40
12	MA-Gov.	11/17-11/20	Romney (R)	36	-16	40.9%	47
13			Reilly (D)	52		59.1%	N/A
14	MI-Gov.	11/20-11/23	DeVos (R)	35	-23	37.6%	22
15			Granholm (D)	58		62.4%	64
16	MI-Sen.	11/20-11/23	Bouchard (R)	36	-20	39.1%	54
17			Stabenow (D)	56		60.9%	18
18	MI-Gov.	11/18-11/20	DeVos (R)	33	-11	42.9%	N/A
19			Granholm (D)	44		57.1%	N/A
20	MI-Sen.	11/18-11/20	Bouchard (R)	31	-14	40.8%	N/A
21			Stabenow (D)	45		59.2%	N/A
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23	Presidential Approval						
24				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
25	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
26	11/29-11/30	42	48	10	-6	900	RVs
27	11/17-11/20	41	52	7	-11	1,001	Adults
28	11/17-11/20	38	57	5	-19	1,002	Adults
29	This wk. Avg.	40.3	52.3	7.3	-12.0		
30	Last wk. Avg.	37.8	58.6	3.6	-20.8		
31	Past mo. Avg.	38.2	56.3	5.5	-18.1		
32	Jan-Nov Avg.	44.9	50.2	4.9	-5.3		

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1				Strategy Department					
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4	Polling								
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization					
6	9	400	LVs	Public Opinion Strategies for Vern Buchanan (R)					
7	N/A								
8	N/A	1,200	RVs	Strategic Vision (R)					
9	N/A								
10	42	1,200	RVs	Strategic Vision (R)					
11	15								
12	43	400	Adults	State News House Poll					
13	N/A								
14	16	600	AVs	EPIC/MRA					
15	29								
16	22	600	AVs	EPIC/MRA					
17	5								
18	N/A	1,200	RVs	Strategic Vision (R)					
19	N/A								
20	N/A	1,200	RVs	Strategic Vision (R)					
21	N/A								
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24	Polling								
25	Organization								
26	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics								
27	Cook/RT Strategies								
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Consumer Confidence No

-The Conference Board Consumer Confidence Index increased nearly 14-points since October to 98.9 (in October it was 85.2).

-This is the highest its been since

-The November RBC Cash Index is up more than 14-points since October to 81.0 (in October it was 66.8).

-This is the highest its been since

-ABC News/Washington Post's weekly Consumer Comfort Index is up 2-points this week at -15. This is the highest its been since the first week of September.

-The University of Michigan Consumer Confidence Index increased more than

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5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	Diff (R-D)	Committed 2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	FL-Gov. Primary	11/8-11/13	Crist (R)	36	N/A	48.6%	N/A
7			Gallagher (R)	38		51.4%	N/A
8	FL-Gov.	11/8-11/13	Gallagher (R)	38	-3	48.1%	N/A
9			Davis (D)	41		51.9%	N/A
10	FL-Gov.	11/8-11/13	Crist (R)	39	-1	49.4%	N/A
11			Davis (D)	40		50.6%	N/A
12	FL-Sen.	11/8-11/13	Harris (R)	31	-24	36.0%	N/A
13			Nelson (D)	55		64.0%	N/A
14	IA-Gov.	11/14-11/16	Nussle (R)	42	+4	52.5%	45
15			Culver (D)	38		47.5%	32
16	MA-Gov.	11/14-11/16	Romney (R)	41	+4	52.6%	50
17			Reilly (D)	37		47.4%	45
18	NY-Gov.	11/9-11/11	Gosliano (R)	26	-32	31.0%	28
19			Spitzer (D)	58		69.0%	65
20	NY-Sen.	11/9-11/11	Pirro (R)	31	-28	34.4%	26
21			Clinton (D)	59		65.6%	60
22	PA-Gov.	11/11-11/13	Swann (R)	42	-3	48.3%	N/A
23			Rendell (D)	45		51.7%	N/A
24	PA-Sen.	11/11-11/13	Santorum (R)	36	-15	41.4%	N/A
25			Casey (D)	51		58.6%	N/A
26	WI-Gov.	10/31-11/11	Green (R)	32	-13	41.6%	N/A
27			Doyle (R)	45		58.4%	N/A
28	WI-Gov.	11/11-11/13	Green (R)	44	-3	48.4%	N/A
29			Doyle (R)	47		51.6%	N/A
30	WI-Sen.	11/11-11/13	Thompson (R)	44	+2	51.2%	N/A
31			Kohl (R)	42		48.8%	N/A
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33	Presidential Approval						
34					Other/ % Diff.	N	Population

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1				Strategy Department							
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4	Polling										
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization							
6	N/A	855	RVs	Quinnipiac							
7	N/A										
8	N/A	855	RVs	Quinnipiac							
9	N/A										
10	N/A	855	RVs	Quinnipiac							
11	N/A										
12	N/A	855	RVs	Quinnipiac							
13	N/A										
14	23	600	LVs	Research 2000							
15	11										
16	41	410	RVs	Opinion Dynamics							
17	21										
18	19	622	RVs	Siena College Research Intitute							
19	15										
20	22	622	RVs	Siena College Research Intitute							
21	34										
22	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)							
23	N/A										
24	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)							
25	N/A										
26	N/A	400	Adults	WI Public Radio/St. Norbert College							
27	N/A										
28	N/A	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)							
29	N/A										
30	N/A	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)							
31	N/A										
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33				Judge Alito Confirmation							
34	Polling				Should	Should	Other/	% Diff.	N	Population	Polling

Polling Notes

--On the most recent Diageo/Hotline poll, Republicans picked up a net 5 points on the Democrats in the generic ballot race.

Generic Congressional Ballot:

All Dem Ind GOP 10/19 7/14 6/9
 GOP 35% 4% 13% 77% 31% 39% 39%

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35	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
36	11/11-11/15	39	59	2	-20	700	RVs
37	11/11-11/13	37	60	3	-23	1,006	Adults
38	11/10-11/11	36	58	6	-22	1,002	Adults
39	11/7-11/10	40	55	5	-15	1,011	Adults
40	11/7-11/9	37	61	2	-24	1,000	Adults
41	This wk. Avg.	37.8	58.6	3.6	-20.8		
42	Last wk. Avg.	38.0	54.8	7.3	-16.8		
43	Past mo. Avg.	40.0	56.3	3.7	-16.3		
44	Jan-Nov Avg.	45.1	50.2	4.7	-5.1		

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35	Organization			DATE	Confirm	Not Confirm	Not Sure	(D-A)			Organization
36	Diageo/Hotline			11/10-11/11	40	26	34	14	1,002	Adults	Newsweek
37	Gallup			11/7-11/10	50	20	30	30	1,011	Adults	Gallup
38	Newsweek			This wk. Avg.	45.0	23.0	32.0	22.0			
39	Gallup			Last wk. Avg.	43.5	25.5	31.0	18.0			
40	AP-Ipsos										
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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	MD-Sen.	10/27-11/1	Ehrlich (R)	33	-15	40.7%	N/A
7			O'Malley (D)	48		59.3%	N/A
8	MD-Sen.	10/27-11/1	Steele (R)	32	-9	43.8%	N/A
9			Cardin (D)	41		56.2%	N/A
10	MD-Sen.	10/27-11/1	Steele (R)	39	+2	51.3%	N/A
11			Mfume (D)	37		48.7%	N/A
12	OH-Sen.	10/24-11/3	DeWine (R)	31	-4	47.0%	N/A
13			Brown (D)	35		53.0%	N/A
14	OH-Sen.	10/24-11/3	DeWine (R)	32	+1	50.8%	N/A
15			Hackett (D)	31		49.2%	N/A
16	PA-Sen.	11/2-11/7	Santorum (R)	35	-16	40.7%	N/A
17			Casey (D)	51		59.3%	N/A
18	PA-Gov. Primary	11/2-11/7	Swann (R)	24	N/A	47.1%	17
19			Scranton (R)	27		52.9%	21
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21	Presidential Approval						
22				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
23	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
24	11/8-11/9	36	53	11	-17	900	RVs
25	11/4-11/7	38	57	5	-19	1,003	Adults
26	11/3-11/6	36	55	9	-19	1,201	Adults
27	11/2-11/6	42	54	4	-12	1,015	LVs
28	This wk. Avg.	38.0	54.8	7.3	-16.8		
29	Last wk. Avg.	38.2	58.0	3.8	-19.8		
30	Past mo. Avg.	39.4	55.3	5.3	-15.9		
31	Jan-Nov Avg.	45.3	49.3	5.4	-4.0		
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34	Judge Alito Confirmation						
35		Should	Should	Other/	% Diff.	N	Population

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4				Polling								
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization								
6	N/A	1,008	LVs	Potomac Inc.								
7	N/A											
8	N/A	1,008	LVs	Potomac Inc.								
9	N/A											
10	N/A	1,008	LVs	Potomac Inc.								
11	N/A											
12	N/A	1,872	RVs	Columbus Dispatch Poll								
13	N/A											
14	N/A	1,872	RVs	Columbus Dispatch Poll								
15	N/A											
16	N/A	621	Adults	Franklin & Marshall/Keystone Poll								
17	N/A											
18	6	211	GOPVs	Franklin & Marshall/Keystone Poll								
19	8											
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21												
22	Polling											
23	Organization											
24	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics											
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36	DATE	Confirm	Not Confirm	Not Sure	(D-A)		
37	11/3-11/6	40	23	37	17	1,201	Adults
38	Last wk. Avg.	43.5	25.5	31.0	18.0		

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36	Organization											
37	Pew											
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4	2005 State Races						
5					Diff	Committed	
6	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
7	NJ-Gov.	10/24-10/26	Forrester (R)	41	-10	44.6%	46
8			Corzine (D)	51		55.4%	49
9	NJ-Gov.	10/24-10/27	Forrester (R)	42	-9	45.2%	37
10			Corzine (D)	51		54.8%	40
11	NJ-Gov.	10/24-10/30	Forrester (R)	38	-12	43.2%	32
12			Corzine (D)	50		56.8%	41
13	NJ-Gov.	10/28-10/30	Forrester (R)	42	-6	46.7%	47
14			Corzine (D)	48		53.3%	48
15	NJ-Gov.	10/30	Forrester (R)	38.6	-7.3	45.7%	41.0
16			Corzine (D)	45.9		54.3%	52.5
17	NJ-Gov.	10/25-10/31	Forrester (R)	40	-4	47.6%	40
18			Corzine (D)	44		52.4%	40
19	NJ-Gov.	10/31	Forrester (R)	38.3	-7.7	45.4%	39.3
20			Corzine (D)	46.0		54.6%	47.0
21	NJ-Gov.	11/1	Forrester (R)	38.0	-9.0	44.7%	40.0
22			Corzine (D)	47.0		55.3%	47.2
23	NJ-Gov.	11/2	Forrester (R)	37.3	-7.4	45.5%	36.3
24			Corzine (D)	44.7		54.5%	42.3
25	NJ-Gov.	11/3	Forrester (R)	39.3	-7.0	45.9%	38.0
26			Corzine (D)	46.3		54.1%	43.1
27	NY-Mayor	10/24-10/30	Bloomberg (R)	59	+28	65.6%	59
28			Ferrer (D)	31		34.4%	30
29	VA-Gov.	10/23-10/30	Kilgore (R)	36	-8	45.0%	N/A
30			Kaine (D)	44		55.0%	N/A
31	VA-Gov.	10/25,10/27,10/30	Kilgore (R)	40.1	-3.1	48.1%	43.0
32			Kaine (D)	43.2		51.9%	49.1
33	VA-Gov.	10/31,11/1,11/3	Kilgore (R)	41.1	-1.9	48.9%	43.1
34			Kaine (D)	43.0		51.1%	49.8

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1				Strategy Department
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5				Polling
6	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization
7	41	803	RVs	WNBC/Marist Poll
8	40			
9	30	600	LVs	Research 2000/Bergen Record
10	32			
11	25	636	LVs	Quinnipiac
12	31			
13	38	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)
14	41			
15	41.8	700	LVs	Finklestein & Associates (R)*
16	34.0			
17	36	421	LVs	Fairleigh Dickinson/Public Mind
18	40			
19	40.7	300	LVs	Finklestein & Associates (R)*
20	41.0			
21	39.5	300	LVs	Finklestein & Associates (R)*
22	39.8			
23	41.0	300	LVs	Finklestein & Associates (R)*
24	37.3			
25	39.0	300	LVs	Finklestein & Associates (R)*
26	39.0			
27	16	1,384	RVs	Quinnipiac
28	27			
29	N/A	408	LVs	Roanoke College Poll
30	N/A			
31	36.9	900	LVs	McLaughlin & Associates (R)*
32	26.6			
33	39.8	900	LVs	McLaughlin & Associates (R)*
34	29.8			

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
35	VA-Gov.	10/23-10/26	Kilgore (R)	44	-3	48.4%	51
36			Kaine (D)	47		51.6%	58
37	VA-Gov.	11/2-11/3	Kilgore (R)	44	-1	49.4%	N/A
38			Kaine (D)	45		50.6%	N/A
39							
40	2006 State Races						
41					Diff	Committed	
42	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
43	AR-Gov.	10/8-10/17	Hutchinson (R)	40	-7	46.0%	N/A
44			Beebe (D)	47		54.0%	N/A
45	AZ-Gov.	10/19-10/28	Goldwater (R)	21	-32	28.4%	N/A
46			Napolitano (D)	53		71.6%	N/A
47	MN-Sen.	10/17-10/30	Coleman (R)	61	+35	70.1%	N/A
48			Kelly (D)	26		29.9%	N/A
49	TN-Gov.	10/13-10/20	Corker (R)	36	-3	48.0%	N/A
50			Ford (D)	39		52.0%	N/A
51	TN-Gov.	10/13-10/20	Hilleary (R)	38	-2	48.7%	N/A
52			Ford (D)	40		51.3%	N/A
53	TN-Gov.	10/13-10/20	Bryant (R)	37	-1	49.3%	N/A
54			Ford (D)	38		50.7%	N/A
55	VT-Gov.	10/31-11/1	Douglas (R)	55	+45	84.6%	50
56			Parker (D)	10		15.4%	5
57	VT-Sen.	10/31-11/1	Tarrant (R)	16	-48	20.0%	15
58			Sanders (I)	64		80.0%	65
59	*Private Poll						
60	Presidential Approval						
61				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
62	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
63	10/31-11/2	37	59	4	-22	1,006	Adults
64	10/30-11/2	39	60	1	-21	1,202	Adults
65	10/30-11/1	35	57	8	-22	936	Adults
66	10/28-10/30	41	56	3	-15	800	Adults
67	10/28-10/29	39	58	3	-19	600	Adults
68	This wk. Avg.	38.2	58.0	3.8	-19.8		

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35	43	1,004	LVs	The Washington Post Poll
36	33			
37	N/A	625	LVs	Mason-Dixon
38	N/A			
39				
40				
41	Polling			
42	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization
43	N/A	766	Adults	University of Arkansas Poll
44	N/A			
45	N/A	539	RVs	Behavior Research Center Rocky Mountain Poll
46	N/A			
47	N/A	397	LVs	Univ. of MN/Humphery Institute
48	N/A			
49	N/A	1,500	LVs	Global Strategy Group (D)
50	N/A			
51	N/A	1,500	LVs	Global Strategy Group (D)
52	N/A			
53	N/A	1,500	LVs	Global Strategy Group (D)
54	N/A			
55	40	400	LVs	Research 2000/WCAX
56	1			
57	7	400	LVs	Research 2000/WCAX
58	25			
59				
60				
61	Polling			
62	Organization			
63	AP-Ipsos			
64	ABC News/WP			
65	CBS			
66	Gallup			
67	ABC News/WP			
68				

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69	Last wk. Avg.	41.2	53.2	5.6	-12.0		
70	Past mo. Avg.	39.4	55.8	4.8	-16.4		
71	Jan-Oct Avg.	45.5	49.7	4.8	-4.2		
72							
73	Judge Alito Confirmation						
74		Should	Should	Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
75	DATE	Confirm	Not Confirm	Not Sure	(D-A)		
76	10/31-11/2	49	29	22	20	641	Adults
77	10/31-11/2	38	22	40	16	853	RVs
78	Average	43.5	25.5	31.0	18.0		

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69				
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74	Polling			
75	Organization			
76	ABC News/WP			
77	AP-Ipsos			
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1						Friday Polling Report (10/22-10/28)	
2							
3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	AZ-Gov.	10/20-10/23	Goldwater (R)	22	-32	28.9%	N/A
7			Napolitano (D)	54		71.1%	N/A
8	GA-Gov.	10/21-10/23	Perdue (R)	55	+18	59.8%	N/A
9			Cox (D)	37		40.2%	N/A
10	MD-Sen.	10/17-10/21	Steele (R)	42	+2	51.2%	N/A
11			Mfume (D)	40		48.8%	N/A
12	MD-Sen.	10/17-10/21	Steele (R)	38	-9	44.7%	N/A
13			Cardin (D)	47		55.3%	N/A
14	MD-Gov.	10/17-10/21	Ehrlich (R)	42	-6	46.7%	N/A
15			O'Malley (D)	48		53.3%	N/A
16	MI-Gov.	10/19-10/25	DeVos (R)	30	-23	36.1%	20
17			Granholt (D)	53		63.9%	55
18	MI-Sen.	10/21-10/23	DeVos (R)	35	-11	43.2%	N/A
19			Granholt (D)	46		56.8%	N/A
20	MI-Sen.	10/19-10/25	Butler (R)	26	-26	33.3%	10
21			Stabenow (D)	52		66.7%	49
22	MI-Sen.	10/21-10/23	Butler (R)	28	-19	37.3%	N/A
23			Stabenow (D)	47		62.7%	N/A
24	MN-Sen.	10/25-10/27	Coleman (R)	61	+33	68.5%	N/A
25			Kelly (D)	28		31.5%	N/A
26	NJ-Gov.	10/27	Forrester (R)	38.0	-8	45.2%	40.0
27			Corzine (D)	46.0		54.8%	46.3
28	NJ-Gov.	10/26	Forrester (R)	36.7	-6	46.2%	30.3
29			Corzine (D)	42.7		53.8%	45.7
30	NJ-Gov.	10/25	Forrester (R)	36.7	-6	46.2%	34.7
31			Corzine (D)	42.7		53.8%	43.3
32	NJ-Gov.	10/24	Forrester (R)	37.8	-8.5	44.9%	33.3
33			Corzine (D)	46.3		55.1%	44.3
34	NJ-Gov.	10/20-10/26	Forrester (R)	39	-8	45.3%	42

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1				Strategy Department
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4	Polling			
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization
6	N/A	385	RVs	ASU/KAET-TV
7	N/A			
8	N/A	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)
9	N/A			
10	N/A	815	RVs	Gonzales Research & Marketing Strategies
11	N/A			
12	N/A	815	RVs	Gonzales Research & Marketing Strategies
13	N/A			
14	N/A	815	RVs	Gonzales Research & Marketing Strategies
15	N/A			
16	16	600	LVs	EPIC/MRA
17	35			
18	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)
19	N/A			
20	10	600	LVs	EPIC/MRA
21	23			
22	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)
23	N/A			
24	N/A	400	LVs	St. Paul Pioneer Press
25	N/A			
26	41.3	300	LVs	Finklestein & Associates (R)*
27	41.3			
28	43.0	300	LVs	Finklestein & Associates (R)*
29	33.7			
30	41.0	300	LVs	Finklestein & Associates (R)*
31	36.3			
32	38.3	400	LVs	Finklestein & Associates (R)*
33	35.8			
34	39	442	LVs	Fairleigh Dickinson/Public Mind

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
35			Corzine (D)	47		54.7%	48
36	NV-Gov.	10/21-10/24	Gibbons (R)	45	+9	55.6%	N/A
37			Titus (D)	36		44.4%	N/A
38	NV-Sen.	10/21-10/24	Ensign (R)	59	+34	70.2%	N/A
39			Carter (D)	25		29.8%	N/A
40	NY-Sen.	10/23-10/25	Pirro (R)	34	-23	37.4%	N/A
41			Clinton (D)	57		62.6%	N/A
42	NY-May.	10/18-10/23	Bloomberg (R)	61	+31	67.0%	61
43			Ferrer (D)	30		33.0%	30
44	VA-Gov.	10/24,10/25,10/27	Kilgore (R)	40.2	-2.1	48.7%	41.9
45			Kaine (D)	42.3		51.3%	48.6
46	VA-Gov.	10/18,10/20,10/23	Kilgore (R)	39.5	-3.4	47.9%	40.7
47			Kaine (D)	42.9		52.1%	47.2
48	VA-Gov.	10/18-10/20	Kilgore (R)	44	+2	51.2%	39
49			Kaine (D)	42		48.8%	40
50	WA-Sen.	10/23-10/25	McGavick (R)	39	-9	44.8%	N/A
51			Cantwell (D)	48		55.2%	N/A
52	*Private Poll						
53	Presidential Approval						
54				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
55	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
56	10/25-10/26	41	51	8	-10	900	RVs
57	10/12-10/24	40	52	8	-12	2,006	Adults
58	10/21-10/23	42	55	3	-13	1,008	Adults
59	10/19-10/23	42	55	3	-13	1,004	LVs
60	10/12-10/13,10/17	41	53	6	-12	827	RVs
61	This wk. Avg.	41.2	53.2	5.6	-12.0		
62	Last wk. Avg.	39.5	57.5	3.0	-18.0		
63	Past mo. Avg.	40.5	53.9	5.6	-13.4		
64	Jan-Oct Avg.	45.8	49.4	4.8	-3.6		

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35	37			
36	N/A	625	LVs	Mason-Dixon
37	N/A			
38	N/A	625	LVs	Mason-Dixon
39	N/A			
40	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)
41	N/A			
42	11	723	LVs	Quinnipiac
43	27			
44	36.6	900	LVs	McLaughlin & Associates (R)*
45	26.3			
46	37.3	900	LVs	McLaughlin & Associates (R)*
47	27.1			
48	28	625	LVs	Mason-Dixon
49	22			
50	N/A	800	RVs	Strategic Vision (R)
51	N/A			
52				
53				
54	Polling			
55	Organization			
56	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics			
57	Pew			
58	Gallup			
59	Democracy Corps			
60	WNBC/Marist			
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1						Friday Polling Report (10/15-10/21)	
2							
3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	AL-Gov.	10/10-10/13	Riley (R)	44	+11	57.1%	N/A
7			Baxley (D)	33		42.9%	N/A
8	AR-Gov.	10/16-10/17	Hutchinson (R)	39	-3	48.1%	53
9			Beebe (D)	42		51.9%	47
10	CO-Gov.	10/11-10/13	Beauprez (R)	36	-6	46.2%	N/A
11			Ritter (D)	42		53.8%	N/A
12	IL-Gov.	10/5-10/11	Topinka (R)	31	N/A	67.4%	N/A
13			Oberweis (R)	15		32.6%	N/A
14	ND-Gov.	10/18-10/19	Cramer (R)	24	-45	25.8%	32
15			Conrad (D)	69		74.2%	78
16	NJ-Gov.	10/11-10/17	Forrester (R)	43	-7	46.2%	35
17			Corzine (D)	50		53.8%	39
18	NJ-Gov.	10/14-10/19	Forrester (R)	38	-7	45.8%	N/A
19			Corzine (D)	45		54.2%	N/A
20	NJ-Gov.	10/14-10/19	Forrester (R)	37	-9	44.6%	21
21			Corzine (D)	46		55.4%	29
22	PA-Gov.	10/14-10/16	Swann (R)	41	-5	47.1%	N/A
23			Rendell (D)	46		52.9%	N/A
24	PA-Gov.	10/14-10/16	Santorum (R)	36	-16	40.9%	N/A
25			Casey (D)	52		59.1%	N/A
26	VA-Gov.	10/16,10/18,10/20	Kilgore (R)	40.3	-2.2	48.7%	40.6
27			Kaine (D)	42.5		51.3%	45.2
28	VA-Gov.	10/12-10/16	Kilgore (R)	38	-2	48.7%	42
29			Kaine (D)	40		51.3%	42
30	*Private Poll						
31	Presidential Approval						
32				Other/ Not Sure	% Diff. (D-A)	N	Population
33	DATE	Approve	Disapprove				
34	10/13-10/16	39	58	3	-19	1,012	Adults

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1				Strategy Department
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4	Polling			
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization
6	N/A	400	LVs	Univ. of South AL/Mobile Register
7	N/A			
8	26	500	LVs	Arkansas Statewide Benchmark*
9	10			
10	N/A	625	LVs	Mason-Dixon/Denver Post
11	N/A			
12	N/A	450	LVs	Chicago Tribune/WGN-TV Poll
13	N/A			
14	16	500	LVs	The Tarrance Group (R)*
15	18			
16	22	702	LVs	Quinnipiac
17	29			
18	N/A	371	LVs	Monmouth Univ./Gannett
19	N/A			
20	25	750	LVs	New York Times Poll
21	27			
22	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)
23	N/A			
24	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)
25	N/A			
26	37.9	900	LVs	McLaughlin & Associates (R)*
27	37.9			
28	28.0	500	RVs	Diageo/Hotline Poll
29	25			
30				
31				
32	Polling			
33	Organization			
34	Gallup			

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
35	10/12-10/16	40	57	3	-17	500	RVs
36	This wk. Avg.	39.5	57.5	3.0	-18.0		
37	Last wk. Avg.	39.0	53.7	7.3	-14.7		
38	Past mo. Avg.	40.0	54.6	5.4	-14.6		
39	Jan-Oct Avg.	45.9	49.2	4.9	-3.3		

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35	Diageo/Hotline			
36				
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1						Friday Polling Report (10/8-10/14)	
2							
3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	AL-Gov.	10/3-10/6	Riley (R)	44	-19	63.8%	N/A
7			Moore (R)	25		36.2%	N/A
8	NJ-Gov.	10/8-10/10	Forrester (R)	40	-6	46.5%	41
9			Corzine (D)	46		53.5%	42
10	NJ-Gov.	10/4-10/9	Forrester (R)	40	-8	45.5%	43
11			Corzine (D)	48		54.5%	47
12	NJ-Gov.	10/5-10/6	Forrester (R)	45	-2	48.9%	56
13			Corzine (D)	47		51.1%	52
14	NJ-Gov.	10/3-10/6	Forrester (R)	37	-7	45.7%	41
15			Corzine (D)	44		54.3%	46
16	NJ-Gov.	10/12-10/13	Forrester (R)	39	-2	48.8%	N/A
17			Corzine (D)	41		51.3%	N/A
18	NJ-Gov.	10/9-10/11	Forrester (R)	38	-8	45.2%	37
19			Corzine (D)	46		54.8%	44
20	NY-Gov.	10/4-10/10	Gosliano (R)	26	-30	31.7%	30
21			Spitzer (D)	56		68.3%	61
22	NY-Gov.	10/4-10/10	Weld (R)	18	-44	22.5%	9
23			Spitzer (D)	62		77.5%	61
24	NY-Sen.	10/4-10/10	Pirro (R)	31	-28	34.4%	24
25			Clinton (D)	59		65.6%	59
26	VA-Gov.	10/11 & 10/13	Kilgore (R)	43.0	-1.7	49.0%	41.8
27			Kaine (D)	44.7		51.0%	43.1
28	WI-Gov.	10/2-10/4	Green (R)	33	-13	41.8%	24
29			Doyle (D)	46		58.2%	46
30	*Private Poll						
31	Presidential Approval						
32				Other/ Not Sure	% Diff. (D-A)	N	Population
33	DATE	Approve	Disapprove				
34	10/10-10/11	40	51	9	-11	900	RVs

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1				Strategy Department							
2											
3											
4	Polling										
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization							
6	N/A	400	LVs	Univ. of South AL/Mobile Register							
7	N/A										
8	37	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)							
9	41										
10	31	602	LVs	Fairleigh Dickinson/Public Mind							
11	34										
12	35	321	LVs	WNBC/Marist							
13	33										
14	25	638	LVs	Star-Ledger/Eagleton Rutgers							
15	31										
16	N/A	500	LVs	The Tarrance Group (R)*							
17	N/A										
18	33.0	600	LVs	Finklestein & Associates (R)*							
19	35.0										
20	18	638	LVs	Sienna College							
21	19										
22	16	638	LVs	Sienna College							
23	19										
24	25	638	LVs	Sienna College							
25	35										
26	35.2	600	RVs	McLaughlin & Associates (R)*							
27	24.7										
28	10.0	600	Adults	Wisconsin Policy Institute/Diversified Research							
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32	Polling										
33	Organization										
34	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics										

Polling Notes

--**NEW JERSEY:** This week's New Jersey shows Forrester down 5.5 points with 39.8% and Corzine at 45.3%. The September average showed Corzine up by 9.3 points.

--**MIERS:** According to this week's Fox News poll, 56% of Republicans think Harriett Miers should serve on the Supreme Court while 14% think she should not. And 57% of Republicans would vote to support her while only 14% would not.

--According to the Fox News poll, 51% of people are jumping to conclusions on Harriett Miers while 19% say she is getting fair consideration.

--**IRAQ:** People are not tuned into the Iraq. According to Pew, only 21% have a lot of interest about this weekend's election. 46% have a lot about the January elections and 42% have a lot about the civilian handover last spring.

--**CONGRESS:** The Republicans in Congress are currently down just 5 points, according to the October Democratic/Republican poll.

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35	10/8-10/10	39	54	7	-15	807	Adults
36	10/6-10/10	38	56	6	-18	1,500	Adults
37	This wk. Avg.	39.0	53.7	7.3	-14.7		
38	Last wk. Avg.	38.7	56.3	5.0	-17.7		
39	Past mo. Avg.	40.8	53.9	5.3	-13.1		
40	Jan-Oct Avg.	46.1	49.1	4.8	-3.0		

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35	NBC News/WSJ					October	Democracy Corps	poll.			
36	Pew					<u>Democracy Corps Generic Ballot</u>					
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1	Friday Polling Report (10/1-10/7)								
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3	State Races								
4					Diff	Committed			
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.	Unfav.	
6	NY-Gov.	9/26-10/2	Gosliano (R)	22	-34	28.2%	N/A	N/A	
7			Spitzer (D)	56		71.8%	N/A	N/A	
8	NY-Sen.	9/26-10/2	Pirro (R)	30	-31	33.0%	N/A	N/A	
9			Clinton (D)	61		67.0%	N/A	N/A	
10	PA-Sen.	9/27-10/3	Swann (R)	34	-13	42.0%	26	7	
11			Rendell (D)	47		58.0%	39	29	
12	PA-Sen.	9/27-10/3	Santorum (R)	34	-18	39.5%	33	30	
13			Casey (D)	52		60.5%	38	9	
14	VA-Gov.	10/2 & 10/4	Kilgore (R)	38.8	+1.3	50.9%	41.5	31.0	
15			Kaine (D)	37.5		49.1%	41.5	24.3	
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17	Presidential Approval								
18					Other/	% Diff.	N	Population	Polling
19	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)			Organization	
20	10/3-10/5	37	58	5	-21	808	Adults	CBS News	
21	10/3-10/5	39	58	3	-19	1,000	Adults	AP-Ipsos	
22	9/29-9/30	40	53	7	-13	1,004	Adults	Newsweek	
23	This wk. Avg.	38.7	56.3	5.0	-17.7				
24	Last wk. Avg.	45.0	48.5	6.5	-3.5				
25	Past mo. Avg.	41.0	54.0	5.0	-13.0				
26	Jan-Oct Avg.	46.2	49.0	4.8	-2.8				
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28	*Private Poll								
29	Harriet Miers Nomination								
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31	--According to the 10/3-10/5 AP-Ipsos poll 19% have a favorable opinion of Harriet Miers, 13% have an unfavorable								
32	opinion and 67% haven't heard enough.								
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34	--In the 10/3-10/4 CBS News poll 11% had a favorable opinion, 11% had an unfavorable opinion and 59% hadn't								
35	heard enough.								
36									
37	--According to the 10/3-10/4 Gallup poll 44% think Miers is an excellent/good choice and 41% thinks she was a								
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5	N	Pop.	Organization		
6	1,219	RVs	Quinnipiac		
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8	1,219	RVs	Quinnipiac		
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10	1,530	RVs	Quinnipiac		
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12	1,530	RVs	Quinnipiac		
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14	600	RVs	McLaughlin & Associates (R) *		
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17	Polling Notes				
18	--According to the CBS News poll				
19	Republicans are much strong with				
20	their base than the Democrats.				
21	Republicans have a net +56-point				
22	favorability rating with Republicans in				
23	Congress, while Democrats in				
24	Congress have a +38-point rating				
25	among Democrats. This is a net 18-				
26	point advantage, two months ago we				
27	had a net 12-point advantage.				
28	--Republicans picked up a net 7-points				
29	on Newsweek's generic ballot (38/50				
30	to 42/47). This is a similar trend to				
31	our internal polling, which showed a				
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39	fair/poor choice.							
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41	-Gallup also says that 42% had a positive first impression of Miers and 14% had a negative one.							
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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	GA-Gov.	9/24-9/26	Perdue (R)	53	+12	56.4%	N/A
7			Cox (D)	41		43.6%	N/A
8	MI-Gov.	9/16-9/21	DeVos (R)	34	-15	41.0%	N/A
9			Granholm (D)	49		59.0%	54
10	NJ-Gov.	9/20-9/25	Forrester (R)	44	-4	47.8%	N/A
11			Corzine (D)	48		52.2%	N/A
12	NJ-Gov.	9/21-9/26	Forrester (R)	38	-10	44.2%	42
13			Corzine (D)	48		55.8%	46
14	NJ-Gov.	9/21-9/26	Forrester (R)	38	-8	45.2%	N/A
15			Corzine (D)	46		54.8%	N/A
16	PA-Sen.	9/18-9/25	Santorum (R)	29	-8	43.9%	40
17			Casey (D)	37		56.1%	29
18	VA-Gov.	9/25	Kilgore (R)	39.0	+3.3	52.2%	39.5
19			Kaine (D)	35.7		47.8%	35.0
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21	Presidential Approval						
22				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
23	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
24	9/27-9/28	45	47	8	-2	900	RVs
25	9/26-9/28	45	50	5	-5	1,007	Adults
26	Average	45.0	48.5	6.5	-3.5		
27	Last wk. Avg.	39.0	57.3	3.7	-18.3		
28	Past mo. Avg.	41.7	53.2	5.1	-11.5		
29	Jan-Sept Avg.	46.4	48.8	4.8	-2.4		
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31	*Private Poll						
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4	Polling							
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization				
6	N/A	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)				
7	N/A							
8	N/A	600	RVs	Marketing Research Group (R)				
9	38							
10	N/A	874	LVs	Quinnipiac				
11	N/A							
12	28	635	LVs	Fairleigh Dickinson/Public Mind				
13	32							
14	N/A	649	RVs	Monmouth Univ./Gannett				
15	N/A							
16	37	477	RVs	Allentown Morning Call/Muhlenberg				
17	12							
18	27.3	600	RVs	McLaughlin & Associates (R)*				
19	20.8							
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21				Polling Notes				
22	Polling			<p>--In the latest Gallup poll, the President had his lowest disapproval rating (50%) in the past two months.</p> <p>--One major reason for the improvement in job approval is the high marks that the President received in his dealing with Hurricane Rita. In the latest Gallup poll 71% approved of his response compared to just 45% who approved of his response to Katrina.</p>				
23	Organization							
24	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics							
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1						Friday Polling Report (9/17-9/23)	
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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	CO-Gov.	8/19-8/24	Beauprez (R)	42	-2	48.8%	N/A
7			Ritter (D)	44		51.2%	N/A
8	FL-Sen.	9/16-9/20	Harris (R)	36	-12	42.9%	36
9			Nelson (D)	48		57.1%	41
10	FL-Gov.	9/16-9/20	Crist (R)	48	+15	59.3%	N/A
11			Davis (D)	33		40.7%	N/A
12	MI-Gov.	9/18-9/21	DeVos (R)	30	-20	37.5%	N/A
13			Granholm (D)	50		62.5%	57
14	MI-Sen.	9/18-9/21	Butler (R)	25	-24	33.8%	7
15			Stabenow (D)	49		66.2%	55
16	OK-Gov.	9/12-9/13	Istook (R)	36	-8	45.0%	N/A
17			Henry (D)	44		55.0%	N/A
18	VA-Gov.	9/13-9/15	Kilgore (R)	41	+1	50.6%	33
19			Kaine (D)	40		49.4%	35
20	VA-Gov.	9/18-9/21	Kilgore (R)	39	-1	49.4%	N/A
21			Kaine (D)	40		50.6%	N/A
22	WA-Sen.	9/19-9/21	McGavick (R)	39	-10	44.3%	N/A
23			Cantwell (D)	49		55.7%	N/A
24							
25	Presidential Approval						
26				Other/ Not Sure	% Diff. (D-A)	N	Population
27	DATE	Approve	Disapprove				
28	9/18-9/21	37	57	6	-20	1,100	Adults
29	9/16-9/18	40	58	2	-18	818	Adults
30	9/16-9/18	40	57	3	-17	1,000	Adults
31	Average	39.0	57.3	3.7	-18.3		
32	Last wk. Avg.	41.7	53.2	5.2	-11.5		
33	Sept. Avg.	40.9	54.2	4.9	-13.3		
34	Jan-Sept Avg.	46.4	48.8	4.8	-2.4		

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4				Polling									
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization									
6	N/A	501	LVs	The Pendulum Foundation									
7	N/A												
8	39	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)									
9	12												
10	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)									
11	N/A												
12	N/A	600	AVs	EPIC/MRA									
13	33												
14	6	600	AVs	EPIC/MRA									
15	21												
16	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)									
17	N/A												
18	22	625	LVs	Mason-Dixon									
19	11												
20	N/A	600	LVs	Benenson Strategies (D)									
21	N/A												
22	N/A	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)									
23	N/A												
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26	Polling												
27	Organization												
28	American Research Group												
29	Gallup												
30	AP-Ipsos												
31													
32													
33					Date	% GOP (with leaners)		% Bush Job Approval					
34					8/5-7	44		45					
					8/8-11	44		45					

Polling Notes

--Roberts continues to poll strong with 60% who would like to see the Senate vote in favor of him to be the next chief justice in the latest Gallup poll.

--Although the most recent Gallup figures concerning the direction of the country ("satisfaction") are at an all time low for the Bush Presidency, it is still significantly higher than any other low point for the previous four administrations:

- Bush 43: 34-65 (-31)
- Clinton: 24-73 (-49)
- Bush 41: 14-84 (-70)
- Reagan: 24-72 (-48)
- Carter: 12-84 (-72)

--It is also important to note that the 9/16-9/19 Gallup poll has a sample of 38% Republican and 53% Democrat with leaners. There is a very strong correlation between those who identify themselves as a Republican and those that approve of the job that he is doing:

Date	% GOP (with leaners)	% Bush Job Approval
8/5-7	44	45
8/8-11	44	45

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36	Presidential Katrina Approval						
37				Other/ Not Sure	% Diff. (D-A)	N	Population
38	DATE	Approve	Disapprove				
39	9/16-9/18	41	57	2	-16	818	Adults
40	9/16-9/18	46	51	3	-5	1,000	Adults
41	Average	43.5	54.0	2.5	-10.5		
42	Last wk. Avg.	43.7	52.7	3.7	-9.0		

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37	Polling												
38	Organization												
39	Gallup												
40	AP-Ipsos												
41													
42													

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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	GA-Gov.	9/24-9/26	Perdue (R)	53	+12	56.4%	N/A
7			Cox (D)	41		43.6%	N/A
8	MI-Gov.	9/16-9/21	DeVos (R)	34	-15	41.0%	N/A
9			Granholm (D)	49		59.0%	54
10	NJ-Gov.	9/20-9/25	Forrester (R)	44	-4	47.8%	N/A
11			Corzine (D)	48		52.2%	N/A
12	NJ-Gov.	9/21-9/26	Forrester (R)	38	-10	44.2%	42
13			Corzine (D)	48		55.8%	46
14	NJ-Gov.	9/21-9/26	Forrester (R)	38	-8	45.2%	N/A
15			Corzine (D)	46		54.8%	N/A
16	*PA-Sen.	9/10-9/12	Santorum (R)	38	-14	42.2%	N/A
17			Casey (D)	52		57.8%	N/A
18	*VA-Gov.	9/6-9/9	Kilgore (R)	51	+7	53.7%	55
19			Kaine (D)	44		46.3%	55
20							
21	Presidential Approval						
22				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
23	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
24	9/13-9/14	41	51	8	-10	900	RVs
25	9/9-9/13	41	53	6	-12	1,167	Adults
26	9/9-9/12	40	55	5	-15	1,013	Adults
27	9/8-9/11	42	57	1	-15	1,201	Adults
28	9/8-9/11	46	51	3	-5	1,005	Adults
29	9/8-9/11	40	52	8	-12	1,523	Adults
30	Average	41.7	53.2	5.2	-11.5		
31	Last wk. Avg.	40.2	54.0	5.8	-13.8		
32	Last mo. Avg.	42.4	53.3	4.4	-10.9		
33	Jan-Sept Avg.	46.8	48.5	4.7	-1.7		
34							

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4	Polling								
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization					
6	N/A	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)					
7	N/A								
8	N/A	600	RVs	Marketing Research Group (R)					
9	38								
10	N/A	874	LVs	Quinnipiac					
11	N/A								
12	28	635	LVs	Fairleigh Dickinson/Public Mind					
13	32								
14	N/A	649	RVs	Monmouth Univ./Gannett					
15	N/A								
16	N/A	1,200	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)					
17	N/A								
18	30	571	LVs	The Washington Post					
19	25								
20									
21									
22	Polling			Polling Notes					
23	Organization								
24	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics								
25	CBS News/New York Times								
26	NBC News/WSJ								
27	ABC News/WP								
28	Gallup								
29	Pew								
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35	Presidential Katrina Approval						
36				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
37	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
38	9/9-9/13	44	50	6	-6	1,167	Adults
39	9/8-9/11	44	54	2	-10	1,201	Adults
40	9/8-9/11	43	54	3	-11	1,005	Adults
41	Average	43.7	52.7	3.7	-9.0		
42	Last wk. Avg.	39.7	55.2	5.2	-15.5		
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44							
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36	Polling								
37	Organization								
38	CBS News/NYT								
39	ABC News/WP								
40	Gallup								
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1						Friday Polling Report (9/5-9/9)	
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3	State Races						
4					Diff	Committed	
5	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.
6	CA-Sen.	8/19-8/29	Mundell (R)	30	-16	34.9%	N/A
7			Feinstein (D)	56		65.1%	N/A
8	NE-Gov.	8/31-9/2	Osborne (R)	49	N/A	57.0%	N/A
9			Heinman (R)	37		43.0%	N/A
10	NE-Sen.	8/31-9/2	Stenberg (R)	36	N/A	63.2%	N/A
11			Osborn (R)	21		36.8%	N/A
12	NY-Gov.	8/22-8/30	Weld (R)	19	-37	25.3%	9
13			Spitzer (D)	56		74.7%	60
14							
15	Presidential Approval						
16				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
17	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
18	9/6-9/8	39	59	2	-20	1,002	Adults
19	9/6-9/7	40	52	8	-12	1,000	Adults
20	9/6-9/7	42	52	6	-10	725	Adults
21	Average	40.3	54.3	5.3	-14.0		
22	3 mo. Avg.	44.2	50.9	4.9	-6.7		
23	Jan-Sept Avg.	47.0	48.2	4.8	-1.2		
24							
25	Presidential Katrina Approval						
26				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population
27	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(D-A)		
28	9/6-9/8	46	52	2	-6	1,002	Adults
29	9/6-9/7	38	52	10	-14	1,000	Adults
30	9/6-9/7	38	58	4	-20	725	Adults
31	9/2	46	47	7	-1	501	Adults
32	Average	42.0	52.3	5.8	-10.3		

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1				Strategy Department
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4	Polling			
5	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization
6	N/A	1,301	Adults	Field Poll
7	N/A			
8	N/A	305	LVs	Victory Enterprises (R)
9	N/A			
10	N/A	305	LVs	Victory Enterprises (R)
11	N/A			
12	7	535	RVs	Siena College
13	14			
14				
15				
16	Polling			
17	Organization			
18	AP-Ipsos			
19	Pew			
20	CBS News			
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26	Polling			
27	Organization			
28	AP-Ipsos			
29	Pew			
30	CBS News			
31	ABC News/WP			
32				

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1						Diff	Committed			Polling		
2	Race	Date	Candidates	Ballot	(R-D)	2-Party Diff.	Fav.	Unfav.	N	Pop.	Organization	
3	FL-Sen.	8/23-8/29	Harris (R)	33	-9	36.7%	22	30	1,187	RVs	Quinnipiac University	
4			Nelson (D)	57		63.3%	35	8				
5	MA-Gov.	8/9-8/17	Romney (R)	38	-13	42.7%	49	39	393	LVs	Boston Globe/UNH	
6			Reilly (D)	51		57.3%	53	19				
7	NJ-Gov.	8/14-8/16	Forrester (R)	40	-10	44.4%	40	36	800	LVs	Strategic Vision (R)	
8			Corzine (D)	50		55.6%	42	39				
9	TN-Sen.	8/14-8/15	Hilleary (R)	33	N/A	N/A	35	9	400	LVs	OnMessage Inc. for Hilleary (R)	
10			Bryant (R)	15	N/A	N/A	23	5				
11			Corker (R)	4	N/A	N/A	12	5				
12												

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Subject: News and Notes
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POLITICAL NEWS AND NOTES, WEEK OF APRIL 24 – MAY 1

Primary Elections This Week:

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday, May 2, for primary elections in Indiana, North Carolina, and Ohio. While most primaries are uncontested, Secretary of State Ken Blackwell (R) and Attorney General Jim Petro (R) will face off in the hard-fought Ohio gubernatorial primary. The winner will go on to face Democrat Ted Strickland in November.

The *Cleveland Plain Dealer* and *Columbus Dispatch* both released polls this weekend. In both polls, Blackwell leads Petro by double-digits. Boosted by evangelical support, Blackwell leads by 21 points (50% to 29%) in the *Plain Dealer* poll, and by 12 points in the *Dispatch* poll.

Senate:

Arizona



Arizona State University and KAET-TV released a new poll (4/20-4/23) on Tuesday showing Sen. Jon Kyl (R) leading Jim Pederson (D) 42% to 31% (+11). Last October, Kyl led Pederson 50% to 28% (+22).

Pederson launched a new television ad campaign this week attacking Kyl's immigration plan as unrealistic for assuming illegal immigrants will turn themselves in; Kyl responded with an ad defending his commitment to border security while pointing out Pederson's inconsistencies on this issue.

Florida



A new Strategic Vision poll (4/21-4/23) was released on Wednesday, showing Rep. Katherine Harris (R) leading by just a 38% to 21% (+17) margin among Republican primary voters against her potential opponent, Speaker Allan Bense. In general election match-ups, Sen. Bill Nelson leads Harris 56% to 24%, (-32) while Nelson's lead shrinks to 47% to 36% (-11) when paired against Bense. This numbers are good news for Bense as he is relatively unknown outside Florida's panhandle.

This week, Gov. Jeb Bush (R) said Bense "would be a great US Senator," fueling speculation Bense will enter the race.

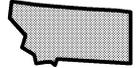
Maryland



Voter/Consumer Research fielded a poll this week for Lt. Gov. Michael Steele (R). Democrats lead 50% to 28% (-22) on the generic ballot, but Steele maintains a generally positive 48/24 favorable/unfavorable image

ratio. When paired against Democratic candidates, however, Steele trails former Rep. Kweisi Mfume 45% to 42%, (-3) and trails Rep. Ben Cardin 49% to 37% (-12). Among Democratic primary voters, Mfume and Cardin are essentially tied at 27% and 24%, respectively.

Montana



Sen. Conrad Burns's campaign finished a survey on Friday showing him ahead of State Senate President Jon Tester by two points, 39% to 37% (+2), but trailing State Auditor John Morrison, 37% to 38% (-1). This is a significant improvement for Burns, whose previous poll showed him down 10 points to Morrison and six points to Tester.

Democrats may have erred in attacking Burns so early in the cycle over his alleged dealings with Jack Abramoff.

Ohio



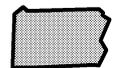
The *Cleveland Plain Dealer* released a Mason-Dixon poll on Sunday, conducted from April 24 to 26, showing Sen. Mike DeWine leading Rep. Sherrod Brown 47% to 36% (+11). DeWine's poll last week showed the Senator leading by three points, but also under 50%.

New Jersey



Quinnipiac University released a new poll on Thursday (4/18-4/24) showing Sen. Bob Menendez (D) leading State Sen. Thomas Kean, Jr. (R), 40% to 34% (-6). The race has remained essentially unchanged since Quinnipiac's March poll, when Menendez led 40% to 36% (-4).

Pennsylvania



On Wednesday, Muhlenberg College and the Allentown *Morning Call* released a new poll (4/17-4/24) showing Sen. Rick Santorum (R) narrowing the gap with Bob Casey, Jr. to eight points, 38% to 46%. In March, Santorum trailed by twelve, 37% to 49%.

Rhode Island



Sec. of State Matt Brown (D) dropped out of the Senate race on Wednesday, citing financial difficulties. Brown endorsed the only remaining Democratic candidate, State Attorney General Sheldon Whitehouse.

Brown's exit from the race is expected to help Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R), who faces a tough primary challenger from Cranston Mayor Stephen Laffey (R).

With an uncontested Democratic primary, experts expect more Democratic voters will switch their party registration to independent and vote in the Republican primary, boosting support for the often-heterodox Chafee. Chafee's only chance of survival is to convince a significant number of Independents to vote in the GOP primary.

Washington



A new Strategic Vision poll (4/21-4/23) showed Sen. Maria Cantwell (D) leading businessman Mike McGavick (R) by a 48% to 40% margin (-8). The race is essentially unchanged from March, when Cantwell led 49% to 39% (-10), but Cantwell's inability to break 50% underscores her continued vulnerability.

In a blow to Cantwell, the 38,000 member-Washington Federation of State Employees declined to endorse Cantwell this week, instead asking to meet with both her and McGavick at a future date.

House

National Overview

According to a report released by the non-partisan Campaign Finance Institute on Wednesday, Republican incumbents in competitive races hold an average lead of more than \$220,000 over their Democrat counterparts. (see below chart).

Year Avg	GOP CoH Avg.	Dem CoH Avg.	GOP Adv. (+/-)
2006	\$865,068	\$644,646	+\$220,422
2004	\$581,317	\$572,192	+\$9,125
2002	\$506,008	\$461,611	+\$44,397
2000	\$484,785	\$500,182	- \$ 15,397

CA-50



Lake Research Partners released a poll (4/18-4/20) on Tuesday showing Brian Bilbray (R) essentially tied with Francine Busby (D) among likely June 6th run-off voters. This race is expected to remain close and difficult to hold for Republicans if defeated special election candidate Eric Roach (R) decides to enter the general election primary.

Roach spent Wednesday meeting with conservative leaders in Washington and is soon expected to announce he will enter the race. Owing to Roach's expected announcement, the DCCC has put up ads in the district, hoping to exploit the Republican split to Busby's advantage.

MN-06



State Rep. Phil Krinkie (R) announced on Monday he would join State Sen. Michelle Bachmann (R), State Rep. Jim Knoblach (R), and businessman Jay Esmay (R) in signing a pledge to abide by the results of the party nominating convention on May 6. Last week, rumors circulated Krinkie would ignore the party endorsement and seek the nomination in the September primary.

MN-08



The *Duluth News-Tribune* reported on Thursday that former Sen. Rod Grams (R) is considering challenging Rep. Jim Oberstar (D) for the Eighth District congressional seat. Grams says he will make a decision "in the next week or two" about whether to enter the race. Grams is meeting with Political Affairs staff this Monday.

NH-02



Rep. Charlie Bass's campaign fielded a poll this week. The generic ballot is essentially tied, and Bass leads Democratic challenger Paul Hodes 51% to 34% (+17). Hodes is still relatively unknown in the district even after running against Bass in 2004, but Bass's 57/33 favorable/unfavorable rating shows he remains in a strong position to be re-elected.

NV-03



President Bush visited Las Vegas this Monday to campaign for Rep. Jon Porter (R). The event raised \$440,000 for Porter, who will likely face Tessa Hafen (D), former Press Secretary to Senate Minority Leader Reid.

NY-20



The Union College student newspaper, the *Concordiensis*, reported on Thursday that Rep. John Sweeney (R) attended an on-campus fraternity party last weekend. Students at the party took a number of pictures with Sweeney and described him as "acting openly intoxicated," slurring his words, and cursing loudly. Sweeney has denied that he was drunk or even consumed alcohol at the party.

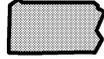
Despite winning in 2004 with 66% of the vote in a district the President carried with 54%, Sweeney faces a tough challenge this year from attorney Kirstin Gillibrand (D).

NY-29



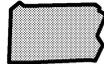
Iraq veteran Eric Massa (D) released a poll on Thursday, showing him trailing Rep. Randy Kuhl (R) by just three points, 40% to 43%.

PA-08



The campaign of Iraq war veteran Patrick Murphy (D) released a poll on Tuesday, showing Rep. Mike Fitzpatrick (R) leading Murphy 49% to 35% (+14).

PA-10



Democratic challenger Chris Carney released his own internal poll on Tuesday (4/20-4/23), showing him trailing Rep. Don Sherwood (R) by just six points, 43% to 49%.

WI-08



On Thursday, the Mellman Group (D) released a poll they conducted from 3/22 to 3/26 for an unknown client. The poll found State Assembly Speaker John Gard (R) leading Steve Kagen (D) 38% to 32% (+6), and Gard leading Jamie Wall (D) 39% to 30% (+9). However, the poll also showed former Brown County Executive Nancy Nusbaum (D) leading Gard 43% to 38% (-5). The WI primary is September 12.

WV-01



Tuesday's *Wall Street Journal* detailed the continued investigation into questionable ethics practices by Rep. Alan Mollohan (D), former ranking member of the House Ethics Committee. The article revealed Mollohan jointly bought a 300-acre farm on West Virginia's Cheat River with a defense contractor whose firm won a \$2.1 million contract from money Mollohan had added to a spending bill. The FBI also announced on Friday it will be issuing subpoenas for financial records to three non-profits started by Mollohan and funded by federal appropriations he steered their way.

Mollohan is being challenged by Del. Chris Wakim (R).

Governor

Alabama



The University of South Alabama conducted two polls last week (4/15-4/20), one each of GOP and Democratic primary voters. The GOP poll found incumbent Gov. Bob Riley comfortably leading former Judge Roy Moore, 64% to 20% (+44).

The Democratic poll found Lt. Gov. Lucy Baxley narrowly leading former Gov. Don Siegelman 39% to 34% (+5), despite the fact Siegelman will go to trial in less than two weeks on federal racketeering charges.

Florida



According to a new Strategic Vision poll, Charlie Crist leads Tom Gallagher among GOP primary voters, 47% to 35% (+12), and Rep. Jim Davis leads State Sen. Rod Smith among Democratic primary voters 44% to 21% (+23). Both primaries are essentially unchanged since Strategic Vision's March poll.

In general election match-ups, Crist leads Davis 46% to 39% (+7, down from +9 in March), and he leads Smith 49% to 33% (+16, up from +14 in March).

Gallagher leads Davis 44% to 40% (+4, down from +7 in March), while he leads Smith 44% to 35% (+9, down from +12 in March).

Iowa



Democratic candidates Chet Culver (D) and Mike Blouin (D) held their first debate this week to dismal reviews from pundits, who described the two as "fumbling around" and un-gubernatorial. Culver and Blouin will compete in the June 6 primary to face the better-financed Rep. Jim Nussle (R) in November

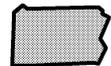
Maryland



Voter/Consumer Research's survey for the Steele campaign this week showed Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley (D) leading Gov. Bob Ehrlich (R) by a 52% to 40% margin (-12).

Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan (D) announced on Thursday his choice of former Baltimore State's Attorney Stuart Simms as his running mate. Both Duncan and O'Malley have now selected their running mates, both of whom are African-American.

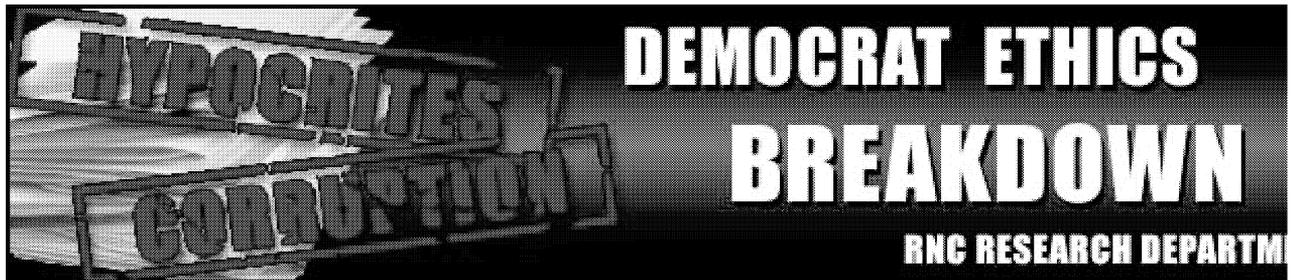
Pennsylvania



The Muhlenberg College/*Allentown Morning Call* poll released Wednesday found Gov. Ed Rendell (D) leading Lynn Swann (R) by a 45% to 39% (-6, down from -3 in March).

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From: RNC Research <RNCResearch@gop.com>
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Subject: Democrat Ethics Breakdown: News For The Week Of May 1, 2006



NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2006

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Vernon L. Jackson, Chairman Of iGate, Inc., Pled Guilty To Bribing Rep. William Jefferson (D-LA). (Philip Shenon, "Businessman Pleads Guilty To Bribing A Representative," *The New York Times*, 5/4/06)

- **Jackson Admitted Paying \$367,500 To A Company Run By Rep. Jefferson's Family In Exchange For Jefferson Promoting His Products To Federal Agencies, African Governments, And African Companies.** (Philip Shenon, "Businessman Pleads Guilty To Bribing A Representative," *The New York Times*, 5/4/06)
- **In January, Brett Pfeffer, A Former Aide To Rep. Jefferson, Pled Guilty And "[Said Rep. Jefferson] Sought Bribes, Jobs For His Children And Other Favors In Exchange For Official Acts ..."** (Philip Shenon, "Businessman Pleads Guilty To Bribing A Representative," *The New York Times*, 5/4/06)

"[B]y Far, The Most Serious [Ethics] Allegations Are Currently Against ... [Rep. Alan Mollohan (D-WV),



NPR's Andrea Seabrook: "[O]ne of the Democrat big problems right now: convincing voters that the called 'culture of corruption' is a Republican thing. There's a growing list of ethics allegations against Democrats in ... Congress." (NPR's "Morning Edition," 5/4/06)

- **Melanie Sloan, Executive Director Of Citizens For Responsibility And Ethics In Washington:** "I do think the Democrats are being a little disingenuous about [ethics] wh they want to say We're going to give [Re Jefferson] a pass." (NPR's "Morning Edition," 5/4/06)

192 Democrats Voted Against Lobbying Reform That Would Increase Transparency And Disclosure (H.R. 4975, CQ Vote #119: Passed 217-213; R 209-20; D 8-0-1, 5/3/06)

- **The Bill Would Temporarily Ban Privatel Funded Travel, Deny Pension Benefits To Members Convicted Of Crimes, Force Disclosure Of Earmarks, Increase Reporting From Lobbyists, And Stiffen Penalties For Noncompliance.** (H.R. 4975, CQ Vote #119: Pa

Who Is Accused Of Steering Federal Money - Up To \$250 Million Dollars Worth - To His Own Nonprofit Organizations." (NPR's "Morning Edition," 5/4/06)

217-213; R 209-20; D 8-192; I 0-1, 5/3/06)

- **"[Mollohan] Also Failed To List Real Estate Deals On His Financial Disclosure Forms ... [Which Show His Net Worth Jumping From] About \$575,000 To Between \$6 And \$24 Million Dollars In Just 4 Short Years." (NPR's "Morning Edition," 5/4/06)**
- **Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA): "[I] was proud to attend the fundraiser [at the DNC headquarters] for Mr. Mollohan. I will work hard in any way he wants me to make sure he is reelected to the Congress." (NPR's "Morning Edition," 5/4/06)**

"Former Gov. Don Siegelman [D-AL] Went On Trial ... In A Federal Criminal Case Accusing Him Of Bribery And Extortion In Political Deals ..." (Bob Johnson, "Trial Opens For Ex-Alabama Governor In Bribery, Corruption Case," *The Associated Press*, 5/1/06)

- **Charges Against Siegelman Include "[S]wapping Political Favors For Gifts And Campaign Donations ... [R]acketeering And Obstruction Of Justice ..." (Bob Johnson, "Trial Opens For Ex-Alabama Governor In Bribery, Corruption Case," *The Associated Press*, 5/1/06)**



On April 27th, Liberal Mega-Donor George Soros Hosted A Cocktail Reception Fundraiser At His Home For Ret. Gen. Wesley Clark's PAC, WESIPAC. ("Soros Raises Money For WESPAC," *National Journal's Health* 5/1/06)

Soros Will Also Host A Fundraiser At His Home For Rep. Judy Aydelott (D-NY), Who Is Running Against Rep. Sue Kelly (R-NY). (Josh Kurtz, "Soros Hosts Star-Studded Fundraiser For Kelly Foe," *Roll Call*, 5/2/06)

- **Soros Contributed The Most Money (\$27,030,105) Of Any Individual Donor To Democrats In The 2004 Cycle.** (Political Money Line Website, www.tray.com, Accessed 12/2/05)
- **Former Carter Cabinet Member Joseph Califano Called Soros: "[T]he Daddy Warbucks Of Drug Legalization."** (Joseph Califano Jr., Op-Ed, "Devious Efforts To Legalize Drugs," *The Washington Post*, 12/4/96)

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To: Sara Taylor <smtaylor@republican national committee.com>; Jonathan Felts <jfelts@republican national committee.com>
Cc: Scott Jennings <sjennings@republican national committee.com>; Paris Dennard <pdennard@republican national committee.com>
Subject: RE: POTUS in CLEVELAND
Attach: House-Senate-Gov-Committees-Media13.xls

Here is a new version, with the Q1 fundraising figures changed to reflect total *receipts* rather than *contributions*.

Most of the numbers didn't change, but a few changed substantially. Apologies for the confusion.

From: Sara Taylor
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 5:33 PM
To: Michael Ellis; Jonathan Felts
Cc: Scott Jennings
Subject: RE: POTUS in CLEVELAND

Please do. Thanks.

From: Michael Ellis
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 5:33 PM
To: Sara Taylor; Jonathan Felts
Cc: Scott Jennings
Subject: RE: POTUS in CLEVELAND

Apparently (as I'm finding out now), those funds were counted as "transfers other authorized committees" and not as "contributions."

I can go back and change the number on our sheets – it would only affect the Q1 raised column, not the cash on hand.

From: Sara Taylor
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 5:27 PM
To: Jonathan Felts
Cc: Scott Jennings; Michael Ellis
Subject: RE: POTUS in CLEVELAND

What do you mean? If someone wrote a check to a candidate – even a JFA, it would have to be listed on their disclosure.

From: Jonathan Felts
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 5:26 PM
To: Sara Taylor
Cc: Scott Jennings
Subject: RE: POTUS in CLEVELAND

Sorry – I was on a conference call. Cam's details are below.
I think I figured out the problem – the number MELLis is using does not include the transfer from the JFC.
So, that would also mean that all of our candidates who had a JFC last quarter would not have those totals listed.

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From: Sara Taylor
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 5:13 PM
To: Jonathan Felts
Cc: Scott Jennings
Subject: RE: POTUS in CLEVELAND

Just submit with these as preferred events. What's Cam's email? This Bush event was a disaster.

From: Jonathan Felts
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 5:11 PM
To: Sara Taylor
Cc: Scott Jennings
Subject: RE: POTUS in CLEVELAND

OK – should I just note that it is either for June 26 or June 30?

From: Sara Taylor
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 11:04 AM
To: Jonathan Felts
Cc: Scott Jennings
Subject: FW: POTUS in CLEVELAND

Yes – by June 30. just heard today. can u get an SP in.

From: Jonathan Felts
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 11:02 AM
To: Sara Taylor; Scott Jennings
Subject: FW: POTUS in CLEVELAND

Do you know anything about this?
The mere thought of working with this woman again pains me.
I'm going to name my freakin' ulcer after her.

From: Bbodney@aol.com [mailto:Bbodney@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 10:59 AM
To: Jonathan Felts
Subject: POTUS in CLEVELAND

RMD and KR spoke about the POTUS in Cleveland on either June 26th or June 30th. Can you please tell me how this event will be set up. I'm sure there will be a victory component and was just curious if things are being done the same way as it was for Cincy in February or differently? Thanks.

Hope all is well with you.

Brooke Bodney
614-449-9541 Phone
614-449-9569 Fax

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2	HIGH RISK OF LOSS SEATS					
3	N/A	#VALUE!	\$703,457	#VALUE!	KY-04	Davis, Geoff
4						Lucas, Ken
5	↑	\$104,907	\$158,190	\$53,283	IN-09	Sodrel, Mike
6						Hill, Baron
7	↑	\$425,215	\$1,104,733	\$679,518	IN-02	Chocola, Chris
8						Donnelly, Joe
9	↓	(\$143,504)	(\$477,622)	(\$334,118)	IN-08	Hostettler, John
10						Ellsworth, Brad
11	↓	(\$57,530)	\$302,118	\$359,648	OH-18	Ney, Bob
12						Sulzer, Joseph
13	N/A	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	TX-22	TBD
14						Lampson, Nick
15	↓	(\$231,536)	\$215,773	\$447,309	PA-06	Gerlach, Jim
16						Murphy, Lois
17						Leibowitz, Mike
18	↓	(\$63,472)	\$974,648	\$1,038,120	PA-08	Fitzpatrick, Mike
19						Murphy, Patrick
20						Warren, Andrew
21	↑	\$125,734	\$241,741	\$116,007	CO-07 open	O'Donnell, Rick
22						Perlmutter, Ed
23						Lamm, Peggy
24	↑	\$75,960	\$43,537	(\$32,423)	IA-01 open	Dix, Bill
25						Whalen, Michael
26						Kennedy, Brian
27						Braley, Bruce
28						Dickinson, Richard
29						Gluba, Bill
30		\$157,936	\$169,487	\$11,551	MN-06 open	Bachman, Michele
31						Knoblach, Jim

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1	Party	(3/31/06) CoH	(12/31/05) CoH	Q1 Raised	Q4 Raised	Total Spending
2	(21)					
3	R	\$1,032,805	\$441,384	\$688,545	\$161,674	\$653,856
4	D	\$329,348	N/A	\$391,339	N/A	\$61,989
5	R	\$846,180	\$612,211	\$337,567	\$174,070	\$453,534
6	D	\$687,990	\$558,928	\$167,998	\$0	\$38,937
7	R	\$1,426,857	\$865,705	\$713,632	\$148,547	\$335,079
8	D	\$322,124	\$186,187	\$160,924	\$69,645	\$88,611
9	R	\$55,844	\$36,588	\$44,094	\$13,430	\$100,124
10	D	\$533,466	\$370,706	\$236,378	\$160,570	\$147,575
11	R	\$474,277	\$582,066	\$142,418	\$276,499	\$880,931
12	D	\$172,159	\$222,418	\$111,419	\$70,696	\$192,607
13	R	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
14	D	\$1,761,433	\$1,291,554	\$448,289	\$536,552	\$561,282
15	R	\$1,197,309	\$1,074,828	\$316,582	\$266,118	\$743,886
16	D	\$981,536	\$627,519	\$503,696	\$385,499	\$377,003
17	D	\$4,814	\$2,500	\$9,701	\$0	\$14,886
18	R	\$1,301,320	\$1,185,647	\$248,422	\$203,798	\$433,958
19	D	\$326,672	\$147,527	\$251,275	\$97,327	\$178,728
20	D	\$75,465	\$38,479	\$71,050	\$14,690	\$48,935
21	R	\$685,826	\$517,069	\$293,145	\$230,706	\$260,964
22	D	\$444,085	\$401,062	\$187,180	\$199,023	\$262,640
23	D	\$407,460	\$139,370	\$162,545	\$62,905	\$216,058
24	R	\$301,935	\$256,902	\$125,517	\$112,393	\$203,046
25	R	\$130,353	\$84,305	\$158,380	\$64,101	\$362,269
26	R	\$165,439	\$112,755	\$51,340	\$50,043	\$170,992
27	D	\$258,398	\$289,325	\$98,506	\$84,516	\$231,250
28	D	\$142,092	\$118,451	\$76,649	\$25,420	\$186,905
29	D	\$22,389	\$28,047	\$27,909	\$21,473	\$115,945
30	R	\$196,232	\$209,889	\$82,311	\$105,807	\$200,114
31	R	\$327,854	\$236,616	\$184,915	\$100,128	\$225,110

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33						Esmay, Jay
34						Tinklenberg, Elwyn
35						Wetterling, Patty
36	↓	(\$31,884)	(\$248,147)	(\$216,263)	AZ-08 open	Graf, Randy
37						Hellon, Mike
38						Huffman, Steve
39						Giffords, Gabrielle
40						Weiss, Patty
41	↑	\$57,459	\$604,783	\$547,324	NM-01	Wilson, Heather
42						Madrid, Patricia
43	↓	(\$254,274)	\$475,767	\$730,041	IL-06 open	Roskam, Peter
44						Duckworth, Tammy
45	↑	\$263,969	(\$501,790)	(\$765,759)	WI-08 open	Gard, John
46						McCormick, Terri
47						Kagen, Steve
48						Nusbaum, Nancy
49						Wall, James
50	↑	\$217,416	\$637,131	\$419,715	OH-01	Chabot, Steve
51						Cranley, John
52	↑	\$175,894	\$507,294	\$331,400	FL-22	Shaw, Clay
53						Klein, Ron
54	↓	(\$132,564)	\$219,914	\$352,478	CT-02	Simmons, Rob
55						Courtney, Joe
56	↓	(\$179,205)	\$261,389	\$440,594	CT-04	Shays, Chris
57						Farrell, Diane
58	↑	\$153,174	\$892,468	\$739,294	CA-11	Pombo, Richard
59						McCloskey, Pete
60						Filson, Steve
61						McNerney, Jerry

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32	R	\$255,049	\$266,294	\$66,996	\$80,139	\$168,490
33	R	\$15,086	\$26,750	\$2,334	\$11,298	\$40,708
34	D	\$145,580	\$184,629	\$65,472	\$127,476	\$222,512
35	D	\$158,367	\$254,743	\$219,754	N/A	\$51,387
36	R	\$25,331	\$25,861	\$62,431	\$40,456	\$118,560
37	R	\$91,363	N/A	\$102,440	N/A	\$11,077
38	R	\$226,454	N/A	\$239,659	N/A	\$13,204
39	D	\$474,601	\$242,124	\$322,594	\$247,387	\$95,629
40	D	\$138,318	N/A	\$183,451	N/A	\$45,132
41	R	\$1,430,928	\$978,795	\$659,513	\$339,210	\$636,163
42	D	\$826,145	\$431,471	\$612,170	\$524,053	\$310,076
43	R	\$806,928	\$835,114	\$310,095	\$385,538	\$334,736
44	D	\$331,161	\$105,073	\$520,849	\$120,919	\$395,788
45	R	\$739,486	\$465,560	\$371,522	\$228,033	\$328,004
46	R	\$24,651	\$48,778	\$6,867	\$5,595	\$91,061
47	D	\$1,241,276	\$1,231,319	\$210,652	\$15,019	\$310,868
48	D	\$459,385	\$273,335	\$325,829	\$111,006	\$210,076
49	D	\$396,824	\$323,047	\$111,732	\$90,515	\$124,270
50	R	\$1,106,218	\$598,809	\$560,763	\$172,545	\$149,172
51	D	\$469,087	\$179,094	\$347,444	\$187,791	\$66,148
52	R	\$2,057,255	\$1,476,330	\$750,444	\$316,004	\$426,248
53	D	\$1,549,961	\$1,144,930	\$517,879	\$371,796	\$309,390
54	R	\$893,646	\$803,371	\$235,204	\$267,869	\$531,662
55	D	\$673,732	\$450,893	\$274,689	\$175,293	\$132,669
56	R	\$1,093,147	\$892,552	\$372,571	\$562,946	\$653,577
57	D	\$831,758	\$451,958	\$517,314	\$269,708	\$273,459
58	R	\$1,017,217	\$841,793	\$326,356	\$370,242	\$498,300
59	R	\$176,467	N/A	\$201,067	N/A	\$79,174
60	D	\$124,749	\$102,499	\$135,255	\$50,964	\$166,328
61	D	\$81,335	\$34,876	\$62,388	\$41,523	\$100,412

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62	↓	(\$845)	\$583	\$1,428	NY-24 open	Jones, Brad
63						Meier, Ray
64						Arcuri, Mike
65						Roberts, Les
66	Republican Average CoH					
67	Democrat Average CoH					

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1	Party	(3/31/06) CoH	(12/31/05) CoH	Q1 Raised	Q4 Raised	Total Spending
62	R	\$60,069	\$49,333	\$23,685	\$19,899	\$28,066
63	R	\$176,090	N/A	\$176,090	N/A	\$0
64	D	\$175,507	N/A	\$186,507	N/A	\$21,149
65	D	\$100,937	\$47,905	\$106,280	\$39,738	\$55,080
66		\$624,523	\$520,204	\$261,830	\$181,042	\$314,899
67		\$457,755	\$340,689	\$241,839	\$146,482	\$184,609

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1	Adv. Change	Change from Last	Q1 GOP Adv	Q4 GOP Adv	CD	Candidate
68	SEATS CLOSELY WATCHING/RISK					
69	↓	(\$101,028)	\$367,658	\$468,686	WA-08	Reichert, Dave
70						Burner, Darcy
71	↑	\$15,368	\$1,816,575	\$1,801,207	CT-05	Johnson, Nancy
72						Murphy, Chris
73	N/A	#VALUE!	\$943,689	N/A	NV-03	Porter, Jon
74						Hafen, Tessa
75	N/A	#VALUE!	\$482,972	N/A	AZ-05	Hayworth, JD
76						Mitchell, Harry
77	N/A	#VALUE!	\$670,994	N/A	AZ-01	Renzi, Rick
78						Caccioppoli, Mike
79						Friedman, Susan
80	↑	\$407,683	\$1,182,022	\$774,339	OH-15	Pryce, Deborah
81						Kilroy, Mary
82	↓	(\$118,533)	(\$452,794)	(\$334,261)	NC-11	Taylor, Charles
83						Shuler, Heath
84	↓	(\$2,302)	\$846,603	\$848,905	CO-04	Musgrave, Marilyn
85						Paccione, Angie
86	↑	\$143,759	\$328,523	\$184,764	NH-01	Bradley, Jeb
87						Dodds, Gary
88						Craig, Jim
89	↓	(\$95,079)	\$69,017	\$164,096	NH-02	Bass, Charlie
90						Hodes, Paul
91						Clemons, Bret
92						Danderson, Bob
93						Clegg, Robert
94	↑	\$98,505	(\$82,126)	(\$180,631)	CA-50 open	Bilbray, Brian
95						Busby, Francine
96		(\$7,814)	\$314,975	\$322,789	FL-13 open	Detert, Nancy
97						Buchanan, Vern

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68	OF LOSS (16)					
69	R	\$724,718	\$580,543	\$268,360	\$234,641	\$701,744
70	D	\$357,060	\$111,857	\$334,082	\$90,177	\$182,353
71	R	\$2,471,348	\$2,183,850	\$448,967	\$304,714	\$388,832
72	D	\$654,773	\$382,643	\$339,967	\$167,492	\$92,480
73	R	\$1,306,594	\$944,198	\$409,645	\$335,871	\$589,444
74	D	\$362,905	N/A	\$368,865	N/A	\$5,959
75	R	\$687,407	\$498,392	\$277,244	\$139,436	\$392,274
76	D	\$204,435	N/A	\$213,209	N/A	\$8,773
77	R	\$673,709	\$608,086	\$201,176	\$151,890	\$615,713
78	D	\$2,715	N/A	\$5,006	N/A	\$9,005
79	D	\$3,914	N/A	\$49	N/A	N/A
80	R	\$1,533,961	\$943,311	\$741,690	\$430,351	\$397,395
81	D	\$351,939	\$168,972	\$277,299	\$171,625	\$96,985
82	R	\$99,510	\$18,725	\$175,635	\$187,864	\$272,645
83	D	\$552,304	\$352,986	\$338,682	\$174,830	\$224,730
84	R	\$1,081,519	\$1,014,401	\$275,383	\$504,370	\$889,283
85	D	\$234,916	\$165,496	\$152,666	\$207,668	\$163,329
86	R	\$338,575	\$254,590	\$104,432	\$110,282	\$119,697
87	D	\$10,052	\$69,826	\$15,700	\$50,679	\$73,914
88	D	\$151,239	N/A	\$156,759	N/A	\$5,520
89	R	\$301,380	\$233,710	\$102,160	\$122,620	\$145,107
90	D	\$232,363	\$69,614	\$215,514	\$31,575	\$99,178
91	D	\$18,491	\$21,118	\$3,850	\$27,457	\$12,815
92	R	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
93	R	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
94	R	\$107,704	\$190,531	\$54,839	\$5,420	\$418,774
95	D	\$189,830	\$371,162	\$190,843	\$271,208	\$1,327,752
96	R	\$93,590	\$49,235	\$54,116	\$21,919	\$31,010
97	R	\$736,829	\$626,817	\$495,837	\$517,530	\$868,624

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98	↓					Hudson, Tramm
99						Jennings, Christine
100						Schneider, Jan
101	N/A	#VALUE!	\$259,462	#VALUE!	PA-07	Weldon, Curt
102						Sestek, Joe
103	↑	\$64,063	\$226,635	\$162,572	VA-02	Drake, Thelma
104						Kellam, Phil
105	↑	\$70,112	\$346,700	\$276,588	CA-04	Doolittle, John
106						Holmes, Mike
107	↑					Brown, Charles
108						Kirby, William
109						Rea, Luisa
110	N/A	#VALUE!	\$240,502	#VALUE!	NJ-05	Garrett, Scott
111						Aronsohn, Paul
112	Republican Average CoH					
113	Democrat Average CoH					

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1	Party	(3/31/06) CoH	(12/31/05) CoH	Q1 Raised	Q4 Raised	Total Spending
98	R	\$559,394	\$429,766	\$251,312	\$168,815	\$204,791
99	D	\$421,854	\$304,028	\$206,013	\$129,757	\$191,060
100	D	\$99,921	\$67,804	\$53,150	\$22,536	\$56,876
101	R	\$655,767	\$266,102	\$461,563	\$85,350	\$414,476
102	D	\$396,305	N/A	\$427,264	N/A	\$30,959
103	R	\$529,714	\$266,872	\$393,779	\$96,575	\$348,204
104	D	\$303,079	\$104,300	\$259,417	\$64,200	\$60,638
105	R	\$406,596	\$300,976	\$286,880	\$183,503	\$526,929
106	R	\$9,579	\$10,605	\$14,967	\$25,935	\$61,229
107	D	\$59,896	\$24,388	\$61,325	N/A	\$37,461
108	D	\$11,474	\$11,474	\$0	\$0	\$0
109	D	\$9,253	N/A	\$5,499	\$8,819	\$11,064
110	R	\$375,627	\$291,452	\$139,011	\$117,820	\$294,435
111	D	\$135,125	N/A	\$213,795	N/A	\$77,080
112		\$668,080	\$511,166	\$271,421	#REF!	\$404,242
113		\$237,861	\$158,976	\$191,695	\$101,287	\$145,207

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114						WATCHING NOT YET WORRI
115	↑	\$252,459	\$982,642	\$730,183	NC-08	Hayes, Robin
116						Kissell, Larry
117	↑	\$56,748	\$498,875	\$442,127	PA-04	Hart, Melissa
118						Berner, Georgia
119						Altmire, Jason
120	↑	\$105,205	\$632,323	\$527,118	WV-02	Capito, Shelley
121						Callaghan, Mike
122						Hunt, Mark
123						Robb, Richie
124	N/A	#VALUE!	N/A	N/A	LA-07	Boustany, Charles
125	N/A	#VALUE!	\$1,313,353	N/A	KY-03	Northup, Anne
126						Horne, Andrew
127						Farnsley, Burrel
128						Moore, James
129						Yarmuth, John
130	N/A	#VALUE!	\$237,081	N/A	NE-01	Fortenberry, Jeff
131						Moul, Maxie
132	↓	(\$14,270)	\$318,806	\$333,076	NY-29	Kuhl, Randy
133						Massa, Eric
134	↑	\$138,105	\$914,637	\$776,532	FL-08	Keller, Ric
135						Hartage, Homer
136						Stuart, Charles
137	↑	\$129,981	\$631,151	\$501,170	IL-11	Weller, Jerry
138						Pavich, John
139	N/A	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	CA-41	Lewis, Jerry
140						Contreras, Louie
141	N/A	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	NY-13	Fossella, Vito
142						Harrison, Stephen
143	N/A	#VALUE!	N/A	N/A	LA-05	Alexander, Rodney

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114	ED (22)					
115	R	\$1,028,022	\$733,837	\$414,832	\$234,454	\$434,994
116	D	\$45,380	\$3,654	\$74,224	\$19,020	\$44,208
117	R	\$668,893	\$600,856	\$151,568	\$275,292	\$443,507
118	D	\$170,018	\$158,729	\$64,245	\$50,064	\$260,012
119	D	\$113,629	\$73,696	\$64,299	\$11,862	\$72,591
120	R	\$713,278	\$586,841	\$238,696	\$117,096	\$301,042
121	D	\$80,955	\$59,723	\$78,675	\$28,675	\$42,435
122	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
123	D	\$29,060	N/A	\$49,908	N/A	\$20,853
124	R	\$665,549	\$645,169	\$110,228	\$113,348	\$482,119
125	R	\$1,605,106	\$1,106,854	\$553,243	\$109,493	\$180,934
126	D	\$81,983	N/A	\$137,927	N/A	\$55,943
127	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
128	D	\$0	N/A	\$1,600	N/A	\$1,290
129	D	\$291,753	N/A	\$331,366	N/A	\$39,612
130	R	\$415,749	\$388,292	\$59,606	\$57,181	\$264,131
131	D	\$178,668	N/A	\$140,971	N/A	\$30,928
132	R	\$440,018	\$420,768	\$81,951	\$126,441	\$345,420
133	D	\$121,212	\$87,692	\$92,948	\$112,342	\$189,903
134	R	\$1,166,300	\$977,188	\$268,161	\$145,328	\$175,011
135	D	N/A	\$19,682	N/A	\$16,880	N/A
136	D	\$251,663	\$200,656	\$78,530	\$105,799	\$151,439
137	R	\$857,243	\$692,081	\$254,785	\$236,543	\$418,124
138	D	\$226,092	\$190,911	\$65,345	\$96,555	\$101,022
139	R	\$1,524,478	\$1,563,272	\$51,700	\$61,500	\$357,753
140	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
141	R	\$606,081	\$573,011	\$185,318	\$113,440	\$550,379
142	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
143	R	\$220,068	\$65,278	\$247,456	\$151,719	\$572,983

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144	N/A	#VALUE!	\$844,165	#VALUE!	PA-18	Murphy, Tim
145						Kluko, Chad
146						Kovach, Tom
147	N/A	\$64,640	\$432,409	\$367,769	MI-11	McCotter, Thad
148						Trupiano, Tony
149	↑	\$35,660	\$450,561	\$414,901	NY-20	Sweeney, John
150						Gillibrand, Kirsten
151						Guller, Morris
152	↓	(\$85,665)	\$326,651	\$412,316	NY-25	Walsh, James
153						Capanna, Paloma
154						Maffei, Dan
155						Howland, Ken
156	↑	\$103,511	\$132,248	\$28,737	WY-al	Cubin, Barbara
157						Trauner, Gary
158	↑	\$71,997	\$107,203	\$35,206	IA-02	Leach, Jim
159						Loebsack, David

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144	R	\$845,282	\$690,083	\$182,455	\$134,320	\$373,628
145	D	\$1,117	N/A	\$3,150	N/A	\$6,778
146	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
147	R	\$446,573	\$380,167	\$89,352	\$64,878	\$205,943
148	D	\$14,164	\$12,398	\$15,450	\$13,246	\$13,684
149	R	\$961,820	\$701,060	\$400,421	\$102,650	\$758,942
150	D	\$511,259	\$286,159	\$345,799	\$248,785	\$199,808
151	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
152	R	\$501,825	\$508,704	\$82,791	\$111,682	\$342,857
153	D	\$88,694	\$20,372	\$15,010	\$22,745	\$25,378
154	D	\$175,174	\$96,388	\$106,292	\$100,403	\$31,520
155	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
156	R	\$173,492	\$130,420	\$124,737	\$112,187	\$307,110
157	D	\$41,244	\$101,683	\$90,297	\$109,669	\$57,061
158	R	\$189,247	\$121,949	\$99,659	\$21,596	\$139,223
159	D	\$82,044	\$86,743	\$45,806	\$41,706	\$58,671

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160	↑	\$104,498	\$524,023	\$419,525	PA-10	Sherwood, Don
161						Carney, Chris
162						Scott, Karen
163	↑	\$167,033	\$437,365	\$270,332	OK-05 open	Bode, Denise
164						Fallin, Mary
165						Morgan, Fred
166						Calvey, Kevin
167						Presley, Patricia
168	↑	\$9,989	\$647,384	\$637,395	NY-19	Kelly, Sue
169						Aydelott, Judith
170						Hall, John
171						Rigger, Darren
172						Shuldiner, Ben
173						Suraci, Guy
174						Martorano, Jim
175	↓	(\$83,330)	\$2,112,521	\$2,195,851	FL-16	Foley, Mark
176						Mahoney, Tim
177	Republican Average CoH					
178	Democrat Average CoH					

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160	R	\$618,565	\$497,783	\$201,491	\$163,584	\$323,378
161	D	\$94,542	\$78,258	\$81,026	\$65,977	\$21,242
162	R	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
163	R	\$473,001	\$309,534	\$304,837	\$338,097	\$170,932
164	R	\$263,435	\$294,431	\$209,490	\$379,553	\$325,607
165	R	\$181,020	\$131,922	\$133,700	\$151,394	\$104,071
166	R	\$175,834	N/A	\$178,906	N/A	\$3,072
167	D	\$35,636	\$39,202	\$42,060	\$43,800	\$50,723
168	R	\$975,131	\$898,776	\$144,178	\$267,243	\$383,054
169	D	\$327,747	\$261,381	\$141,110	\$136,937	\$138,105
170	D	\$59,046	\$44,337	\$86,286	\$55,601	\$86,079
171	D	\$44,678	\$43,231	\$24,362	\$32,291	\$32,024
172	D	\$127,742	\$83,000	\$65,365	\$8,427	\$31,302
173	D	\$1,572	N/A	\$2,726	N/A	\$1,153
174	D	\$9,082	\$1,493	\$16,434	\$9,100	\$17,803
175	R	\$2,415,342	\$2,405,031	\$153,806	\$169,471	\$503,038
176	D	\$302,821	\$209,180	\$173,025	\$193,364	\$175,989
177		\$748,147	\$642,638	\$196,935	\$156,604	\$338,690
178		\$129,888	\$101,852	\$86,937	\$69,239	\$73,132

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179						TIER 1 POTENTIAL PICK-UP
180	↑	\$390,983	\$250,922	(\$140,061)	OH-06 open	Wilson, Charles
181						Luchansky, John
182						Carr, Bob
183						Blasdel, Chuck
184	↓	(\$332,801)	(\$298,532)	\$34,269	WV-01	Mollohan, Alan
185						Wakim, Chris
186	↓	(\$729,992)	(\$1,606,793)	(\$876,801)	IL-08	Bean, Melissa
187						McSweeney, David
188	↑	\$138,251	(\$240,189)	(\$378,440)	IA-03	Boswell, Leonard
189						Lamberti, Jeffery
190	↓	(\$34,498)	(\$430,985)	(\$396,487)	GA-12	Barrow, John
191						Burns, Max
192	N/A	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	IL-17 open	Hare, Phil
193						Zinga, Andrea
194	Republican Average CoH					
195	Democrat Average CoH					

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179	S (6)					
180	D	\$109,175	\$436,675	\$141,760	\$104,178	\$505,440
181	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
182	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
183	R	\$360,097	\$296,614	\$226,684	\$133,377	\$233,352
184	D	\$416,995	\$39,702	\$413,084	\$6,200	\$211,091
185	R	\$118,463	\$73,971	\$65,417	\$29,497	\$26,449
186	D	\$1,753,746	\$1,390,702	\$313,940	\$338,617	\$587,482
187	R	\$146,953	\$513,901	\$619,201	\$0	N/A
188	D	\$745,174	\$658,675	\$161,048	\$174,527	\$356,850
189	R	\$504,985	\$280,235	\$310,763	\$175,876	\$239,168
190	D	\$1,112,942	\$902,406	\$259,997	\$248,189	\$146,523
191	R	\$681,957	\$505,919	\$275,641	\$286,960	\$316,206
192	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
193	R	\$4,352	\$5,997	\$5,695	\$14,432	\$56,261
194		\$302,801	\$355,976	\$255,705	\$142,594	\$301,237
195		\$827,606	\$747,871	\$271,768	\$184,732	\$314,053

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1	Adv. Change	Change from Last	Q1 GOP Adv	Q4 GOP Adv	CD	Candidate
196						TIER 2 POTENTIAL PICK-UP
197	↓	(\$44,885)	(\$29,312)	\$15,573	OH-13 open	Sawyer, Tom
198						Cafaro, Capri
199						Kucinich, Gary
200						Sutton, Betty
201						McGrew, David
202						Ortega, Jose
203						Foltin, Craig
204	N/A	#VALUE!	(\$279,915)	#VALUE!	MD-03 open	Hollinger, Paula
205						Beilenson, Peter
206						Bengur, Oz
207						O'Keeffe, Kevin
208						Sarbanes, John
209						Baldwin, Mishonda
210						Barth, Andy
211						Owens, Janet
212						Applebaum, Gary
213		↓	(\$72,215)	(\$404,475)	(\$332,260)	SC-05
214	↓					Norman, Ralph
215	↓	(\$76,464)	(\$537,611)	(\$461,147)	WA-02	Larsen, Rick
216	↓					Roulstone, Douglas
217	↓	(\$217,118)	(\$837,392)	(\$620,274)	CO-03	Salazar, John
218	↓					Tipton, Scott
219	↓	(\$57,975)	(\$556,430)	(\$498,455)	KS-03	Moore, Dennis
220	↓					Ahner, Chuck
221	↓					Schwab, Scott
222	↓	(\$141,438)	(\$612,919)	(\$471,481)	UT-02	Matheson, Jim
223	↓					Christensen, Lavar
224	↑	\$102,097	(\$432,507)	(\$534,604)	LA-03	Melancon, Charlie
225	↑					Romero, Craig

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1	Party	(3/31/06) CoH	(12/31/05) CoH	Q1 Raised	Q4 Raised	Total Spending
196	S (12)					
197	D	\$31,848	N/A	\$45,397	N/A	\$25,426
198	D	\$116,146	\$1,000	\$866,115	\$23,500	\$971,752
199	D	\$2,353	N/A	\$18,927	N/A	\$16,574
200	D	\$215,333	\$20,420	\$402,360	\$20,550	\$402,408
201	R	\$7,078	\$35,993	\$15,836	\$46,314	\$54,272
202	R	\$31,872	\$15,456	\$0	\$2,712	\$28,741
203	R	\$186,021	N/A	\$214,254	N/A	\$28,233
204	D	\$239,540	\$129,851	\$182,032	\$111,503	\$201,941
205	D	\$266,961	\$154,102	\$193,975	\$95,398	\$264,936
206	D	\$148,900	\$80,678	\$137,511	\$45,670	\$157,914
207	D	\$123,711	\$97,762	\$37,040	\$107,169	\$20,687
208	D	\$408,345	\$226,284	\$234,067	\$149,757	\$77,717
209	D	\$14,856	N/A	\$1,946	N/A	\$11,553
210	D	\$29,237	\$32,321	\$27,761	\$41,700	\$47,119
211	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
212	R	\$128,430	N/A	\$134,695	N/A	\$6,264
213	D	\$1,023,876	\$736,273	\$341,141	\$209,585	\$270,182
214	R	\$619,401	\$404,013	\$276,223	\$345,010	\$77,249
215	D	\$820,277	\$710,404	\$165,760	\$259,152	\$227,991
216	R	\$282,666	\$249,257	\$83,377	\$122,536	\$78,676
217	D	\$1,045,317	\$792,900	\$307,243	\$237,776	\$315,429
218	R	\$207,925	\$172,626	\$102,512	\$48,381	\$109,501
219	D	\$715,468	\$608,074	\$195,103	\$174,727	\$304,701
220	R	\$159,038	\$109,619	\$69,280	\$7,256	\$27,086
221	R	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
222	D	\$781,762	\$647,781	\$172,838	\$198,971	\$218,982
223	R	\$168,843	\$176,300	\$9,450	\$26,300	\$16,906
224	D	\$1,047,238	\$880,414	\$273,889	\$191,739	\$315,229
225	R	\$614,731	\$345,810	\$339,447	\$108,550	\$170,939

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1	Adv. Change	Change from Last	Q1 GOP Adv	Q4 GOP Adv	CD	Candidate
226	↓	(\$26,868)	(\$357,351)	(\$330,483)	VT-al open	Welch, Peter
227						Rainville, Martha
228						Shepard, Mark
229	N/A	#VALUE!	\$291,110	#VALUE!	HI-02 open	Hanabusa, Colleen
230						Hirono, Mazie
231						Hooser, Gary
232						Matsunaga, Matt
233						Houge, Bob
234						Kawanakoa, Quentin
235	↓	(\$811,408)	(\$1,097,719)	(\$286,311)	TX-17	Edwards, Chet
236						Taylor, Van
237	↓	(\$32,835)	(\$349,353)	(\$316,518)	GA-03/08	Marshall, Jim
238						Collins, Mac
239	Republican Average CoH					
240	Democrat Average CoH					

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1	Party	(3/31/06) CoH	(12/31/05) CoH	Q1 Raised	Q4 Raised	Total Spending
226	D	\$612,775	\$408,732	\$262,175	\$205,388	\$125,506
227	R	\$255,424	\$78,249	\$233,703	\$92,865	\$78,492
228	R	\$27,795	\$1,101	\$37,617	\$2,100	\$11,921
229	D	\$93,910	N/A	\$110,700	N/A	\$34,909
230	D	\$297,510	N/A	\$299,455	N/A	\$1,944
231	D	\$55,611	N/A	\$96,809	N/A	\$41,197
232	D	\$106	\$125	\$1,000	\$0	\$9,550
233	R	\$6,400	N/A	\$6,400	N/A	\$0
234	R	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
235	D	\$1,295,878	\$915,010	\$408,409	\$175,490	\$305,597
236	R	\$198,159	\$628,699	\$286,083	\$148,711	\$977,669
237	D	\$1,048,140	\$858,987	\$204,138	\$245,921	\$85,387
238	R	\$698,787	\$542,469	\$256,159	\$351,901	\$259,554
239		\$239,505	\$229,966	\$137,669	#REF!	\$128,367
240		\$434,796	\$405,618	\$207,741	\$138,555	\$185,610

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Adv. Change	Change from Last	Q1 GOP Adv	Q4 GOP Adv	STATE	Candidate	Party
2	REPUBLICAN DEFENSE/ SWING (5)						
3	↓	(\$124,694)	\$2,469,681	\$2,594,375	MT	Burns, Conrad	R
4						Morrison, John	D
5						Tester, Jon	D
6	↑	\$189,013	\$4,505,223	\$4,316,210	PA	Santorum, Rick	R
7						Casey, Bob Jr.	D
8						Pennachio, Chuck	D
9						Sandals, Alan	D
10	↓	(\$729,553)	\$3,636,014	\$4,365,567	MO	Talent, Jim	R
11						McCaskill, Claire	D
12	↓	(\$143,210)	\$58,046	\$201,256	RI	Chafee, Lincoln	R
13						Laffey, Stephen	R
14						Brown, Matt	D
15						Whitehouse, Sheldon	D
16		↑	\$494,851	\$2,416,632	\$1,921,781	OH	DeWine, Mike
17						Brown, Sherrod	D
18	LEAN REPUBLICAN/ POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN DE						
19	↓				TN	Bryant, Ed	R
20		(\$1,532)	\$1,959,791	\$1,961,323		Corker, Bob	R
21						Hilleary, Van	R
22						Ford, Harold Jr.	D
23	↓	(\$640,415)	\$4,575,132	\$5,215,547	AZ	Kyl, Jon	R
24						Pederson, Jim	D
25	DEMOCRAT DEFENSE/ SWING (2)						
26	↓	\$2,452	\$923,475	\$921,023	MN	Kennedy, Mark	R
27						Klobuchar, Amy	D
28						Bell, Ford	D
29	↑	\$509,871	(\$861,413)	(\$1,371,284)	MD	Steele, Michael	R
30						Cardin, Ben	D
31						Lichtman, Allan	D

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	H	I	J	K
1	(3/31/06) CoH	(12/31/05) CoH	Q1 Raised	Total Spending
2				
3	\$3,351,831	\$3,347,222	\$943,299	\$2,028,569
4	\$882,150	\$752,847	\$357,120	N/A
5	\$261,202	\$166,852	\$231,065	\$440,688
6	\$9,048,826	\$7,759,460	\$3,458,370	\$5,969,032
7	\$4,543,603	\$3,443,250	\$2,174,051	\$3,529,075
8	\$17,800	\$9,078	\$25,546	N/A
9	\$35,035	\$50,230	\$138,259	\$497,685
10	\$5,674,707	\$4,659,555	\$1,527,674	\$2,204,313
11	\$2,038,693	\$293,988	\$1,258,039	\$818,887
12	\$1,870,507	\$1,760,413	\$300,204	N/A
13	\$1,087,274	\$830,963	\$328,276	\$223,779
14	\$355,786	\$481,451	\$357,277	N/A
15	\$1,812,461	\$1,559,157	\$541,216	\$900,359
16	\$5,206,632	\$4,290,764	\$2,356,359	\$9,000,000
17	\$2,790,000	\$2,368,983	\$1,260,000	\$1,750,000
18	SENSE (2)			
19	\$1,070,647	\$956,559	\$335,806	\$701,860
20	\$4,225,351	\$3,824,629	\$772,195	\$1,229,233
21	\$1,173,979	\$1,013,319	\$412,355	N/A
22	\$2,265,560	\$1,863,306	\$1,468,765	N/A
23	\$7,299,962	\$6,286,553	\$1,802,620	\$2,203,074
24	\$2,724,830	\$1,071,006	\$2,419,416	N/A
25				
26	\$3,406,895	\$2,660,519	\$1,478,433	\$1,722,762
27	\$2,483,420	\$1,739,496	\$1,279,917	\$1,258,823
28	\$212,443	\$225,397	\$290,311	\$543,229
29	\$1,767,403	\$786,605	\$1,380,330	\$884,794
30	\$2,628,816	\$2,157,889	\$950,397	\$1,271,698
31	\$327,675	\$322,806	\$65,313	\$76,078

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
32						Rales, Joshua	D
33						Mfume, Kweisi	D
34	LEAN DEMOCRAT/ POTENTIAL DEMOCRAT DEFERRED						
35	N/A	\$645,800	\$4,692,159	\$4,046,359	WA	Cantwell, Maria	D
36						McGavick, Mike	R
37		(\$494,550)	\$2,489,145	\$2,983,695	NE	Nelson, Ben	D
38	↓					Kramer, David	R
39						Ricketts, Pete	R
40						Stenberg, Don	R
41		\$317,869	\$5,222,614	\$4,904,745	MI	Stabenow, Debbie	D
42	↑					Bouchard, Michael	R
43						Butler, Keith	R
44						Zandstra, Gerald	R
45		\$72,752	\$2,534,002	\$2,461,250	WV	Byrd, Robert	D
46	N/A					Lewis, Hiram	R
47						Raese, John	R
48	↓	(\$437,123)	\$6,572,493	\$7,009,616	FL	Nelson, Bill	D
49						Harris, Katherine	R
50	↑	\$996,813	\$4,360,000	\$3,363,187	NJ	Menendez, Robert	D
51						Kean, Tom Jr.	R
52		(\$218,611)	(\$1,728,943)	(\$1,510,332)	VT	Tarrant, Rich	R
53	↓					Parke, Greg	R
54						Sanders, Bernie	I

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	H	I	J	K
32	\$490,115	\$342,858	\$522,437	\$634,514
33	\$183,567	\$125,186	\$199,162	\$437,990
34	SENSE (7)			
35	\$5,588,420	\$5,001,755	\$1,730,397	\$3,467,303
36	\$896,261	\$955,396	\$1,215,523	N/A
37	\$3,218,356	\$3,194,463	\$805,273	N/A
38	\$163,077	\$142,145	\$150,128	N/A
39	\$729,211	\$210,768	\$2,109,529	\$2,800,638
40	\$34,412	\$34,051	\$134,098	\$345,213
41	\$6,269,146	\$5,657,048	\$1,020,573	\$1,809,748
42	\$1,046,532	\$752,303	\$605,972	N/A
43	\$741,589	\$784,342	\$268,809	N/A
44	\$70,000	\$69,002	N/A	N/A
45	\$2,825,324	\$2,650,233	\$474,806	\$1,058,975
46	\$291,322	\$188,983	\$277,645	N/A
47	\$51,561	\$264,440	\$139,440	\$212,878
48	\$10,312,700	\$8,015,741	\$2,906,386	\$2,183,543
49	\$3,740,207	\$1,006,125	\$4,005,215	\$2,950,543
50	\$6,360,000	\$4,223,758	\$2,545,254	\$1,626,129
51	\$2,000,000	\$860,571	\$1,613,599	N/A
52	\$367,000	\$105,773	\$1,588,860	\$1,800,000
53	\$69,646	\$26,997	\$318,924	\$855,895
54	\$2,095,943	\$1,616,105	\$1,106,945	\$1,449,903

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1	STATE	Candidate	Party	Period
2	REPUBLICAN DEFENSE/ SWING (9)			
3	AK	Brinkley, John	R	5/7/2005 - 2/1/2006
4		Berkowitz, Ethan	D	N/A
5		Croft, Eric	D	5/7/2005 - 2/1/2006
6		Palin, Sarah	R	5/7/2005 - 2/1/2006
7		Murkowski, Frank	R	N/A
8	AR	Hutchinson, Asa	R	3/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
9		Beebe, Mike	D	3/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
10	CA	Angelides, Phil	D	1/1/2006 - 3/17/2006
11		Schwarzenegger , Arnold	R	1/1/2006 - 3/17/2006
12		Westly, Steve	D	1/1/2006 - 3/17/2006
13	CO	Beauprez, Bob	R	1/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
14		Holtzman, Marc	R	1/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
15		Ritter, Bill	D	1/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
16	MA	Healey, Kerry	R	3/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
17		Reilly, Tom	D	3/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
18		Patrick, Deval	D	3/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
19		Mihos, Christy	I	3/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
20	MD	Ehrlich, Robert	R	1/13/2005 - 1/11/2006
21		O'Malley, Martin	D	1/13/2005 - 1/11/2006
22		Duncan, Doug	D	1/13/2005 - 1/11/2006
23	MN	Pawlenty, Tim	R	1/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
24		Kelley, Steve	D	1/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
25		Hatch, Mike	D	1/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
26		Lourey, Becky	D	1/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
27		Hutchinson, Peter	I	1/1/2005 - 12/31/2005

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1	Current CoH	Period Raised
2		
3	\$302,772	\$351,568
4	N/A	N/A
5	\$67,450	\$75,169
6	\$73,257	\$100,657
7	N/A	N/A
8	\$807,865	\$241,032
9	\$1,681,196	\$401,384
10	\$14,565,528	\$2,377,789
11	\$3,874,084	\$5,183,433
12	\$23,047,818	\$3,613,003
13	N/A	N/A
14	\$981,242	\$363,392
15	\$727,559	\$451,777
16	\$992,082	\$319,926
17	\$577,309	\$388,950
18	\$618,571	\$375,158
19	\$17,929	\$61,885
20	\$8,433,947	\$4,917,346
21	\$4,204,003	\$4,304,466
22	\$1,358,945	\$1,292,802
23	\$721,163	\$815,367
24	\$34,736	\$266,189
25	\$401,714	\$512,020
26	\$9,003	\$63,174
27	\$54,445	\$201,095

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				D
28	NY	Faso, John	R	9/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
29		Weld, Bill	R	9/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
30		Spitzer, Elliot	D	9/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
31		Suozzi, Tom	D	9/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
32	OH	Petro, Jim	R	1/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
33		Blackwell, Ken*	R	1/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
34		Strickland, Ted	D	1/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
35	LEAN REPUBLICAN/ POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN DEFENSE (8)			
36	AL	Riley, Bob	R	1/12005 - 12/31/2005
37		Moore, Roy	R	1/12005 - 12/31/2005
38		Baxley, Lucy	D	1/12005 - 12/31/2005
39		Siegelman, Don	D	1/12005 - 12/31/2005
40		Mathis, Nathan	D	1/12005 - 12/31/2005
41	CT	Rell, Jodi	R	1/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
42		DeStefano, John	D	1/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
43		Malloy, Dan	D	1/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
44	FL	Crist, Charlie*	R	1/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
45		Gallagher, Tom *	R	1/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
46		Davis, Jim *	D	1/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
47		Smith, Rod *	D	1/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
48	GA	Perdue, Sonny	R	1/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
49		Cox, Cathy	D	1/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
50		Taylor, Mark	D	1/1/2006 - 3/31/2006
51	HI	Lingle, Linda	R	7/30/2005-12/31/2005
52	NV	Gibbons, Jim	R	1/12005 - 12/31/2005
53		Beers, Bob	R	1/12005 - 12/31/2005
54		Hunt, Lorraine	R	1/12005 - 12/31/2005

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28	\$932,739	\$996,189
29	\$1,837,631	\$2,083,572
30	\$19,080,213	\$8,434,671
31	\$5,039,201	\$1,704,102
32	\$2,024,885	\$872,460
33	\$345,000	\$1,090,000
34	\$2,104,048	\$1,949,543
35		
36	\$4,551,335	\$3,825,782
37	\$663,329	\$310,578
38	\$1,173,322	\$1,200,515
39	\$342,626	\$105,065
40	\$0	\$2,500
41	\$1,423,554	\$883,115
42	\$1,995,868	\$407,801
43	\$1,376,253	\$1,805,481
44	\$8,300,000	\$1,900,000
45	\$5,800,000	\$1,400,000
46	\$1,570,000	\$630,000
47	\$1,330,000	\$600,000
48	\$8,264,129	\$141,895
49	\$2,919,309	\$185,891
50	\$4,175,539	\$98,531
51	\$3,177,878	\$1,217,759
52	N/A	N/A
53	N/A	N/A
54	N/A	N/A

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			D	
55		Titus, Dina	D	1/12005 - 12/31/2005
56		Gibson, Jim	D	1/12005 - 12/31/2005
57	RI	Carcieri, Don	R	10/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
58		Fogarty, Charles	D	10/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
59	VT	Douglas, Jim	R	N/A
60		Parker, Scudder	D	N/A
61	DEMOCRAT DEFENSE/ SWING (3)			
62	IA	Nussle, Jim	R	7/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
63		Blouin, Mike	D	7/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
64		Culver, Chet	D	7/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
65		Fallon, Ed	D	7/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
66	MI	Granholm, Jennifer	D	3/4/2005 - 12/31/2005
67		DeVos, Dick	R	3/4/2005 - 12/31/2005
68	WI	Doyle, Jim	D	7/1/2005- 12/31/2005
69		Green, Mark *	R	7/1/2005- 12/31/2005
70	LEAN DEMOCRAT/ POTENTIAL DEMOCRAT DEFENSE (8)			
71	AZ	Munsil, Len	R	11/23/2004 - 12/31/2005
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73		Smith Florez, Jan	R	11/23/2004 - 12/31/2005
74		Napolitano, Janet	D	11/23/2004 - 12/31/2005
75	IL	Blagojevich, Rod	D	7/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
76		Baar Topinka, Judy	R	7/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
77	KS	Sebelius, Kathleen	D	1/12005 - 12/31/2005
78		Barnett, Jim	R	1/12005 - 12/31/2005
79		Jennison, Robin	R	1/12005 - 12/31/2005
80	ME	Baldacci, John*	D	N/A
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56	\$27,117	\$388,050
57	\$513,935	\$299,628
58	\$333,946	\$144,662
59	N/A	N/A
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61		
62	\$1,501,984	\$2,478,994
63	\$362,893	\$521,805
64	\$832,546	\$1,266,203
65	\$34,678	\$134,609
66	\$5,116,187	\$4,945,762
67	\$369,276	\$1,841,264
68	\$4,206,864	\$1,164,865
69	\$2,100,000	N/A
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71	\$40,188	\$40,229
72	\$5,059	\$13,633
73	\$4,623	\$6,868
74	\$74,470	\$89,586
75	\$15,517,379	\$1,927,371
76	\$1,403,083	\$426,759
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83		Woodcook, Chandler	R	N/A
84	OK	Istook, Ernie*	R	1/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
85		Sullivan, Bob *	R	1/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
86		Williamson, Jim*	R	1/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
87		Henry, Brad*	D	1/1/2005 - 12/31/2005
88	OR	Kulongoski, Ted*	D	1/1/2006 - 3/30/2006
89		Saxton, Ron*	R	1/1/2006 - 3/30/2006
90		Mannix, Kevin*	R	1/1/2006 - 3/30/2006
91		Atkinson, Jason*	R	1/1/2006 - 3/30/2006
92	PA	Rendell, Ed	D	1/1/2006 - 3/27/2006
93		Swann, Lynn	R	1/1/2006 - 3/27/2006
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89	\$1,018,878	\$1,199,687
90	\$333,430	\$879,199
91	\$110,638	\$269,511
92	\$15,456,004	\$3,453,148
93	\$1,498,834	\$1,677,537
94	N/A	N/A
95	\$48,000	N/A
96		
97		

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1	Committee	Party	(3/31/06) CoH	(2/28/06) CoH		Change
2	RNC	R	\$42,957,892	\$40,874,828	+	\$2,083,064
3	NRCC	R	\$24,488,775	\$20,806,354	+	\$3,682,421
4	NRSC	R	\$16,526,169	\$14,541,500	+	\$1,984,669
5	RGA	R	\$9,700,000	\$5,400,000	+	\$4,300,000
6	DNC	D	\$10,022,373	\$8,930,179	+	\$1,092,194
7	DCCC	D	\$23,018,449	\$16,304,876	+	\$6,713,573
8	DSCC	D	\$32,115,935	\$27,419,274	+	\$4,696,661
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2								
3		Tier 1			Tier 3			
4								
5	AZ	Phoenix		AR	Ft. Smith-Fayetteville			
6	FL	Miami-Ft. Lauderdale		AZ	Tucson			
7	FL	Orlando		CO	Grand Junction			
8	FL	Tampa-St. Petersburg		CT	Hartford			
9	FL	West Palm		FL	Gainesville			
10	IA	Cedar Rapids		FL	Panama City			
11	IA	Des Moines		FL	Tallahassee			
12	KY	Louisville		LA	Lafayette			
13	MO	Kansas City		MI	Flint			
14	MO	St. Louis		MI	Lansing			
15	MT	Missoula		MN	Duluth			
16	MT	Billings		MO	Paducah			
17	ND	Fargo-Valley City		MT	Butte-Bozeman			
18	NE	Omaha		ND	Minot-Bismarck			
19	NH	Manchester		NH	Burlington			
20	NM	Albuquerque		OH	Lima			
21	NV	Las Vegas		OH	Zanesville			
22	NV	Reno		OR	Eugene			
23	OH	Cincinnati		OR	Medford			
24	OH	Cleveland		SC	Greenville / Spartanburg			
25	OH	Columbus		WA	Spokane			
26	OH	Dayton		WV	Parkersburg			
27	OH	Toledo						
28	PA	Harrisburg						
29	PA	Philadelphia			Tier 4			
30	PA	Pittsburgh						
31	PA	Wilkes Barre-Scranton		AR	Jonesboro			
32	RI	Providence		CO	Colorado Springs			
33	WI	Green Bay		DE	Salisbury			
34	WI	Milwaukee		IA	Ottumwa			
35	WV	Bluefield-Beckley		ME	Bangor			
36	WV	Charleston		ME	Portland-Auburn			
37				ME	Presque Isle			
38		Regional Media Market Tier I		MI	Alpena			
39				MI	Marquette			
40	CA	Los Angeles		MI	Traverse City			
41	CA	Sacramento		MN	Mankato			
42	GA	Atlanta		MO	Joplin			
43	IL	Chicago		MO	Quincy-Hannibal			
44	IN	Indianapolis		MO	St. Joseph			
45	MA	Boston		OR	Bend			
46	NC	Charlotte		VA	Norfolk			
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48	TX	Dallas		VA	Roanoke			
49	TX	Houston		WA	Yakima			

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51		Tier 2						
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56	FL	Jacksonville						
57	FL	Mobile-Pensacola						
58	IA	Davenport						
59	IA	Sioux City						
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61	MI	Detroit						
62	MI	Grand Rapids						
63	MN	Rochester						
64	MO	Springfield						
65	MO	Columbia-Jefferson City						
66	MT	Great Falls						
67	MT	Helena						
68	NE	Lincoln-Hastings						
69	OH	Youngstown						
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71	PA	Erie						
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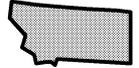
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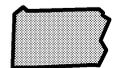
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MN-08



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NH-02



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NV-03



President Bush visited Las Vegas this Monday to campaign for Rep. Jon Porter (R). The event raised \$440,000 for Porter, who will likely face Tessa Hafen (D), former Press Secretary to Senate Minority Leader Reid.

NY-20



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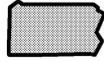
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NY-29



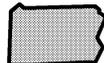
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PA-08



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PA-10



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WI-08



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WV-01



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Mollohan is being challenged by Del. Chris Wakim (R).

Governor

Alabama



The University of South Alabama conducted two polls last week (4/15-4/20), one each of GOP and Democratic primary voters. The GOP poll found incumbent Gov.

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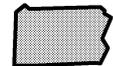
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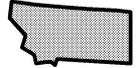
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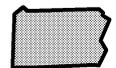
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MN-06



State Rep. Phil Krinkie (R) announced on Monday he would join State Sen. Michelle Bachmann (R), State Rep. Jim Knoblach (R), and businessman Jay Esmay (R) in signing a pledge to abide by the results of the party nominating convention on May 6. Last week, rumors circulated Krinkie would ignore the party endorsement and seek the nomination in the September primary.

MN-08



The *Duluth News-Tribune* reported on Thursday that former Sen. Rod Grams (R) is considering challenging Rep. Jim Oberstar (D) for the Eighth District congressional seat. Grams says he will make a decision "in the next week or two" about whether to enter the race. Grams is meeting with Political Affairs staff this Monday.

NH-02



Rep. Charlie Bass's campaign fielded a poll this week. The generic ballot is essentially tied, and Bass leads Democratic challenger Paul Hodes 51% to 34% (+17). Hodes is still relatively unknown in the district even after running against Bass in 2004, but Bass's 57/33 favorable/unfavorable rating shows he remains in a strong position to be re-elected.

NV-03



President Bush visited Las Vegas this Monday to campaign for Rep. Jon Porter (R). The event raised \$440,000 for Porter, who will likely face Tessa Hafen (D), former Press Secretary to Senate Minority Leader Reid.

NY-20



The Union College student newspaper, the *Concordiensis*, reported on Thursday that Rep. John Sweeney (R) attended an on-campus fraternity party last weekend. Students at the party took a number of pictures with Sweeney and described him as "acting openly intoxicated," slurring his words, and cursing loudly. Sweeney has denied that he was drunk or even consumed alcohol at the party.

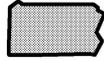
Despite winning in 2004 with 66% of the vote in a district the President carried with 54%, Sweeney faces a tough challenge this year from attorney Kirstin Gillibrand (D).

NY-29



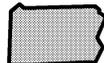
Iraq veteran Eric Massa (D) released a poll on Thursday, showing him trailing Rep. Randy Kuhl (R) by just three points, 40% to 43%.

PA-08



The campaign of Iraq war veteran Patrick Murphy (D) released a poll on Tuesday, showing Rep. Mike Fitzpatrick (R) leading Murphy 49% to 35% (+14).

PA-10



Democratic challenger Chris Carney released his own internal poll on Tuesday (4/20-4/23), showing him trailing Rep. Don Sherwood (R) by just six points, 43% to 49%.

WI-08



On Thursday, the Mellman Group (D) released a poll they conducted from 3/22 to 3/26 for an unknown client. The poll found State Assembly Speaker John Gard (R) leading Steve Kagen (D) 38% to 32% (+6), and Gard leading Jamie Wall (D) 39% to 30% (+9). However, the poll also showed former Brown County Executive Nancy Nusbaum (D) leading Gard 43% to 38% (-5). The WI primary is September 12.

WV-01



Tuesday's *Wall Street Journal* detailed the continued investigation into questionable ethics practices by Rep. Alan Mollohan (D), former ranking member of the House Ethics Committee. The article revealed Mollohan jointly bought a 300-acre farm on West Virginia's Cheat River with a defense contractor whose firm won a \$2.1 million contract from money Mollohan had added to a spending bill. The FBI also announced on Friday it will be issuing subpoenas for financial records to three non-profits started by Mollohan and funded by federal appropriations he steered their way.

Mollohan is being challenged by Del. Chris Wakim (R).

Governor

Alabama



The University of South Alabama conducted two polls last week (4/15-4/20), one each of GOP and Democratic primary voters. The GOP poll found incumbent Gov.

Bob Riley comfortably leading former Judge Roy Moore, 64% to 20% (+44).

The Democratic poll found Lt. Gov. Lucy Baxley narrowly leading former Gov. Don Siegelman 39% to 34% (+5), despite the fact Siegelman will go to trial in less than two weeks on federal racketeering charges.

Florida



According to a new Strategic Vision poll, Charlie Crist leads Tom Gallagher among GOP primary voters, 47% to 35% (+12), and Rep. Jim Davis leads State Sen. Rod Smith among Democratic primary voters 44% to 21% (+23). Both primaries are essentially unchanged since Strategic Vision's March poll.

In general election match-ups, Crist leads Davis 46% to 39% (+7, down from +9 in March), and he leads Smith 49% to 33% (+16, up from +14 in March).

Gallagher leads Davis 44% to 40% (+4, down from +7 in March), while he leads Smith 44% to 35% (+9, down from +12 in March).

Iowa



Democratic candidates Chet Culver (D) and Mike Blouin (D) held their first debate this week to dismal reviews from pundits, who described the two as "fumbling around" and un-gubernatorial. Culver and Blouin will compete in the June 6 primary to face the better-financed Rep. Jim Nussle (R) in November

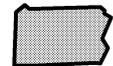
Maryland



Voter/Consumer Research's survey for the Steele campaign this week showed Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley (D) leading Gov. Bob Ehrlich (R) by a 52% to 40% margin (-12).

Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan (D) announced on Thursday his choice of former Baltimore State's Attorney Stuart Simms as his running mate. Both Duncan and O'Malley have now selected their running mates, both of whom are African-American.

Pennsylvania



The Muhlenberg College/Allentown *Morning Call* poll released Wednesday found Gov. Ed Rendell (D) leading Lynn Swann (R) by a 45% to 39% (-6, down from -3 in March).

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Good Evening --

Enclosed is the latest targeting information – please let me know in the next day or so if you come across any egregious disparities. Thanks

JH

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Friday, July 23, 2004

The Eve Is Here

It's 72 hours until the start of the Dem convo and apparently that means we should release a poll. Seriously, a slew of pre-convo numbers to benchmark and see if they move in **Kerry's** direction significantly over the next two weeks: **(#47)-(#50)**

-- Most of the nat'l head-to-heads have Kerry up narrowly; but with undec. in the single digits for most of these polls, isn't there little chance of real movement on this number?

-- **Hotline Scoreboard** (which goes daily next week) continues to be the best place to find Kerry's bounce as Bush's leads in state polls have tumbled his EV total to below 200. **(#8)**

-- Wrong track continues to lead right dir. by double digits (at least in the *LAT* and *NBC/WSJ* polls). Could Dem convo push that divide into the 20s?

-- Is there a greater moving target these days than Kerry's FAV/UNFAV ratio? Look for a pollster-by-pollster explanation of this in Monday's *Hotline*.

-- Finally, there may not be any more important **Bush** advantage than on handling terrorism; if Kerry can't close that advantage to single digits after his acceptance speech, is it possible he can ever cut it?

Quote of the Day

"**O**ne hour a night for three nights to pick a president. That's about 1/10th of the time we commit to picking 'American Idol.'"

-- **Jay Leno**, "Tonight Show," 7/22

Top News

A Keeper Issue

Yes, we know today's .doc is long, but trust us; it's got everything you need before Monday; Read it on the plane, your train (but not in your automobile).

"ConvolutEd" Is An Understatement

Kerry's explanation of abortion stance to ABC, is, well, confusing. (#3)

While The Dems Play...

OKie GOPers vote next Tuesday; DSCC trying to "spin" that Coburn will win w/o runoff; isn't that bad for Carson? (#28)

Dean '08 Watch

In *NYTMag*, Dean hints that 527s could serve as a better platform to run from than the Dem Party. (#5)

The Favre Factor

The 'Skins' success on Sun. before the election is just one of a number of odd predictors. (#6)

Don't Fly-By Our Fly-bys

Did you know Richard Clarke was stumping for candidates in PA? How 'bout Willie Brown, journalist? (#40)-(#44)

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Media Monitor

ERRATUM: In an early posting of yesterday's *Hotline*, the results from the *Washington Post's* poll of Latinos had the wrong Kerry-Edwards number. The correct numbers are 60% for Kerry-Edwards and 30% for Bush-Cheney.

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??? Overlooked ???

EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT IN LOUISIANA

Did you know that candidates for LA SEN can legally raise a max of \$6K per person: \$2K for the primary; \$2K for the general and \$2K for the runoff. Now, here's the catch. The FEC defines "primary" in LA as the period leading up to the state's filing deadline (which is in late August). The "general" is from filing to Nov. 2 and the runoff is from Nov. to Dec. Also keep in mind that any funds not used in the primary or general can be rolled over and used in the runoff. Does that mean we'll see a bit less spending from, say, David Vitter (who's got zero GOPers to fight with) going into Nov.?

WHITE HOUSE 2004

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DEM CONVO (7/26-29): If The Whole WH Thing Doesn't Work Out, There's Always "Travel Guide"

John Kerry gives a guide to Boston in the *USA Today*: "If you're here for the convention, you should see the science museum, visit Santarpio's for incredible pizza and go to the Kennedy Library to see that piece of the Berlin Wall sitting there -- a 1-ton reminder of what America can accomplish with determination and leadership." Some of Kerry's favorite Boston spots:

- **McGann's Pub**: "A great pub, with sentimental value for me. ... Gov. **Bill Weld** and I out aside our differences a day after the election and hoisted a pint together."
- **Faneuil Hall**: "It meant the world to me to be welcomed home to Boston to announce my campaign for president in front of Faneuil Hall."
- **John Adams House**: While he "didn't like politics very much, he got on his horse again and again to ride to Philadelphia and try to save the U.S."
- **Hockey at the Fleet Center**: "Whether it's my Boston Bruins, or the Beanpot tournament, I get lost in hockey games. I can watch for hours."
- **Fenway Park**: "We'll beat the curse in my lifetime. I promise."
- **Old North Church**: "It sent **Paul Revere** racing off on his famous ride" (7/23).

Ready Or Not, Here We Come

Boston Mayor **Tom Menino** (D), asked if Boston is ready: "I think we're ready. There's a buzz in the city. People are working hard. And we're going to have a great convention in Boston this year. It's the first party convention the city has ever held. ... I think a lot of people are staying in town. We're going to have a great time, a lot of events in the city, over 200 parties over the four days. And I just think it's going to be great."

Menino, on the city's labor dispute: "To my mind, it's resolved. We went to an arbitrator and he made the decision and I'm going to live by that arbitrator's decision."

Menino, on whether the convo will be affected by the picketing: "No, it can't be. I mean, we've got 75 percent of our city unions under contract now. The police union should not stop anyone from going through those lines. It's an informational line. And also there's a court order about them picketing at the Fleet Center from previous actions they had" ("IP," CNN, 7/22).

Menino, on his relationship with Kerry: "John and I are very good friends. I mean, we have some issues with some of the staff, but that happens in every campaign. I've been involved in a lot of presidential campaigns. It happens" ("Capital Report," CNBC, 7/22).

Looking West For Nominating Duty

Sen. **Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA) "will do one of the few real pieces of business" at the convo -- place Kerry's name in nomination. Feinstein said "she doesn't know why she was selected to nominate" Kerry but noted "she was one of the first of her Senate colleagues to endorse" him during the primary season. Feinstein's "five-minute nominating speech" will be given 7/28,

before the prime-time speeches. Feinstein: "It will be fun and from the heart" (**Bunis**, Knight-Ridder, 7/23).

And Rep. **Raul Grijalva** (D-AZ) will give the nominating speech for **John Edwards**. Grijalva spokesperson **Natalie Luna**: "The congressman is very pleased and honored. And a little nervous, to be honest" (**Karamargin**, *Arizona Daily Star*, 7/23).

One Big, Happy Family

Dennis Kucinich "opted for party unity by withdrawing" from the Dem race 7/22. A "smiling" Kucinich made the announcement alongside an "equally happy" Kerry. Kucinich: "The word is unity. ... Unity is essential to repair America. ... Unity is essential to set America on a new path" (**Gabe/Koff**, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, 7/23).

Howard Dean said 7/22 that he will use his convo speech to "fire up the party's base": "I'll be making the case to the base of the Democratic Party. I can explain to them exactly what's at stake. Some of the subtext will be that the progressive wing of this party needs to support John Kerry." And Dean "bashed" **Ralph Nader** "for relying" on GOPers to help him get on ballots in states like MI, OR and AZ. Dean: "He apparently want to win so badly he is willing to get in bed with the most unseemly folks that progressives everywhere are fighting against. I think Ralph has damaged himself enormously in the past few weeks and it remains to be seen how much of a threat he is going to be" (**Hemingway**, *Burlington Free Press*, 7/23).

Moving Right Along

Move America Forward will "air a series" of ads in the Boston market next week "which call on Americans to support the war on terrorism and our troops." The ads will also air ads nationally, beginning on CNN 7/26. Move America Forward chair **Howard Kaloogian**: "The 'Blame America First crowd' seems determined to inflict a Vietnam-era fatigue on this nation. They are so misguided in their opposition to our war on terrorism that they come across as rooting for defeat of our own troops. We will not sit idly back while the anti-war crowd undermines support for our military and the men and women of our armed forces" (release, 7/23).

Tune Out

"Despite a high level of interest" in the general election, "less than one-third of respondents in a recent poll plan to spend much time watching" the Dem convo, according to a new survey by the Vanishing Voter Project. Vanishing Voter's **Thomas Patterson**: "It's both change in the convention which diminishes public interest and it's the absence of the coverage. If you've got a license to operate on the public airwaves, what's obligation? It seems to me that three hours (of coverage) is getting close to thumbing your nose" (**Jurkowitz**, *Boston Globe*, 7/23).

Family Fight?

In a radio interview with **Blanquita Cullum**, **Michael Reagan** was asked about **Ron Reagan's** address to the Dem convo. M. Reagan: "He hasn't accomplished anything politically ... to speak at the convention. They are going to use him on this whole 'stem cell'

thing he knows nothing about. I'm the only Reagan that sits on a board of directors of an Alzheimer's unit that deals with all this stuff on a regular basis. I did all the research -- he has no idea what he is talking about. And it is always the politics of feelings. But he is there because he has a great name. His name is Reagan" (**McCaslin**, *Washington Times*, 7/23).

Jack's Back

In his "Campaign Journal," *Wall Street Journal's Hunt* notes, "for more than forty years no journalist has been more associated with politics and political conventions than **Jack Germond**; he's the political reporter's reporter." Author of the new book, "Fat Man Fed Up," Germond will be in Boston next week -- the 22nd convention he has been to. Germond rates the '68 Dem convo in Chicago as the "best": "It was a hell of a story with the 'police riot' and (Mayor) **Daley** calling (Sen.) **Abe Ribicoff** names that you still cannot print in a newspaper... it also set a record for bribes you had to spread around." Germond rates the '92 GOP convo in Houston as the "worst": "There was so much fundamentalist fervor and hostility toward anyone who disagreed with the full-mooners." Germond says **Jimmy Carter's** acceptance speech may be the "most memorable" because it "expressed who he was or wanted to be in the White House." As for the "best restaurants and watering holes," Germond: "My favorites -- Bryant's BBQ in Kansas City (1976) and Hayes Street Grill in San Francisco (1984). The watering hole I enjoyed the most ... was Mcann's (near Madison Square Garden in New York)" (WSJ.com, 7/23).

Are You On The List?

The *Hotline* has compiled its party picks for the Dem convo and this is our final list. It comes from a variety of sources: news reports, secret lists, personal invites, phone calls, e-mails, snooping on colleagues desks, overheard conversations ...

REMINDER: The majority of these events are **INVITE ONLY** due to space constraints and security concerns. Just because you know where the party is doesn't mean you're getting in.

SATURDAY: The **Boston 2004 Media Party** -- 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.: Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

SUNDAY are the delegation welcoming parties. All start at 5 p.m.:

- **AR, KY, MO:** Spangler Center
- **AZ, NM, UT:** Jorge Hernandez Cultural Center
- **CA:** Franklin Park Zoo
- **CO:** Home of Amb. Swanee Hunt
- **CT, ME, NH, VT, RI:** Museum of Fine Arts
- **DC, MD, DE:** Children's Museum
- **Dems abroad, Guam, AK, HI:** Millenium Park
- **FL:** Northeastern Univ.
- **GA:** Shirley-Eustis
- **ID, WA, MN, WY:** Museum of Science
- **IL:** Institute of Contemporary Art
- **IN:** Strand Theatre
- **LA, KS, NE:** Wang Center for Performing Arts

- **MA:** Boston Public Library
- **MI:** New Bedford
- **MO, IA:** New England Aquarium
- **MN, ND:** Shirley-Eusis House
- **NJ:** Navy Yard Constitution Museum
- **NV:** Navy Yard, Pier One
- **NY:** Curley Recreation Center
- **NC:** UMass-Boston Campus Center
- **OH:** Sam Adams Brewery (**Cancelled**)
- **OK:** Parkman House
- **OR:** Boston Latin School
- **PA:** Massachusetts State House
- **PR, U.S. Virgin Islands:** Adams Park
- **SC, AL:** Museum of National Center of Afro-American Artists
- **SD:** Navy Yard Commandant's House
- **TN:** James Michael Curley House
- **TX:** Hyatt Harborside Pavilion
- **VA, WV:** Hyde-Park Library
- **WI:** Boston Nature Center

OTHER SUNDAY EVENTS:

- 4 p.m.: **AIPAC** hosts the Jewish Kickoff Event to the convo at World Trade Center.
- 6 p.m.: The **New York Times** party at the Gamble Mansion.
- 8 p.m.: **Celebrate Boston 2004** at the City Hall Plaza.
- 8 p.m.: **Schusters** holds a party for the Clinton at the State room (Bay Tower).
- 8 p.m.: **Strategy Group/Dewey Square** party at the Federalist.
- 8:30 p.m.: **Rock the Vote's** "Jumpoff" at the Avalon Night Club with special guests ex-Pres. **Clinton** and Sen. **Hillary Clinton** (D-NY). Also scheduled to attend: **Al Sharpton**, Jon Stewart, Natalie Portman, and Jerry Springer. Musical guests include X-Ecutioners and a DJ set by Biz Markie.
- 9 p.m.: The **Time Warner** party at Tia's Waterfront.
- 9 p.m.: Tribute to **George McGovern** at Via Matta.
- 10 p.m.: **Blue Dog Coalition Party** at the Roxy.
- 10 p.m.: **DNC Finance** at Sophia's.

MONDAY:

- 11 a.m.: Luncheon for Rep. **Richard Gephardt** (D-MO) at the Wang Center for the Performing Arts.
- 11 a.m.: **Rock the Vote** voter registration drive at the Cambridge Side Galleria.
- Noon: The **Barbara Lee Family** Foundation luncheon honoring women senators at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.
- Noon: Convention **BBQ** at Fenway Park.
- 5 p.m.: **DCCC** reception for House Min. Leader **Nancy Pelosi** at the JFK Library.
- 5 p.m.: **DCCC** reception at the Museum of Fine Arts.
- 5 p.m.: **DSCC** reception at the Via Matta.
- 5 p.m.: **National Conference of Mayors** kickoff party at the New England Aquarium.

- 8 p.m.: **DSCC** reception honoring Senate Maj. Leader **Tom Daschle** at Sanctuary.
- 9 p.m.: **The New Republic, The Economist, Roll Call** and the **Distilled Spirits Council of America** party at Anthem.
- 9 p.m.: **Arab American Institute Foundation** event at Boston Center for the Arts.
- 10 p.m.: **DGA** salute to Dem GOVs at the Rowes Wharf at the Boston Harbor Hotel.
- 10 p.m.: Salute to Rep. **Harold Ford** (D-TN) at the Roxy Night Club. It was rumored that Justin Timberlake would be performing at this event, but his spokesperson told the *Hotline* Timberlake will not be attending.
- 10 p.m.: **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute** hosts a party at Felt Night Club featuring Los Lobos and a nine piece salsa band.
- 10 p.m.: **New England Delegation** Party at Genzyme.
- 10 p.m.: **California Delegation** party at Skywalk on the 50th floor of the Prudential Tower.

TUESDAY:

- 11:30 a.m.: **EMILY's List** event at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center featuring ex-TX Gov. Ann Richards, MI Gov. Jennifer Granholm, House Min. Leader Nancy Pelosi, MD Sen. Barbara Mikulski and an interesting variety of celebrities.
- Noon: Rep. **Barney Frank** (D-MA) luncheon at the Sheraton Boston.
- 12:30 p.m.: **DGA** clam bake at the It's All About Arts Center.
- 3:30 p.m.: **Revolutionary Women** concert with Liz Phair at the Boston Conference and Exhibition Center.
- 4 p.m.: **Magazine Publishers of America** honor Sen. **Jon Corzine** (D-NJ) at the Downtown Harvard Club.
- 4 p.m.: **Grassroots Democrats** host book signings for **Joe Trippi** and **Donna Brazile** at the Heinz Center.
- 4:30 p.m.: **Creative Coalition** and *Congressional Quarterly* reception at the Blu at The Sports Club/LA, featuring with Joe Pantoliano, Tony Goldwin, William Baldwin, Jason Bateman, Lawrence Bender, Ellen Burstyn, Wes Craven, Tom Fontana, Wendie Malick, Mary Stuart Masterson, Kate Mulgrew, and Alfre Woodward.
- 5 p.m.: **DCCC** reception for Chairman **Robert Matsui** (D-CA) at the Museum of Fine Arts.
- 5:30 p.m.: **Rock the Vote** hosts and FCUK reveal the company's new vote-themed FCUK t-shirt at the French Connection UK store.
- 7 p.m.: **Caribbean Carnival** in honor of Sen. **John Breaux** (D-LA) at the New England Aquarium.
- 7 p.m.: **Hotline** comedy show at the C Walsh Theatre at Suffolk University, featuring Rep. **Brad Sherman** (D-CA), columnist Arianna Huffington, *Boston Globe's* Anne Kornblut, *USA Today's* Walter Shapiro, *Time's* Matt Cooper, the *Nation's* David Corn and professional performances will be given by Will Durst, Bob Somerby and Jim Morris. E-mail [Hotline Comedy](mailto:HotlineComedy) for ticket information.
- 8 p.m.: **Democrats and Desserts** at the Finale Dessert Company.
- 9:30 p.m.: **DCCC/DSCC** Celebration 2004 at Felt Night Club.
- 10 p.m.: **Rock the Vote** and **RIAA** concert at Avalon featuring Black Eyed Peas and Gavin DeGraw.
- 10 p.m.: **Nextel Communications** event honoring Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD) at the Hyatt Regency Boston.
- 10 p.m.: Sen. **Ted Kennedy** (D-MA) tribute at the Symphony Hall featuring Glenn Close,

Bono and the Boston Pops.

- 10 p.m.: **GQ** honors San Francisco Mayor **Gavin Newsom** at the Federalist Restaurant.
- 10 p.m.: **NARAL** honors Ann Lewis with special guests the Kerry daughters at Sanctuary.
- 10:30 p.m.: Gov. **Janet Napolitano** (D-AZ) tribute to Native American Communities at Boston World Trade Center.

WEDNESDAY:

- 4:30 p.m.: **United Leaders** honors rising political stars aboard Odyssey Cruise.
- 8 p.m.: **Creative Coalition** gala at the Louis Boston featuring Red Hot Chili Peppers, Ben Affleck, Sean Astin, Bianca Jagger, William Baldwin, Jason Bateman, Ellen Burstyn, Rachael Leigh Cook, Wes Craven, Alan Cumming, Hector Elizondo, Tom Fontana, Alyssa Milano, Janeane Garofalo, Chris Cooper, Tony Goldwyn, Richard Kind, Lauren Holly, Wendie Malick, Mike Medavoy, Christopher Meloni, Rob Morrow, Kate Mulgrew, Joe Pantoliano, Mandy Patinkin, Joe Piscopo, Ron Reagan, Christina Ricci, Richard Schiff, Mary Stuart Masterson, Anna Deavere Smith, Maura Tierney, Harvey Weinstein, and Alfre Woodard. [Click here](#) for ticket info.
- 11 p.m.: **Rock the Vote's** Late Night Music at Felt Boston featuring local bands Frickin' A and Angel.
- 11 p.m.: **Lifetime TV's** "Every Woman Counts" campaign and **Rock the Vote's** "Chicks Rock, Chicks Vote" initiative host a late night party featuring Carole King. (This venue is TBA).

THURSDAY:

- 8 p.m.: **Rock the Vote** hosts a Nomination Night Concert at the Roxy featuring Maroon 5.
- 10 p.m.: The Kucinich campaign holds a **Peace Vigil** in the Demonstration Zone.
- 10 p.m.: **New Democrat Network** concert with Paulina Rubio at the Wang Theater.
- 1 a.m.: **Late Nite Concert** with Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) and what's left of the Grateful Dead at Avalon.

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BUSH: Directory Assistance

On 7/22 the *National Catholic Reporter* reported that the RNC "has asked **Bush**-backing Roman Catholics to provide copies of their parish directories to help register Catholics to vote ... a use of personal information not necessarily condoned by dioceses around the country." In a 1/04 e-mail to supporters RNC Catholic outreach dir. **Martin Gillespie** wrote: "Access to these directories is critical as it allows us to identify and contact those Catholics who are likely to be supportive of President Bush's compassionate conservative agenda. Please forward any directories you are able to collect to my attention."

RNC spokesperson **Christine Iverson** said that information culled from the directories will be used "only for its nonpartisan voter registration drive." But DC Archdiocese spokesperson **Susan Gibbs** "said parish directories publish information only for use among church members and not for use by outside" groups "no matter what their purpose." Kansas City Diocese spokesperson **Rebecca Summers**: "I'm not certain under any scenario that we would encourage someone responding to that appear -- for any purpose, whether it would be an environmental cause or any purpose other than what the people volunteered the information for" (AP/USA Today, 7/23).

Glengarry Glenview

WBBM (Chicago, CBS affil) reports: "The president visited two Chicago suburbs ... talking about homeland security in Glenview before rallying Republicans at a fundraising dinner in Winnetka. On the same day of the release of the 9/11 Commission report highlighting major domestic security problems, the commander in chief is in a northern suburb to conduct a homeland security spot-check at the Northeastern Illinois Public Training Academy in Glenview" (7/22).

WLS (Chicago, ABC affil) reports: "After landing at O'Hare, President George W. Bush took a helicopter to Glenview where he spoke to a large and mostly adoring Republican crowd about his security plans" (7/22).

WMAQ (Chicago, NBC affil) reports: "Bush was received on the tarmac by group of officials from Illinois' private and public sector, including Mayor **Richard M. Daley**. ... [Bush] was accompanied by Homeland Security Director **Tom Ridge**" (7/22).

At the academy with Daley and '03 Miss America **Erika Harold**, Bush watched "an elaborate, 10-minute terrorism drill. In the script, a hijacker took control of a Pace bus and slammed it into a tanker truck, which began to spill hazardous gas and liquid -- really just a smoke machine and colored water. A SWAT team stormed the bus and arrested the hijacker before firefighters in hazmat suits rescued passengers." Bush called it "'an impressive demonstration' and posed for photos with the firefighters who staged it." Academy exec. dir. **Robert LaHey** said his "pre-drill jitters were unfounded": "Having the president visiting us here gives us real credibility. It was a watershed day" (**Toomey**, *Chicago Sun-Times*, 7/23).

Isn't It Ironic?

Chicago Sun-Times' **Main** and **Falsani** report, "Some Chicagoans were unable to reach 911 operators" 7/22 p.m. "because the city's vaunted emergency communications system was knocked out of service by a power failure. ... Citizens were urged to call the 311 line, which usually handles non-emergency calls for police, fire and other city services." 911 spokesperson **Monique Bond**: "A handful of [911] calls were missed" (7/23).

It's A Good Thing Michael Winslow Wasn't Quoted, Because We Probably Couldn't Transcribe It

On 7/22 Bush signed a "right to carry" bill which "had been a high priority for police unions because it enables off-duty officers to remain armed." Along with the public safety visit, the goal is "providing a sharp contrast to the police union dispute" which has "threatened to mar" the Dem nat'l convo in Boston.

Police, firefighters "are a powerful political force, but despite Bush's efforts," their union leadership has "largely backed" John Kerry. A "key" part of the Bush camp's strategy is "to win the support of the membership," hoping to leave Kerry "with an empty endorsement." But nat'l police union pres. **David Holway** "said the bill signing would not change the union's support": "Even a blind squirrel finds a nut once in awhile. The president did what was appropriate today" (**Washington, Boston Globe, 7/23**).

Hello, Neuman

At the WH on 7/22 VP **Cheney** "passed through the Cabinet room ... en route to a meeting and found a group of lawmakers waiting for a bill-signing ceremony," including Sen. **Pat Leahy** (D-VT). "A polite nod was all that passed between" them; their "last meeting wasn't so cordial" (AP/*Boston Globe, 7/23*).

No Taliban References Here

At a 7/22 presser, Urban League pres. **Marc Morial** "did not look very comfortable" when asked about his group's "'position on the civil rights agenda'" of the Bush WH. Morial "talked briefly about the differences" his group has with "both major-party candidates ... but pointedly declined to answer the question," saying: "I just don't want to offend them at this point."

His "reticence ... spoke volumes about why" Bush is addressing the Urban League this p.m. and not the Bush-critical NAACP. Morial, by "choosing diplomacy ... was building on a relationship he has worked hard to establish" with Bush. Morial said Bush's decision "shows 'we're powerful and influential, and that's important.'" He added: "My advice would have been for the president to speak at both the NAACP and the Urban League. If this is only about who came and who didn't come, African Americans lose. But if it's about what gets discussed ... on a consistent basis, then we win" (**Fears, Washington Post, 7/23**).

The Party Never Ends

Bush-Cheney chair **Marc Racicot** signs an e-mail to supporters beginning, "On September 2, 2004, our Party will come together in New York City" for the nat'l convo and to "formally launch the general election campaign -- a campaign for the Heart and Soul of America. In millions of homes around the country, families, friends and neighbors will gather for the National Convention Watch Party for the President -- our third National Party Day -- to hear the President speak. Will you join us?" (7/22).

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KERRY: Peace, I'm Outta Here

"Morning Grind" reports, the **John Kerry-John Edwards** campaign's "Believe in America" tour begins in Boston 7/30 and will last 2 weeks, covering more than 3.5K miles and including a "fleet of buses, trains and boats." It'll hit 21 states in every region of the country: AZ, AR, CA,

CO, CT, FL, IA, KS, LA, MA, MI, MO, NV, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, WA, WV and WI. The tour will begin with events in the 1st days in Miami, Orlando and Jacksonville; Dearborn, Flint and Grand Rapids; Newburgh, NY; Zanesville and Bowling Green, OH; Scranton, Harrisburg and Greensburg; Wheeling; and Milwaukee (**Mercurio**, CNN, 7/23).

Abortion: Neither Here Nor There

Kerry sat down with ABC's **Jennings** 7/22 in Detroit:

JENNINGS: "You told an Iowa newspaper recently that life begins at conception. What makes you think that?"

KERRY: "My belief, just my, my, my personal belief about what happens in the fertilization process as a, as a human being is first formed and created, and that's when life begins. Something begins to happen. There's a transformation. There's an evolution. Within weeks, you look and see the development of it, but that's not a person yet, and it's certainly not what somebody, in my judgment, ought to have the government of the United States intervening in. *Roe v. Wade* has made it very clear what our standard is with respect to viability, what our standard is with respect to rights. I believe in the right to choose, not the government choosing, but an individual, and I defend that."

JENNINGS: "Could you explain again to me what do you mean when you say 'life begins at conception.'"

KERRY: "Well, that's what the Supreme Court has established is a test of viability as to whether or not you're permitted to terminate a pregnancy, and I support that. That is my test. And I--you know, you have all kinds of different evolutions of life, as we know, and very different beliefs about birth, the process of the development of a fetus. That's the standard that's been established in *Roe v. Wade*. And I adhere to that standard."

JENNINGS: "If you believe that life begins at conception, is even a first-trimester abortion not murder?"

KERRY: No, because it's not the form of life that takes personhood in the terms that we have judged it to be in the past. It's the beginning of life. Does life begin? Yes, it begins. Is it at the point where I would say that you apply those penalties? The answer is, no, and I believe in choice. I believe in the right to choose, and the government should not involve itself in that choice, beyond where it has in the context of *Roe v. Wade*."

JENNINGS: "Can you imagine yourself ever campaigning against abortion?"

KERRY: "Well, I don't think--let me tell you very clearly that being pro-choice is not pro-abortion. And I have very strong feelings that we should talk about abortion in a very realistic way in this country. It is a very complicated, incredibly important moral issue that people have to face, also. And if you talk to any woman, as I have, who has faced that choice or who's been raped or who's suffered incest or who's faced that kind of choice, there are huge moral implications. I think leadership needs to honor that--those moral implications appropriately, and I think we need to, to adhere to the standard that Bill Clinton, in fact, so adeptly framed, that abortion should be rare, but legal and safe. And that's the standard that I apply. But I think we should talk more about alternatives to abortion."

JENNINGS: "If I were really skeptical, Senator, I would say, I might say that when you use the phrase 'life begins at conception,' you're attempting to speak to those people for whom that is a slogan, making them totally opposed to abortion."

KERRY: "Not in the least. It's a belief that is a belief of mine. It's consistent with everything I've always said over 35 years of public life. It is not a new statement, but it is consistent with my personal belief system about who chooses and what happens. I do believe we should talk about alternatives to abortion. I think we should talk about adoption. I think we should talk

about, I think it is responsible to talk about abstinence, but I also believe you should talk about proper education of people -- sex education. You need to have proper knowledge about use of condoms to avoid AIDS. You need to be smart about these things. So what we need to do is have an honest dialogue and not succumb to the cynicism that sort of reduces these things to simplicity. It's not simple. It's a very complicated, highly emotional, very searing decision. I don't want the government making that decision for people, and that is a bedrock belief. But it doesn't change what I believe about how life goes on" ("World News Tonight," 7/22).

Los Angeles Times' **Gold** reports on the abortion comments under the header "Pro-Choice Is Not Pro-Abortion, Kerry Says" (7/23).

Voters' Ire Can Be Vicious, Scathing And Debilitating To Any Social Life

Kerry is on *BusinessWeek's* 8/2 cover with the article "Kerry's Battle Plan." As "voter attention shifts back to the economy," Kerry has "renewed his emphasis on jobs and the 'middle-class squeeze.'" His business agenda is a "sketchy blueprint that ... will almost certainly undergo radical surgery when [he] confronts budget reality and what's likely to be a hostile GOP Congress." His promise to fund his health care and education proposals by rolling back Pres. **Bush's** tax cuts for those earning over \$200K "could free up" \$600B to \$860B, "but that would leave nothing for Kerry's pledge to slash the deficit." Also, if the GOP Congress "balks at rolling back tax breaks for the wealthy," he'd have to "drastically scale down his ambitions, risking the ire of voters."

Kerry sat down for a Q&A session with *BusinessWeek's* **Shepard, Walczak and Durham**. Excerpts:

- On who's "better for business," Bush or Kerry: "In Congress, I carved out an economic portfolio that has been both thoughtful and visionary -- on technology and trade, on capital formation, on entrepreneurship."
- On reopening treaties to amend the WTO and NAFTA: "To do that you have to create an international process. You can't do it unilaterally. I'm not going to just kill [treaties]. I have suggested a dialogue."
- On his management style: "Well, you saw the way I managed my Vice-Presidential pick. [And] I put together a multimillion-dollar campaign. I changed the manager in midstream, put the pieces back together, and won the nomination. I'm decisive. I'm a strong leader. I push. I know how to set goals. I had four years in the military as an officer, and it's a form of management. ... I am very demanding" (8/2 issue).

If You Set This Memo To "Dark Side," It Totally Works

DLC CEO **Al From** and pres. **Bruce Reed** write in a memo to the Dem Party, a reason the "Bush assault has fallen flat" is the '04 Dem Party "is not susceptible to the same kind of negative attacks that it was before **Clinton's** presidency." The Bush WH "needs to realize: We're not in 1988 anymore, Toto." In choosing Kerry, Dems "made an affirmative decision" to "change and to build on the New Democrat foundation of Clintonism with another round of progress." The party "rejected an effort by **Howard Dean** to reverse course," resulting in a party a "far cry" from that of 16 years ago. "Indeed, the story of the past six months is not just the collapse of Bushism, but the rise of Kerryism." Kerryism is built on the "best traditions" of the Dem Party and the "pragmatic, centrist foundations" of the '90s. Kerry "believes that, in **Andrew Jackson's** words, the promise of America is 'equal opportunity for all, special privileges for none.'" The "biggest difference" between Bushism and Kerryism is Kerry and

Edwards "have set out to make this election" about "ideas, not attacks." Above all, their war on terror strategy is "making sure America has the strongest military on earth and the strongest alliances with the friends we need around the world." Kerry, as a "tough-minded internationalist and decorated war hero," could "complete the transformation" of the Dem Party "as the one Americans can trust to make the nation stronger both at home and abroad" (*Blueprint*, 7/22).

Potential Converts Pool Party!

"Lifting" Kerry's standing on nat'l security is "crucial to his chances," says Dem pollster **Peter Hart**. Hart: "It's a high hurdle, but it's not a pole vault." In the *WSJ/NBC News* poll, 42% "who are not now supporting" Kerry "say there's at least some chance they will end up voting for him." With 34%, Bush's "pool of potential converts is smaller" (**Harwood/Rogers**, *Wall Street Journal*, 7/23).

Not Deliberate When Misleading?

Kerry also sat down with *USA Today* for a Q&A session. Excerpts:

- On "consistently trailing" Bush in "public trust to handle terrorism, Iraq," and "foreign policy": "I feel very positive about the direction. Secondly, John Kennedy ... didn't beat **[Nixon]** on that particular category, nor did Bill Clinton when he beat **George (H.W.) Bush**. What you have to do is prove to people that you're capable of being commander in chief. ... I am more prepared to be commander in chief than George Bush is."
- On plans to fight terrorism: "Day one of the Kerry" admin, "if progress hasn't been made I will convene an emergency summit."
- On his war authorization vote: "The president misled America. I don't know about deliberately, but he misled America, he misled the world" (7/22).

Axis Of What?

Kerry: "I think that the term axis of evil is a misapplied term, frankly, historically and in terms of the present. Iran is a problem. Iran in fact was a greater problem than Iraq at the time that the president started the war in Iraq. North Korea was a greater problem than Iraq at that time the president started the war in Iraq. The United States of America should have long ago offered the following deal. If Iran is serious about not pursuing nuclear weapons, we'll supply you with the nuclear power and we'll contain the nuclear material that's created as a result" ("Nightly News," NBC, 7/22).

He's A Little Irritated

CBS' **Rather**: "Have you ever had any anger about President Bush, who spent his time during the Vietnam War in the National Guard, running in effect a campaign that does its best to diminish your service in Vietnam? You have to be at least irritated by that, or have you been?"

Kerry: "Yep, I have been." More Kerry: "That's an honest answer. Those of us who served care enormously about the people we served with and the fact of our having put our lives on the line. And I think when others challenge that, you'd be inhuman if it didn't grate a little bit."

But, again, I keep my eye on a larger target. I'm running to be president of the United States because I believe in this country. And I think the American people can see through those kinds of things. So I sort of, you know, hold my breath and put my trust in the American people to look for something bigger and better than that kind of silly attack. But it does irritate, sure" ("Evening News," CBS, 7/22).

Putting The Suburban In Urban

WDIV (Detroit, NBC affil) reports: "Kerry stressed civil rights and spoke heavily about an urban agenda during a speech to the Urban League" (7/22).

In Detroit 7/22 speaking to the National Urban League, Kerry said Bush "has given trying to improve the lives of the poor and middle class, and vowed to work for" the "forgotten class." He said he'd improve education, promote jobs and guarantee health care for those without it (**Christoff**, *Detroit Free Press*, 7/23).

WJBK (Detroit, FOX affil) reports: "Kerry says as president he would direct a zero-tolerance policy for gang violence and spend more on programs aimed at steering urban youth away from crime" (7/22).

He "drew a standing ovation" with his proposal of a "federally funded crackdown on youth and gang crime" including "not only more law enforcement, but also job-training and drug treatment." The programs cost: \$400B over 10 years. He added that he'd increase the amount of federal contracts going to "minority-owned, urban businesses." Kerry "drew heavily" on Edwards' 2 Americas, and "while most of his ideas weren't new," he "wrapped them in a package" emphasizing he'd "better serve" working families' interests, "especially African-Americans." He also "touched on the still-raw nerve" of the '00 WH election. Afterwards, he met privately with about 80 ministers (*Detroit Free Press*, 7/23).

Kerry: "The issues we're grappling with today are especially important and I'm happy to discuss them anywhere, any time, with any American." The "offer ... could cause some political anxiety" for Bush (**Hurt**, *Washington Times*, 7/23).

In his speech, he noted federal statistics of gang-related homicides up 40% between '00 and '02, accusing the Bush admin of "not doing enough to combat the problem." His gang crackdown aid would be funneled through state gov'ts, "which would have wide latitude over how to use the money." He spoke "about how he visited young offenders in custody" as a MA prosecutor (**Fitzgerald**, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 7/23). Kerry domestic policy adviser **Sarah Bianchi** said "other unrelated domestic programs would be scaled back to fund" the new program. Bush spokesperson **Steve Schmidt** "faulted Kerry for previously voting against several programs to combat gang violence." A BET-CBS poll from 7/21 said a majority of blacks "lacked enthusiasm" for Kerry, with "most saying they were 'satisfied'" with him (**VandeHei**, *Washington Post*, 7/23).

I Often Tell Myself "Less John F. Kennedy and more John Wayne"

Ex-**Al Gore** speechwriter **Ken Baer** offers 6 pointers to Kerry for his acceptance speech:

- "Speak to the audience at home, not to those gathered in the convention hall."
- "Mesh biography with destiny."
- "Do not be bold."
- "Mention **Ronald Reagan**."
- "Less **John F. Kennedy** and more **John Wayne**."

- "Don't go over the time allotted" (*American Prospect* online, 7/22).

Failing to Prepare Is Preparing To Spend Too Much Time On The Internet Looking Up Fantasy Baseball Numbers

Setting off on the "Freedom Trail" today, the Kerry camp is launching "the newly redesigned johnkerry.com," which will "post stories of ordinary citizens who are giving back through their own acts." The individuals featured on the website gave their stories to the campaign last week during the "Front Porch Tour," and over 20K responses were received. Kerry: "So many Americans today are living up to the responsibility of service -- when they swear a Scout oath, help out in a hospital or homeless shelter or tutor in a local school. Others are on the front lines, whether that's in our military overseas, or in our police or fire departments here at home." The website will also feature "new tools" to get the campaign's over 1M online supporters involved, "including a new volunteer center and space" to "share the stories of every day, can-do Americans" (release, 7/23).

That's Gonna Leave A Mark?

On the ads going back and forth between the Bush camp and Kerry camp, Bush's media adviser **Mark McKinnon** said his TV spots have had "as much impact as possible in a presidential campaign," with polls showing "substantial numbers of voters" believing the "two primary themes we've advertised on ... that Kerry is not a decisive leader who is political and lacks core convictions, and he has a history of raising taxes significantly and is likely to do so in the future." He "disputes the notion" his effort has been "unusually negative." Kerry adviser **Tad Devine** found many voters concluding from Bush's ads that Bush "had no plan on the issues important to their lives. There was a collective rolling of the eyes." He granted that the early flip-flop ads "made a mark," but "it has faded," saying the Bush blitz "has not succeeded in poisoning the well" (**Kurtz**, *Washington Post*, 7/23).

Any Chance Donilon Was The Go Between In The Kerry-McCain Talks?

Kerry strategist **Mike Donilon** is the subject of a very flattering profile in his old hometown paper, the *Providence Journal*. Among those offering accolades was Donilon's college roommate **Mark Salter**. Salter to the Projo: "Mike was insanely contrarian." According to Salter, Donilon "would passionately defend some nutball proposition -- say 'Jean Paul Sartre was not an existentialist' -- for the fun of it" (**Mulligan**, 7/23). Salter, of course, is the CoS to perennial-potential-running-mate-Sen. **John McCain** (R-AZ).

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EDWARDS: Take The Money And Run

In Hartford 7/22, **John Edwards** picked up \$350K at a fundraiser and that is "expected to be" CT's "only glimpse" of a member of the Dem ticket (**Pazniokas**, *Hartford Courant*, 7/23).

WVIT (Hartford, NBC affil) reports: "Edwards spoke for around 10 minutes to a crowd of

about 200 at the posh downtown Hartford Goodwin Hotel, where guests spent \$500 a plate for lunch. Those who raised or gave \$5,000 could attend a private reception beforehand. Because the event was organized by the national party, people were able to give larger sums up to \$27,000. The initial \$2,000 goes to Democrat John Kerry's presidential campaign fund and the remaining amount goes to the DNC" (7/22).

He "touted" **John Kerry's** military record and "recounted his own modest upbringing." He "never directly mentioned" Pres. **Bush** "or how he has conducted the war in Iraq," adding that Kerry "would be a president capable of building international alliances" (*Hartford Courant*, 7/23). He said Congress "should take action" on the 9/11 report "rather than looking for scapegoats." CT Sec/State **Susan Bysiewicz**, on Edwards: "Whatever vitamins he takes, I want to take them too. And how does he get his teeth so white? I want to find out what kind of toothpaste he's using" (**Hladky**, *Middletown Press*, 7/23).

Advice From Someone Who's Been There

Sen. **Joe Lieberman** (D-CT), on his advice to Edwards in debating Cheney: "Well, unlike 2000, there's now a Bush-Cheney record that John Edwards can go at, and he ought to do that. But then he ought to give the Kerry-Edwards positive vision for America's future. Ultimately, people want to have hope, not just feel negative toward the other side" ("Hardball," MSNBC, 7/22).

Won't Follow It With A Good Game Of "Stump"

Since being picked as Kerry's running mate, Edwards "has focused mostly on raising money," but he is "expected to unveil a new stump speech later this month, a truncated version" of his Dem convo address (**Mishra**, *Boston Globe*, 7/23).

Here Your Eggs Bene -- Thanks, But My Name Is John

Edwards will be in San Antonio 8/1 at a fundraising brunch. Local Dem fundraiser **Lukin Gilliland** said the visit will "help increase campaign coffers while serving as a nod to Hispanics" in South TX (*Corpus-Christi Caller-Times*, 7/23).

Tipper The Scales

Headline for *New York Times*' **Seelye** report on **Elizabeth Edwards**: "Unpretentious Political Wife Strikes Empathetic Chords." E. Edwards says she's gotten advice from **Tipper Gore**, saying, "Tipper's advice was, 'Don't let it get to you. Just ride the top of the wave.' I had heard that she wouldn't read press clippings. I do. I'll go to the most viciously Republican Web sites and read this stuff, because it just hardens you, it makes you stronger" (7/23).

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THE GENERAL: Row, Row, Row Your Gun Boat...

According to IRS reports, Houston developer **Bob Perry**, "a major supporter" of Pres. **Bush**, "is the biggest financial backer of a veterans group seeking to discredit" **John Kerry's** "military service." Perry's \$100K to Swift Boat Veterans for Truth has "accounted for two-thirds of the organization's receipts." SBVT contends Kerry "did not deserve" his "three Purple Hearts" and has hired a private eye "to gather information" about the medals. The Kerry camp charged SBVT is a "politically motivated group with ties" to the GOP. The Bush camp denies being "associated" with SBVT. Perry spokesperson **Bill Miller**: "He gives money where he believes it's needed and serves a good interest." SBVT has raised over \$158K from 4/04 through 6/04 (**Slater**, *Dallas Morning News*, 7/23).

The End Of the Dem Party As We Know It?

New York Times Magazine's **Bai** offers a thorough look at the future of all these left-leaning 527s and what exactly the role is that's played by the big donors themselves. Among the most interesting items in Bai's piece:

- During Bai's meeting with venture capitalist **Andy Rappaport**, the money behind Music for America and Punkvoter.com, "Rappaport was surprisingly downcast about the party's prospects, which, he said, would not be improved simply by winning back the White House. Though he said and thought about it, he said he was unable to name a single [Dem] leader in the years since **Bill Clinton** left [DC] who he thought was articulating a compelling new direction for the party."
- Rappaport: "Our political power has been diminishing, and it's become common knowledge that the conservative movement has established a very strong, long-term foundation, whereas we've basically allowed our foundation, if not to crumble, to at least fall into a state of disrepair."
- Rappaport, NDN pres. **Simon Rosenberg** and Dem consultant **Rob Stein** think they "may be on to an answer" to this dilemma, starting with a "Power Point presentation that laid out step by step ... how conservatives, over a period of 30 years, had managed to build a 'message machine' that today spends \$300 million annually to promote its agenda." Stein and Rosenberg explained to him: If Dems "were going to survive ... men like Rappaport were going to have to start making long-term investments in their political ideas, just as they did in their business ventures. The era of the all-powerful party was coming to an end, and political innovation, like technological innovation, would come from private-sector pioneers who were willing to take risks."
- Regardless of WH '04, Dems "will come together again [in '08], in Miami or Phoenix or Las Vegas, perhaps to renominate" Kerry "or perhaps to give the stage to **Hillary Rodham Clinton** or **John Edwards** or to some now-obscure governor. Either way, Bush will be receding into history, and the party's left and center factions will again" be fighting each other. The looming questions for Dems "will be the same ones that have resurfaced regularly since the end of the Great Society ... What does it stand for in the era after big government?"
- Leading Dems "admit that the party's shrinking influence has its roots in the most basic problem of 'message.' Despite having ruled Capitol Hill for a half-century," they have been "maddeningly slow to adapt their message to the postindustrial age." Rosenberg:

"The truth is that a lot of the people who ran the Democratic Party in the 70's and 80's ran it into the ground."

- In '92, then-Gov. **Clinton** "vowed to drag the party into the new economy, bringing it toward the center on social and economic issues" -- but his "lasting legacy to the party seems to have amounted to something far less than an ideological modernization; somewhere along the line, Clintonism devolved into a series of rhetorical gimmicks -- 'fighting for working families,' 'working hard and playing by the rules' -- aimed at appeasing conservatives and winning over pet constituencies like 'soccer moms' and 'office park dads.' Underneath all the now-tired mantras, there remains a vacuum at the core."
- The "real significance" of wealthy benefactors such as **George Soros** "has little to do with the dollar amount of his contributions. What will stand out as important" from the WH '04 campaign, "will be the political model he created for everyone else." Previously Dem contributors "operated on the party-machine model. ... But by helping to establish" separate orgs. and by "publicly announcing that he was on a personal mission to unseat Bush, Soros signaled to other wealthy liberals that the days of deferring to the party were over. He became what the financial world would call the angel investor for an entirely new kind of progressive venture."
- If Kerry loses and Dems "fail to make significant gains in Congress, then the party and its various factions will be as close to debilitating disunity and outright irrelevance as they have been in almost a century. Leftist investors will see their opening ... to swoop in and save the party from empty centrism. The struggle for control in 2008 will begin almost immediately." Says **Howard Dean**, who is funding Dems in states where the party is "edging toward extinction": "[W]hether the progressives win or not will determine whether the Democratic Party has a future in America."
- "Dean's prediction" has two "possible outcomes worth considering." First is that the "new class" of Dem investors could "end up skewering the party ideologically for years to come." The impact of "motivated ideological donors" can be seen in the modern GOP. The "families who contributed the seed money for what would become the conservative movement were philosophical rebels" of like mind with **Barry Goldwater**. Like the new Dem investors they "started out not with specific policy ideas but with a broad sense of fear" and the country was "under siege from radical forces." The policies based on that fear "ultimately triumphed in the broader arena," bringing with it a conservative "governing majority" that eschews moderates.

Dean's bid was a "classic liberal crusade, in the **Jerry Brown** mold, only with more money." But the "striking disconnect between the lives of these new Democratic investors and those of the party's bedrock voters: laborers, racial minorities and immigrants" could push the Dems "toward extremism."

- Second, the Dem Party, "per se, might not always exist in America ... what if, in the future they decided not to support Democrats at all? Suppose there came along an independent candidate, free from the baggage of Democratic Party politics, who espoused with conviction the kind of agenda" appealing to liberal investors who "can provide unlimited amounts of money to support any cause they want, provided they adhere to certain legal technicalities." SEIU pres. **Andy Stern**: "There is an incredible opportunity to have the infrastructure for a third party. Anyone who could mobilize these groups would have the Democratic Party infrastructure, and they wouldn't need the Democratic Party" (7/25 issue).

Love Me, I'm A Liberal

Kerry "barely announced the name of his running mate, **John Edwards**, before" GOPers branded him as a "liberal." The word has "proud tradition, but has been demonized so much even some liberals unconsciously recoil when it's invoked." Kerry "calls it meaningless labeling, but when the *National Journal* said he had the Senate's most liberal voting record" in '03, "he was forced into immediate damage control. ... But does the word have the same bite as it did" in the past. "Some think the label has become so overused, so fuzzy in its definition, it's lost its cutting edge." Univ. of AL prof **Janis Edwards** said the word has become "so imbued with negativity that ... it just prompts a knee-jerk reaction." When GOPers use the word, Dems "quickly point out" that Kerry "has three Purple Hearts and two medals for heroism in Vietnam."

Dems recently "have co-opted other big issues ... long associated with conservatives." DLC Chair **Al From**: "This party today stands for economic growth and opportunity, not just redistribution (of wealth). It is for expanding the middle class, not just adding to the middle-class tax burden. It is for national strength. It is for work, not welfare. It is tough on crime. It has this ethic of duty and responsibility."

Sen. **Zell Miller** (D-GA) disagreed, contending liberal "is more than just a term - it represents the issues on which they have voted and where they have put themselves. It is not such a blind term you are using" (**Raasch**, *GNS/USA Today*, 7/23).

Southwest Siesta

Bush and Kerry "have bombarded Hispanic voters with record spending on Spanish-language ads" in AZ, FL, NM and other battleground states.

- FL: "Although Republicans have successfully tapped into anti-communist sentiment of Cuban exiles," a "wave of Central and South American immigrants who tend to vote Democratic have given Kerry's campaign hope."
- NM: "Hispanics make up more than a third of the adult citizen population" and Gov. **Bill Richardson** (D) "gives Kerry a valuable Hispanic ally."
- AZ: The state "has become competitive because of a growing bloc of Mexican-American voters who tend to support Democrats. The wild card that could shape turnout this fall is a proposed ballot measure to limit services to undocumented immigrants."

Bush "hopes to appeal to the social conservatism of many Latinos," although polls show "that more than half would consider voting for candidates who disagree with their positions on abortion or same-sex marriage"

NDN Hispanic Project dir. **Maria Cardona**: "Bush is clearly comfortable with Latinos. So we want to be sure that this community knows that the values of the Republican Party are not the right values for them" (**Avila**, *Chicago Tribune*, 7/23).

GOPers Steering Moderate Course?

Hannibal Courier-Post's **Towery** writes the GOP is becoming more moderate: "Consider Georgia and Florida, both among the 10 most-populous states in the U.S., and both widely labeled as Republican-ruled. Both states this fall will be electing U.S. senators to fill vacated

seats. And both may well send actual or perceived moderates to Washington. ... The end result is that in places like Georgia and maybe Florida, being a Bush Republican looks to be the best approach any GOP candidate can take in a primary contest this year. ... Bush is now producing candidates more likely to appeal to a broader segment of voters in general elections" (7/23).

Rounding Up The Homeless Vote

The National Low Income Housing Coalition held a voter reg campaign 7/22. In Boston, "170 homeless people signed up to vote," while Worcester, MA "recorded 130 new voters," and "110" signed up in NYC. Ex-computer consultant/Homeless voter **Fred Atkinson**: "The whole reason we are doing this voter registration is to empower people to act on their own behalf. If we truly want to bridge the gap between homeless and mainstream society, we have to do it by voting" (**Mehren**, *Los Angeles Times*, 7/23).

NLIHC spokesperson **Cheryl Jackson**: "There are issues on the table right now across the country that are going to significantly affect these voters" (**Finer**, *Washington Post*, 7/23).

"Fahrenheit" Was Just The Beginning

New York Sun's Gerstein writes, "could a film about a fictitious candidate for governor of Colorado pose a bigger threat" to Bush's campaign than "Fahrenheit 9/11"? In "Silver City," filmmaker **John Sayles** "tells the story of a dim-witted and carefully managed gubernatorial candidate who is the scion of a prominent political family." The "fictional" candidate "Dickie Pilager, appears to be a liberal's caricature" of Bush. Sayles "acknowledged that the character" is similar to Bush "when he was running for governor of Texas the first time. ... No one expects 'Silver City' to be a hit on the order of 'Fahrenheit 9/11' when it is released" 9/17. But "given that it is fiction and a comedy, it could potentially have more crossover appeal," said box office analyst **Brandon Gray**. Analysts also say the "decision by Newmarket Films to distribute 'Silver City' is a sign that the movie could take off" (7/23).

Another Merger

Citizens for a Sound Economy and Empower America officially merged 7/22 to form FreedomWorks. The group plans to "run major voter education campaigns" and GOTV efforts in "key races" this year (release, 7/22).

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NOVEMBER TEA LEAVES: Magic 8-Ball, Who's Going To Win In November?

In 1912, **Edward Stanwood** wrote about "Election Superstitions and Fallacies" for the *Atlantic Monthly*, opening: "It is not strange that in the one hundred and twenty years that have elapsed since the National Constitution became effective, a considerable body of political

tradition has accumulated. What has happened only once does not impress men's minds. If it happens twice, they begin to take notice. There are men who discern an occult and invariable law in the sequence on three successive occasions of a certain event after another event which has no relation to the first, and which could not have caused it."

Stanwood notes, "prior to the reelection of General **Grant** in 1872, there was a superstition prevalent that no man possessed of a middle name could be elected President a second time." And, "there is another superstition, much more commonly held, which has not yet been falsified, that no senator can be elected President."

"In the words of the sporting editor all records have been broken, and we may almost say that all the traditions and conventions of political campaigns and of political conduct have been affronted, if not violated. That being the case, it is somewhat late to consider whether the superstitions and traditions of a hundred or more years are to stand, in the result in November. All we can do is, to use the phrase that has become current in British politics: 'Wait and see'" (10/12/1912 issue).

Because Polling Isn't Enough

We all know that no GOPer has won the WH without carrying OH, but how are some of the other campaign predictors shaping up? The following is a list of some of the most cited indicators of presidential campaign outcomes, gathered from various sources. See any glaring omissions? [E-mail](#) them to us.

- **The Kids Are All Right:** Scholastic Inc. has polled students (first grade through 12th) for over 50 years and has correctly predicted the outcome of every pres. election with the sole exception of 1960. The *Weekly Reader* poll (K-12) has picked the winner of every election since 1956. And a Nickelodeon poll has predicted the winner in the past four elections (mult).
- **Skins Game:** If the Washington Redskins lose or tie in their last game before the election, the incumbent's party loses the WH. That has held true for the past 72 years, or 18 elections (mult).
- **Right On:** Until **Clinton**, no left-hander ever won a 2nd term.
- **How's The Weather Up There?** Since the advent of TV, the taller candidate has won every election except '76 and '00.
- **War Horses:** All five presidents who ran for re-election in wartime have won.
- **The Eyes Have It:** According to Boston College psychology prof. **Joseph Tecce**, the candidate who blinked the most during the presidential debates lost until '00 when Pres. **Bush** just edged **Al Gore** in blinks (**Boucher**, *Los Angeles Times*, 10/30/00).
- **C Is For ...:** Since '92, the pres. candidate spouse who wins the *Family Circle* cookie baking contest goes to the WH with her husband (mult).
- **Slam Dunk:** The Los Angeles Lakers have won an NBA championship in six elections years (including one as the Minnesota Lakers), and each time the GOP candidate won (mult).
- **Not Just A Throw-Away Line:** According the *Providence Journal's Patinkin*, every pres. election has been won by the candidate with the "best hair" with the exception of **Lyndon Johnson's** victory over **Barry Goldwater** (7/15).
- **Very Scary:** Retailers claim that whichever presidential rubber Halloween mask sells best has won the every election since '80 (mult).
- **Leg Men:** Legend holds that if women's hemlines go up, Dems will win the WH. Falling hemlines signal a GOP victory (mult).

Taco Bell Calling

Franklin and Marshall's **Terry Madonna** reminds us of the various "polls" routinely measured. The "Bumper Sticker Poll" measures "support for a candidate by counting the number of bumpers displaying a candidate's name or slogan. Unfortunately, evidence exists that suggests most people have no idea what is stuck to their bumper." The "Magazine Cover Poll" gauges support based on the number of magazine covers each candidate gets. "Politicians as a class do not move magazines well, so often this silly poll is a race to the bottom." And then there is the "Toilet Flushing Poll," where "supporters are instructed to flush toilets *en masse* on some prearranged signal. The consequent drop in reservoir levels is supposed to tell the tale" (release, 7/22).

Double Header

As many sources note, the World Series was a perfect predictor from '52 through '76. In that time span, when the National League team won, Dems won the WH and when the American League team won, GOPers were victorious. But the rule was reversed for five elections starting in '80, only to revert to form in '00.

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2004 SCHEDULES: Freedom Trail Is Ablaze

Check here daily to see the location of the prospective White House 2004 candidates. "NPE"= "No Public Events"

	TODAY	7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27
Kerry	Aurora, CO	Sioux City, IA	Columbus, OH	Cape Canaveral, FL	Norfolk, VA
Bush	Detroit, MI Crawford, TX	Crawford, TX (NPE)	Crawford, TX (NPE)	Crawford, TX (NPE)	Crawford, TX (NPE)
Edwards	Aurora, CO	Milwaukee, WI	San Antonio, TX	Research Triangle, NC	Raleigh, NC
Cheney	Myrtle Bch, SC	DC (NPE)	DC (NPE)	Portland, OR Kennewick, WA	TBD
TH Kerry	MA (NPE)	MA (NPE)	MA (NPE)	MA (NPE)	MA (NPE)

L. Bush	DC (NPE)	DC (NPE)	DC (NPE)	DC (NPE)	DC (NPE)
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E. Edwards	DC (NPE)	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
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L. Cheney	Seattle, WA Oregon City OR	Keizer, OR	DC (NPE)	DC (NPE)	DC (NPE)
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WHITE HOUSE 2004 -- THE PURPLE STATES

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WHITE HOUSE SCOREBOARD: The Kerry Bounce Continues For Another Week; Dem Leads 299-190

The chart below reflects the most recent reputable state polls conducted since 4/23 received by The Hotline, updated as new polls arrive. When available, the two most recent polls for each state are listed, however no poll older than three months is included. If there is an option between using regis. and likely voters, the likely voter numbers will be used and denoted with a (^). The number of electoral votes is listed next to each state in parentheses. (++) indicates a lead outside the poll's margin of error; (+) means a lead within the margin.

New polls added since the last scoreboard are in bold. Note: Polls marked with an * include Ralph Nader in the horserace. Until Nader is on the ballot in any meaningful amount of states, we'll only use the two-way in our Scoreboard (unless the three-way is the only result available).

^Note: the electoral "W/2000 Results" indicates states where no recent polling exists, with the electoral votes given to the party who carried the state in 2000.

	ELECTORAL COLLEGE TOTALS: (270 needed to win)					
	LEADS OUTSIDE MoE		ALL LEADS		W/2000 RESULTS^	
	STATES	EVs	STATES	EVs	STATES	EVs
Bush	9	94	12	127	22	190
Kerry	8	163	20	273	25	299
Tied/Disputed						
Unpolled purple					4	
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STATE	BUSH	KERRY	POLL	DATE	MoE
	(+ indicates lead inside the MoE, ++ a lead outside)				
AL (9)	++55%	33%	USA Polling Group	5/9-13	+/-5%
AK (3)	++56	33	*Dittman Research (R)	6/23-30	+/-4.3
AZ (10)	41	+42	AZ State Univ.	7/15-18	+/-5
	+49	44	Lake Snell Perry (D)	7/12-14	+/-4.4
CA (55)	38	++49	*PPIC Statewide Survey	6/30-7/14	+/-2.7

	39	++50	San Jose Univ.	6/28-7/1	+/-4
CO (9)	+48	43	*Mason-Dixon	6/15-18	+/-3.5
CT (7)	34	++55	Quinnipiac	6/27-28	+/-3.2
	38	++50	Quinnipiac	5/26-6/1	+/-2.7
FL (27)	+48	46	Mason-Dixon	7/19-21	+/-4
	45	45	Los Angeles Times	7/17-21	+/-4
	46	46	InsiderAdvantage	7/19-20	+/-4
	45	+47	Strategic Vision (R)	7/13-17	+/-3
	45	+49	American Research Group	7/13-15	+/-4
GA (15)	++49	32	*InsiderAdvantage	6/1-2	+/-5
IA (7)	46	+50	UConn	6/21-7/12	+/-4
	43	+48	Research 2000	5/23-25	+/-4
IL (21)	38	++54	Market Shares Corp.	5/21-24	+/-4
IN (11)	++46	27	Market Research	7/8-12	+/-3.5
	++52	36	Bellwether Research	6/22-24	+/-4
KY (8)	++52	40	Louisville Courier-Journal	5/5-11	+/-3
LA (9)	+48	42	Marketing Research	5/19-26	+/-4
	++48	29	Multi-Quest	5/21-25	+/-4.7
ME (4)	41	+43	*Strategic Marketing	6/5-12	+/-5
	39	++49	Critical Insights	4/23-5/20	+/-4
MD (10)	38	++52	*Gonzales Research	6/4-9	+/-3.5
MI (17)	45	+47	*Strategic Vision (R)	7/13-17	+/-3
	44	+47	EPIC/MRA	7/6-8	+/-4
	43	+50	*American Research Group	7/6-8	+/-4
MO (11)	44	+46	*Market Research	7/13-20	+/-4
	+48	42	Los Angeles Times	6/5-8	+/-4
MN (10)	45	+48	Mason-Dixon	7/12-14	+/-4
	46	+49	UConn	6/21-7/12	+/-4
MT (3)	++53	33	*Mason-Dixon	5/24-26	+/-4
NH (4)	45	+47	*American Research Group	7/19-21	+/-4
	45	+50	Univ. NH	7/6-20	+/-4.3
	45	+48	Becker Institute	6/18-20	+/-4.8
	47	47	*American Research Group	6/7-9	+/-4
NJ (15)	41	++49	Quinnipiac	6/15-20	+/-2.9
	44	+47	Quinnipiac	5/10-16	+/-3
NM (5)	42	+49	*American Research Group	7/6-8	+/-4
NY (31)	36	++55	Quinnipiac	6/9-14	+/-2.6
NC (15)	+49	44	Research 2000	7/10-14	+/-4
	+48	45	*Mason-Dixon	7/12-13	+/-4
OH (20)	45	+47	*American Research Group	7/20-22	+/-4
	+47	43	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	6/22-23	+/-4
	43	+49	*American Reserch Group	6/21-23	+/-4
OR (7)	42	+50	*American Research Group	7/19-22	+/-4
	46	+50	Research 2000	5/6-8	+/-4
PA (21)	39	++51	Los Angeles Times	7/17-21	+/-4
	42	++49	Quinnipiac	7/6-11	+/-2.5
	+47	44	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	6/22-23	+/-4
	43	+49	Quinnipiac	6/21-22	+/-3.4
SC (8)	++55	40	Pub. Opinion Strategies(R)	6/28-29	+/-4
SD (3)	++50	35	Mason-Dixon	5/10-12	+/-3.5
TX (34)	++58	29	Scripps Howard TX Poll	5/3-15	+/-3
VT (3)	36	++51	*Research 2000	4/28-30	+/-4
WA (11)	43	43	*Moore Information (R)	6/23-24	+/-4
	+45	44	*Moore Information (R)	6/9-11	+/-4
	42	+46	*Mason-Dixon	6/9-11	+/-4
WV (5)	41	+47	Mason-Dixon	5/26-28	+/-4
	+49	45	*AP/Ipsos Public Affairs	4/26-29	+/-3
WI (10)	39	+41	*Pub. Opinion Strategies (R)	6/29-7/1	+/-4.4
	44	+49	American Research Group	7/13-15	+/-4

TRENDS with 2000 Results

	TODAY		7/16		7/9		7/2		6/25		6/18	
	STATES	EVs										
Bush	190	22	24	211	25	221	26	227	26	227	26	244
Kerry	299	25	23	285	19	223	18	218	18	218	21	270
Tied/	49	4	4	42	7	94	7	93	7	93	4	24

Disputed

Unpolled Purple

States not listed: AR (6), DC (3), DE (3), HI (4), ID (4), KS (6), MA (12), MS (6), NE (5), NV (5), ND (3), OK (7), RI(4), TN (11), UT (5), VA (13), WY (3).

Flips since '00 *(red to blue or vice versa): AZ (10), MO (11), NH (4), WV (5)

^Non-polled states allocated to Bush (2000 red states): ID (4), KS (6), MS (6), NE (5), ND (3), OK (7), TN (11), UT (5), VA (13)**, WY (3).

Non-polled states allocated to Kerry (2000 blue states): DC (3), DE (3), HI (4), MA (12), RI (4). Non-polled purple: AR (6), NV (5) Tied/disputed: FL (27), WA (11)

**For the purposes of this scorebaord, we are counting VA as a Bush state.

The Baselines

Using actual results from 2000, the following charts outline the percentages Bush and Gore received in the ALL Red/Blue States, solid Red/Blue states and Purple States. Battleground Breakdown (note: EVs are based on post-2000 census reapportionment). Purple states: AZ, AR, FL, IA, ME, MI, MN, MO, NV, NH, NM, NC, OH, OR, PA, WA, WV and WI (*Hotline* Exceling, 7/9).

2000 Red States

	EVs	Bush	%age	Gore	%age
TOTAL	278	27,773,762	54%	21,836,088	43%
SOLID RED	175	17,523,321	57	12,421,445	40
'04 PURPLE	103	10,250,441	51	9,414,643	47

2000 Blue States

	EVs	Bush	%age	Gore	%age
TOTAL	260	22,682,171	42%	29,162,320	54%
SOLID BLUE	168	13,071,119	39	18,881,437	56
'04 PURPLE	92	9,611,052	46	10,280,883	50

2004 Purple States

	EVs	Bush	%age	Gore	%age
TOTAL	195	19,861,493	48%	19,695,526	48%
RED	103	10,250,441	51	9,414,643	47
BLUE	92	9,611,052	46	10,280,883	50

Coloring By Numbers: Notable Numbers Of The Week

The following numbers are from the latest CBS News/*New York Times* poll conducted 7/11-15, previously released in *The Hotline*.

- The amount of people paying "a lot" of attention to the pres. campaign is at its highest in 16 years with 47% now compared to 21% in '00, 31% in '96, 38% in '92 and 24% in '88.

- Conversely, the amount of people paying no attention to the campaign is tied with '88 for the highest at 7%.
- Bush's approval rating is higher than ex-Pres. Bush's was at this time in '92, 45% to 31% respectively.
- The direction of the nation is close to the 10/91 rating, with 36% thinking it is in the right direction today and 33% in '91. 56% think it is on the wrong track now and 59% in '91.
- 47% approved of the way ex-Pres. Bush was dealing with foreign policy in 7/92, significantly higher than Bush's approval with foreign policy today (39%).
- Ex-Pres. Bush's handling of the economy was nearing an all-time low approval rating in 7/92 (18%). Bush's economy approval is now at 45%. Both experienced high disapproval rating with 76% for the ex-Pres. and 51% for Bush.
- Since '92, the Cong. generic ballot has favored Dems with the highest margin being in '92 (35%R-45%D) and the lowest margin in '02 (40%R-41%D).
- 90% of Kerry-Edwards supporters feel that the war in Iraq was not worth the loss in lives and other costs. 70% of Bush-Cheney supporters feel that the war was worth it.
- 53% of Bush-Cheney supporters feel that Iraqis will be safer since the turnover of power. Only 20% of Kerry-Edwards supporters feel they will be safer. Most K-E supporters feel it made no difference (62%).
- The approval ratings for both Bushs is very close regarding Iraq. Today, Bush is at 39% approval and in '92 ex-Pres. Bush was at 40%.

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ARIZONA (10 EVs): Al Qaeda Hotbed?

Arizona Republic's House/Wagner report, **Osama bin Laden's** top agent for procuring WMD's, **Mubarak al-Duri**, was among several key al-Qaida figures who attended the U of AZ or lived in Tucson during the '80s and early '90s, according to the 9/11 commission's final report on 7/22.

The "highly anticipated 567-page report" also refers to more than a dozen other individuals who lived in AZ from the same time period, and who were targeted in terrorism investigations after 9/11. A number of those subjects are now known al-Qaida associates, and some trained at terror camps in Afghanistan.

A report titled "Arizona: Long Term Nexus for Islamic Extremists," done jointly by the CIA and the FBI and dated 5/15/02, is among the previously undisclosed documents the commission says it relied upon for observations about the al-Qaida activities in AZ.

In addition, the report also addresses the "Phoenix Memo," a 7/10/01 e-mail warning FBI HQs about "numerous Middle Eastern men training at Arizona flight schools." The detailed message from a Phoenix-based agent, **Ken Williams**, was "ignored by higher-ups at the bureau." Even if the FBI had acted on the recommendations, including a "request for intelligence checks on all foreign students attending civil aviation schools," the commission report concludes, "we do not believe it would have uncovered the (Sept. 11) plot" (7/23).

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ARKANSAS (6 EVs): Marriage Amendment Makes The Ballot

A proposed AR constitutional amendment defining marriage qualified for the 11/2 ballot. A petition support the amendment had "well over the 80,470 signatures" of AR voters that were needed to get the measure on the ballot. Unless opponents block the measure through a lawsuit, which they're considering, voters will decide if marriage "consists only of the union of one man and one woman."

AR statutory law already defines marriage, but the proposal would add the definition to the constitution, which "supersedes statutory law." The amendment would also ban civil unions, which state law doesn't address.

Leaders of the AR Marriage Amendment Cmte said they had great success gathering signatures but that they're not considering the amendment to be a "slam dunk with voters." Cmte Pres. **Jerry Cox**: "When you deal with ballot issues, all the opposition has to do is cloud the issue enough and distort the issue enough that it makes people afraid to vote for it."

AR ACLU Exec. Dir. **Rita Sklar** said the proposal is cloudy: "I don't think it's clear to the average voter how broad it is and what it actually does. ... It portrays itself as prohibiting marriage between people of the same sex, but it potentially affects much more than that" (**Kellams/Wickline**, *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, 7/23).

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COLORADO (9 EVs): A Wrinkle In Time

John Kerry is courting an estimated 400K vets and 100K active soldiers in CO, hoping his war record in Vietnam will takes votes from Pres. **Bush** in a state suddenly considered vital to the campaign.

Kerry met with a groups of vets on 7/22 after arriving in Denver to kick off his cross-country journey to the DNC Convo. The tour will begin on 7/23 at the Fitzsimmons military hospital in Aurora where he was born (**Paulson**, AP, 7/22).

The "freedom trail" tour will take Kerry to swing states such as IA, FL and OH. Of note: **John Edwards** will join Kerry in Aurora. Originally, they were to hold a rally on the Fitzsimmons grounds, but the event was moved to the Fillmore Auditorium in Denver "because of expected rainy weather" (**Meyer**, *Denver Post*, 7/23).

CO Veterans for Kerry Coord. **Bill Hollen** said vets tend to support the commander in chief in a time of war. He said, however, that many vets are switching to Kerry because of the "war in Iraq, Bush's lack of military experience and his record on veterans' issues." Hollen adds: "I'm a Vietnam veteran. There's a bond that exists. ... Bush took the National Guard route and we're angry about that."

Bush-Cheney spokesperson **Danny Diaz** said other veterans groups, including Veterans for Bush, are supporting the president. He said Bush has increased medical care for vets by 40 percent, increased pay for soldiers and fought to get them equipment. Diaz adds: "This president has been a good friend to veterans and to our military" (**Paulson**, AP, 7/22).

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FLORIDA (27 EVs): A Tight Squeeze; Two Polls Have Near

Identical Tied Results

Los Angeles Times poll; conducted 7/17-21; surveyed 729 regis. voters; margin of error +/- 4.0% (release, 7/22).

General Matchup

Bush/Cheney	45%	Bush/Cheney	45%
Kerry/Edwards	45	Kerry/Edwards	44
Undec.	10	Nader/Camejo	2
		Undec./Other	9

Direction Of Nation

Right direction 40%
Wrong track 51

(If Any Presidential Ticket Is Mentioned)

Are You Certain You're Going To Vote For Those Candidates?

Certain 84%
Might change 11

How Interested Have You Been In The Campaign?

Interested 86%
Uninterested 11

What Issue Is Most Important For The Next Pres. To Address?

Iraq war 38%
Economy 32
Health care 18
Terrorism 16
Education 6
Gay marriage 6

Do You Think Kerry Made A Good Choice Choosing Edwards?

Excellent/good 58% 55%
Fair/poor 22 21

Is Edwards Qualified To Become Pres.?

Yes, qualified 48%
No, not qualified 32

Do You Think Cheney Should Remain On The GOP Ticket?

Remain on ticket 59%
Anyone else 15
John McCain 3
Colin Powell 5
Other 2

Is Cheney Qualified To Become Pres.?

Yes, qualified 59%
No, not qualified 29

Is The Country Better Off Because Of Bush's Policies?

Continue policies of Bush 43%
Needs a new direction 50

the hemorrhaging in that department" (**Kennedy**, *Orlando Sentinel*, 7/23).

But Hood's announcement wasn't enough to "allay the concerns" of some Dems in the FL Legis. Senate Dem leader Ron Klein: "While I appreciate that [Hood] has asked the Inspector General to review how the centralized statewide voter database was created, I am concerned the approach falls short of the comprehensive strategy that is need to truly restore voting in Florida's elections system" (**Lauer**, *Tallahassee Democrat*, 7/23).

In addition, People for the American Way are urging AG **John Ashcroft** to appoint a special counsel to investigate FL's elections officials. In a letter sent to Ashcroft on 7/22, PFAW says state officials "may have violated civil rights laws when they created a now-defunct list designed to purge felons from the voter rolls."

PFAW Pres. **Ralph Neas** wrote: "It strains credulity to think that a mistake of this magnitude was reported to state officials and was somehow forgotten or ignored for years. ... This situation begs for an independent special investigation. ... Just having the Jeb Bush administration investigate itself, that's not going to pass muster" (**Davis/Doig**, *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, 7/23).

Streamlining The Process?

Days after a FL appeals court demanded that the state "provide more help to felons who want their right to vote restore," Gov. **Jeb Bush** (R) introduced a new policy that civil rights advocates says "circumvents the will of the court and threatens to exclude tens of thousands of potential voters."

Last week, the First District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee unanimously ruled that state prison officials "must follow the law and provide newly released felons the necessary paperwork and assistance to get their full civil rights back." That would include a one-page application for a formal hearing before the FL Clemency Board -- the "only way" an estimated 85 percent of felons will ever get their rights restored. But instead of providing the application, Bush decided to "scrap it altogether."

On 7/21, he announced that felons will now have to contact the Office of Executive Clemency when and if they want to apply for a hearing to have their rights restored. Bush argues the policy reduces paperwork and, therefore, provides the ease and assistance demanded by the court. Bush spokesperson **Jacob DiPietre**: "The bottom line is, this will streamline the process. Once felons are notified that they don't qualify for restoration without a hearing, all they have to do is pick up the phone and call, send a letter or e-mail a request for a hearing."

Civil rights advocates say the decision will "disfranchise thousands of people in a state where more than 400,000 are already banned from voting." FL ACLU Exec. Dir. **Howard Simon**: "You have to hand it to the governor. It's a very clever legal tactic and even more clever propoganda. It's done under the guise of trying to simplify the process and eliminate paperwork, but it just shows his true character. It's completely disingenuous" (**Cenziper/Grotto**, *Miami Herald*, 7/23).

Woah, Absentee Ballots!

Palm Beach *Post's* **Musgrave** reports, Like a Baptist minister, Rep. **Robert Wexler** (D-19) has been "preaching the evils of touch-screen voting" and the "eternal damnation that will befall" the Dem Party "if the faithful don't cast absentee ballots in the upcoming fall elections." Wexler adds: "It's the only way to create a paper record of your ballot."

Joined by GOPers, who have long been advised to vote early, the Dem Party's drive for paper ballots is "expected to push absentee voting" in FL to record levels, particularly in big co's with touch-screen voting machines. In fact, Palm Beach Co. Superv. of Elections **Theresa LePore** ordered 5K more absentee ballot request forms after the 75K she previously ordered were snatched up.

And while she is convinced some groups are "stockpiling the request forms," she is steeling herself for an onslaught of paper ballots, ordering two extra optical scanners to go with the two she already has to read the absentee ballots, which are being mailed out next week (7/23).

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IOWA (7 EVs): Another Nader/Republican Connection?

Cedar Rapids *Gazette's* **Deupree** writes, The increased emphasis on security since 9/11 is "familiar to all Americans," but the precautions surrounding Pres. Bush's visit to Cedar Rapids on 7/20 still "were remarkable, far beyond anything at several presidential appearances I attended between 1972 and 1992."

Not all people were interested in security, though. Other people were collecting signatures on petitions to put **Ralph Nader** on the ballot. Deupree: "And unlike what's reportedly happening in other 'battleground states,' these folks weren't coy about their motive. ... 'Sign a petition and take votes away from **Kerry**,' they said" (7/22).

Good Ole Johnny

Des Moines Register's **Borsellino** writes: "You know the names of the big players, the folks who carried **John Kerry** through the Iowa caucuses and helped put him where he is today. ... You know about **John Norris** and **Jerry Crawford**, **Jack Hatch** and **Tom Miller**, **Christie Vilsack**."

But there was one more player, "one more piece to the Kerry victory." There was **John Mauro**. He helped -- according to *U.S. News and World Report* -- because he controls La Machina, the "powerful political machine on Des Moines' south side."

Last week the magazine took a look back at the caucuses, trying to figure out how Kerry pulled it off. And the focus of the article was Mauro. He's the guy the Kerry crowd went to and asked for help.

Mauro and his people "worked the phones, calling folks and asking them to go to the caucuses. A lot of them didn't want to go. ... They didn't want to leave the house on a cold night and go to some long, boring meeting." So Mauro called the precinct captains and told them "they had exactly 90 minutes to conduct the caucuses. The Mauro folks showed up, and Kerry won." So how did Mauro like the article? Mauro: "It was interesting. We helped, but it took a lot of people to get the job done" (7/23).

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NEVADA (5 EVs): Dems Are Closing In

NV Sec/State **Dean Heller** (R) released new statewide voter registration totals on 7/22 showing the slight GOP edge over Dems getting narrower. Heller's data show there are 363,463 registered GOPers in NV and 354,950 Dems, a gap of 8,513. The data also show the split in NV 03 at a mere 718 more GOP voters than Dems.

But NV Dem Party spokesperson **Jon Summers** said the state numbers are out of date. He said the Clark Co. elections office updates its voter registration numbers weekly. When the newer Clark Co. numbers are used as part of the statewide total, the GOP edge is now only 5,140. And in NV 03, which is entirely in Clark Co., Dems now have a 400-vote edge (**Whaley**, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, 7/23).

Furthermore, in NV 02, Rep. **Jim Gibbons'** (R) district, 163,322 GOPers and 121,745 Dems are registered. NV GOP Exec. Dir. **Chris Carr** said Dems have benefitted from "all these organizations that are basically John Kerry shadow campaigns doing voter registration. ... We're picking up our efforts as we speak. ... We understand that we have our work cut out for us" (**Riley**, *AP/Reno Gazette-Journal*, 7/22).

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NEW HAMPSHIRE (4 EVs): Kerry Ahead By By A Hair

An American Research Group poll; conducted 7/19-21; surveyed 600 likely voters; margin of error +/- 4.0% (release, 7/23). **Note:** Whenever available, we will compare a poll's party I.D. breakdown with the state's party I.D. break from the 2000 exit poll. For this poll, the sample was made up of 35%R, 29%D, 36%I/Other; In '00, the state's electorate broke down 31%R, 24%D, 45%I/Other.

General Election Matchup (LVs)

	Now	GOP	Dem	Ind	6/9	4/1	Fav/Unfav
Kerry	47%	8%	83%	56%	46%	43%	50%/45%
Bush	45	83	10	35	46	48	47 /48
Nader	3	3	3	3	2	3	9 /79
Undec.	5	6	5	6	6	6	

Nader Takes A Toll

Univ. of NH poll; conducted 7/6-20 for WMUR-TV; surveyed 509 adults; margin of error +/- 4.3% (release, 7/21).

General Election Matchup

Kerry	50%	Kerry	47%
Bush	45	Bush	45
Undec.	5	Nader	4
		Undec.	6

Beating Hart

Gary Hart (D) visited the Granite State on 7/21, coming to the aid of ex-**Clinton** nat'l security advisor **Sandy Berger**, and to say the Bush admin. "did not heed his warnings four years ago regarding a possible terrorist attack."

On Berger: "It's a tempest in a teapot. ... The FBI has been investigating for 10 months. It shouldn't take 10 months to figure out whether he's broken the law or not."

Hart said he's known Berger for "over 30 years" and called him a "decent" and "honest" man. Hart added: "If the FBI has other evidence they should bring a prosecution, otherwise leave him alone. Clearly there's politics going on here."

He also talked about his role as co-chair of the U.S. Commission on Nat'l Security for the 21st Century, which issued a report before 9/11. That report warned "this country would be attacked by terrorists" and warning the Bush admin. to "take the necessary steps to prevent such an attack." Hart: "This administration ignored our warnings" (**Manning**, Foster's Daily Record, 7/22).

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OHIO (20 EVs): How Long Can Kerry Hold A Buckeye Lead? Bush Cuts Lead For Third Straight Poll

An American Research poll; conducted 7/20-22; surveyed 600 likely voters; margin of error +/- 4.0% (release, 7/23).

General Election Matchup

	All	GOP	Dem	Ind	6/23	5/12	Fav/Unfav
Kerry	47%	10%	80%	50%	49%	49%	52%/43%
Bush	45	81	12	41	43	42	45 /48
Nader	3	2	2	4	2	2	22 /64
Undec.	5	7	6	5	6	7	

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OREGON (7 EVs): ARG Is Apparently Going To Flood Us Next Week

American Research Group poll; conducted 7/19-22; surveyed 600 likely voters; margin of error +/- 4.0% (release, 7/23). **Note:** Whenever available, we will compare a poll's party I.D. breakdown with the state's party I.D. break from the 2000 exit poll. For this poll, the sample was made up of 36%R, 40%D, 24%/Other; In '00, the state's electorate broke down 34%R, 37%D, 29%/Other.

General Election Matchup

	LV	GOP	Dem	Ind	5/5	Fav/Unfav
Kerry	50%	11%	85%	48%	45%	53%/35%
Bush	42	80	8	40	45	46 /48
Nader	4	4	2	6	4	15 /68

That's What Friends Are For

Just before **John Kerry** accepts the Dem nomination for pres., **Jim Rassman** will step onto the convo stage at the FleetCenter in Boston. Rassman will introduce ex-Sen. **Max Cleland** (D). Note: During the Vietnam War, Kerry pulled a struggling Rassman from the water to safety while river patrol boat was "under sniper fire from both banks."

Rassman, who until 2/04 was a registered GOp in OR, has been on the road for Kerry. Rassman: "I put a lot of stock in someone who has actually performed well in combat. ... He's sharp, he's got good judgement, he listens to his people and he puts into practice what they try to teach us in the service about leadership" (**Wong**, Salem *Statesman Journal*, 7/23).

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18 PENNSYLVANIA (21 EVs): Holy Heinz Ketchup Bat Man... Kerry Up Double Digits?!?!?!?

Los Angeles Times poll; conducted 7/17-21; surveyed 815 regis. voters; margin of error +/- 4.0% (release, 7/22).

General Matchup

Kerry/Edwards	51%	Kerry/Edwards	48%
Bush/Cheney	39	Bush/Cheney	38
Undec.	10	Nader/Camejo	5
		Undec./Other	9

Direction Of Nation

Right direction	35%
Wrong track	50

(If Any Presidential Ticket Is Mentioned)

Are You Certain You'Re Going To Vote For Those Candidates?

Certain	83%
Might change	14

How Interested Have You Been In The Campaign?

Interested	90%
Uninterested	9

What Issue Is Most Important For The Next Pres. To Address?

Iraq war	36%
Economy	32
Health care	15
Terrorism	15
Jobs	9

Do You Think Kerry Made A Good Choice Choosing Edwards?

Excellent/good	55%
Fair/poor	21

Is Edwards Qualified To Become Pres.?

Yes, qualified 50%
No, not qualified 28

Do You Think Cheney Should Remain On The GOP Ticket?

Remain on ticket 53%
Anyone else 15
John McCain 7
Colin Powell 6
Other 2

Is Cheney Qualified To Become Pres.?

Yes, qualified 57%
No, not qualified 31

Is The Country Better Off Because Of Bush's Policies?

Continue policies of Bush 36%
Needs a new direction 56

Bush As Pres.

Approve 47%
Disapprove 48

Bush Handling _____?

	Iraq	Terror	Econ
Approve	39%	50%	42%
Disapprove	54	42	51

ACT II -- The Wrath Of Rosenthal.... ROSENTHAL!!!!!!! (Come on, who gets THAT reference)

America Coming Together continues to spread across PA like wildfire. With offices already operating at full speed in Philly, Pittsburgh, Erie, Harrisburg and Allentown, the group is preparing to open up shop in Scranton and the Philly suburbs.

ACT PA spokesperson **Rebecca Kirszner**: "We mean business. ... We're getting people to really start thinking about this election early." She added that efforts in PA are non-stop, trailing only OH and standing level with FL as the "battleground states to end all battles."

Kirszner continues: "What we're seeing people are getting excited talking about the issues. ... They have a lot of anger, but they're optimistic people at heart. ... We want to elect progressives up and down the ticket" (PoliticsPA.com, 7/23).

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NATIONAL BRIEFING

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INTELLIGENCE: From Commission To Campaign

NBC's **Gregory**: "Despite the appearance of bipartisan agreement, today's report was immediately thrust into the fight for the White House" ("Nightly News," 7/22).

Dallas Morning News' **Jackson** and **Hillman** write that the 9/11 commission findings bring up the "most important question" facing voters in the 11/04 election: "who can best keep the

nation safe?" The issues raised by the commission will likely "frame" the fall campaign debate and lead to discussions about the handling of counterterrorism and the consequences of the Iraq war (7/23).

FNC's **Cameron**: "But with the Democratic National Convention set to begin in just four days, Kerry quickly turned partisan and blamed the Bush administration for intelligence weaknesses. He quickly turned the 9/11 Report into an opportunity to tout his own presidential candidacy" ("Special Report," 7/22).

John Kerry used the report's findings as an opportunity to illuminate the need for a "big agenda of reform." Emphasizing that the report conveys a "very simple message" on national security, Kerry insisted in his speech to the National Urban League in Detroit that "we can do better, we must do better, and there's an urgency to our doing better." He said that, if elected, he would call for an "emergency security summit" (**Jackson/Hillman**, 7/23). He also took an outright shot at Bush's "leadership and priorities": "Unfortunately, this administration has had an ongoing war between the State Department, the Defense Department, the White House. People have been at odds, everybody knows it ... And the fact is that it has created a struggle that has delayed our ability to move forward" (**Janofsky/Halbfinger**, *New York Times*, 7/23).

Meanwhile, Bush said that he looked forward to "studying" the recommendations within the report and said he would "look forward to working with responsible parties ... to move forward" on them. Bush made a point of mentioning that he concurred with the report's conclusion that the terrorists had exploited "'deep institutional failings' in our nation's defenses" that had unfolded "over more than a decade." The Bush campaign explicitly charged Kerry of "playing politics" with the commission's report (**Jackson/Hillman**, 7/23). A campaign statement from comm. dir. **Nicolle Devenish** pointed out that on a day when Dems and GOPers "stood together for additional reforms and continued progress" in making the U.S. safer, Kerry "stood alone when he used the important work of a bipartisan commission" to attack Bush (release, 7/22).

WH spokesperson **Dan Bartlett**, on Kerry's criticisms of Bush for not moving fast enough: "It is a little unfortunate Senator Kerry would take such a day full of bipartisan support for moving forward in order to try to score some sort of political point on the campaign trail. What is clear is this president has moved heaven and earth here after 9/11 to do everything we can to protect our country" ("IP," CNN, 7/22).

Seems To Be Smooth Sailing

CNN's **Bash**: "The fact that this does not conclude that the president really was at fault is a political plus for the White House that they are certainly trying to play up" ("IP," 7/22).

CNN's **Zahn**: "If you were expecting the final report from the 9/11 Commission to name heads that should roll, you may be disappointed" ("PZ Now," 7/22).

CNN's **Brown**: "There are moments in Washington when having labored mightily the mountain coughs up a mouse. This, safe to say, was not one of those days" ("NewsNight," 7/22).

Boston Globe's **Canellos** reports that the 9/11 report could have been "far more damaging" to Bush because although it cited flaws in his team's handling of intelligence, it did not "single out" the administration for criticism. Consequently, political observers believe that Bush should be able to "campaign freely" on his record in the war on terrorism without any "fear of rebuttal" from a bipartisan entity. Pew Research Center's **Andrew Kohut** says that Bush seems to be "coming out of it whole" because the commission has said that "everyone's to blame for not being vigilant before 9/11, and therefore it's not Bush's fault." While some reports from earlier commission meetings had shown "little action" by Bush on concerns that OBL could attack

America, similar appraisals were made of the Clinton administration concerning the period after the bombings of 2 U.S. embassies in Africa. Though Bush had "far more to lose" than the Dems in the commission probes, he did not lose much "in the end" (7/23).

Washington Post's **Milbank** and **Allen** report that the report was "welcome news" for Bush's campaign as its conclusion that "[w]e are safer today, but we are not safe" is a phrase that Bush and his aides have used in recent speeches (7/23).

NSA **Condoleezza Rice**: "This is a safer country though not yet safe because of all of the things that have been done since 9/11" ("Today," NBC, 7/23).

Although the report was "dreaded" by GOPers and "quietly feared" by the WH, it was ultimately "much gentler" on the administration than had been imagined. The commission's focus on the structural changes that should be made and its "determination" not to assign personal blame, allowed the WH to "dodge a bullet" that allies thought would be "headed its way" (**Milbank/Allen**, 7/23).

More Gregory: "Later on the campaign trail in Illinois, Mr. Bush brushed aside criticism in the report, insisting the commission endorsed the administration's actions since 9/11" ("Nightly News," 7/22).

Bash: "They're certainly not signing off on recommendations, but the White House spin from this morning on has been that the commission essentially supports what the president has already been trying to do in restructuring the government" ("IP," 7/22).

On The G-fensive

Rice, on the report saying terrorism wasn't a major enough concern in the Bush/Clinton years before 9/11: "Terrorism was clearly a concern for everyone. But I think you could make that statement going back to the 80's, where terrorism really started, that we did not really recognize that they were at war against us and we did not go to war against them. ... I think everyone would agree that the country was not on war footing for all those years" ("Early Show," CBS, 7/23).

Rice, asked why the WH wasn't more attentive to the threat of terrorism within the U.S., as documented in the report: "You cannot do the kind of major reforms that are talked about there to border security, to airport security, in the 8 months that president was in office. What the report says is this country was not hardened for war" ("GMA," ABC, 7/22).

Rice, asked if she "agrees with the commission that there was no connection between Iraq and the 9/11 attacks": "Yes, we've never said there was a connection between Iraq and the 9/11 attacks" ("Early Show," CBS, 7/23).

Not Completely Unscathed (?)

CBS' **Stewart**: "Not since Pearl Harbor has a president been presented a report as damning in its detail or as sweeping in its reforms as this one" ("Evening News," 7/22).

Time's **Klein**: "There are a whole 400 pages and a whole bunch of footnotes where they're going to be all these nuggets that reporters are going to be digging through over the next couple of days. And that's when the partisan attacks will start. Not by the president or John Kerry, but by a lot of surrogates. You're already seeing it among the Republicans in the Congress" ("PZ Now," CNN, 7/22).

CNN's **T. Carlson**, on the political fall-out: "The Iran connection is really interesting. ...I think you're going to hear a lot more about it. I wouldn't be surprised if Kerry started hitting on that" ("AC 360," 7/22).

Yeah, Don't Get Too Comfy

Los Angeles Times' **McManus** and **Reynolds** report that the 10 members of the 9/11 commission said they plan to travel over the next year "demanding" that politicians execute the 41 recommendations included in their report. This move puts Bush on the defensive and affords Kerry a chance to question his record as it puts pressure on the issue of preventing the next attack. While the commission did not blame Bush for the 9/11 attacks, its decision to call for "sweeping organizational changes" in the intelligence agencies places the burden on Bush, considering he has resisted such proposals. To "add" to Bush's discomfort, Sens. **John McCain** (R-AZ) and **Joe Lieberman** (D-CT) said they would draft legislation to implement the commission's major recommendations and Kerry has backed that effort (7/23).

No Joke, John, Here's What You Need To Do

Hartford Courant's **Lightman** reports that the Dem strategy in handling the 9/11 issue has 3 components. First, Kerry must allow the media to "do the talking and analyzing" about the aftermath of 9/11, "hoping that things will break" his way. Kerry supporters believe that there's "little more" for him to add to the commission's conclusion that there was an intelligence failure that occurred under Bush's "watch." A second approach is to highlight that the U.S. is not safer since 9/11 because OBL is still unaccounted for and DHS Secretary **Tom Ridge** has issued a warning of a major attack. Thus, Kerry would "make people more secure." Finally, Dems have to be cautious that they do not seem to be "personally questioning" bush' leadership on or post-9/11. After all, the Clinton administration had its lapses as well and Bush had gotten his highest marks on his handling of terrorism.

While Sen. **Richard Durbin** (D-IL) says that GOPer's are going to "have to face the criticism that they've used 9/11," GOPers counter that Dems have used congressional hearings and 9/11 commission sessions to "loudly publicize criticisms" of Bush policies from ex-counterterrorism czar **Richard Clarke** and others (7/23).

Hear Anything New?

MSNBC's **Olbermann**: "The headline -- that the most important failure did not hinge on a missed memo, but rather on the limits of our imagination" ("Countdown," 7/22).

Sen. **Joe Lieberman** (D-CT), asked if there was anything new in the report: "That was some new information that's come out over the last, oh, week or so, about Iran's involvement. But the commission was clear to say that --- just as they've said about Iraq -- that there was no cooperative, collaborative, operational relationship between Iran and Iraq and al Qaeda. ... The other piece of information that I hadn't heard before ... was the statement that Iraq had offered safe haven to Osama bin Laden in 1998 or 1999. And I guess he turned it down because he was happy in Afghanistan" ("Hardball," MSNBC, 7/22).

What About ... ?

Chicago Tribune's **James** reports that the commission findings made no mention of whether the Iraq war had helped to make the U.S. more or less safe from terrorism. Clinton

admin. National Security Council official **Daniel Benjamin** noted that "it's a crucially important question as to whether or not toppling rogue regimes is an integral part of the war on terror or more likely a diversion." The report also omitted assessment of how U.S. support for Israel affects the hope of winning any favor in the Muslim world (7/23). It only spoke vaguely of how U.S. foreign policy choices "must be integrated with America's message of opportunity to the Arab and Muslim world." There was no comment, either, on the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, which figures prominently into the issue of anti-U.S. hatred within the Islamic world (**McCaffrey**, Knight Ridder/*Miami Herald*, 7/23).

In what may be "one of the most remarkable statements in the report," the commission concludes that "(the) Secretary of Defense did not enter the chain of command until the morning's key events were over." Gorelick: "We still don't have a full accounting of Rumsfeld's whereabouts and knowledge on the morning of 9/11." Pres. **Bush** emphasized to the commissioners that he had "authorized the shutdown of hijacked aircraft." But the final report states that "there is no documentary evidence for this call." After 9/11, Rumsfeld set up "a small team of defense officials outside regular intelligence channels to focus on unearthing details about Iraqi ties with al-Qaeda and other terrorist networks." In 5/02, *Time* reported that "Rumsfeld had been so determined to find rationale for an attack that on 10 separate occasions he asked the CIA to find evidence linking Iraq to the terror attacks of September 11. The intelligence agency repeatedly came back empty-handed" (**Sheehy**, motherjones.com, 7/22).

Commiss. **Richard Ben-Veniste**, on why the report did not discuss Iraq: "We were not authorized to, nor did it come within the scope of our authority to investigate the reasons for the war in Iraq and whether the justifications which were put forward were valid or not. ... Our job was to look at the reasons behind the 9/11 attack" ("Wolf Blitzer Reports," CNN, 7/22).

Wondering Why You Didn't Hear Much About Iraq?

Hamilton, on talk over no Iraq criticism in the report: "I think it's very important to point out here that we are not investigating, did not investigate the war on Iraq. We investigated 9/11" ("O'Reilly Factor," FNC, 7/22).

Sizing Up The Enemy

Washington Post's **Kessler** reports that the commission offers a "series" of foreign policy "prescriptions" to rectify what it determined to be an "unbalanced" U.S. global strategy. The commission recommended shifting focus from fighting a "generic evil" and focusing on identifying a precise threat. The report finds the nation's enemy to be two-pronged: Al-Qaeda and a "radical ideological movement" that is "gathering and will menace American and American interests" long after OBL is gone. Thus, the U.S. approach must be to dismantle Al Qaeda and "prevail" over the ideology that breeds Islamist terrorism (7/23).

Yeeeeeeeeaaaaaaaaah, I'm Going To Need You To Go Ahead And ...

Hamilton: "This is going to take a long while. In the meantime, the country is making some progress towards greater safety. It's not a situation of dire emergency. But, clearly, we believe we'd be safer if the recommendations we made are enacted as quickly as possible" ("Evening News," 7/22).

Lehman: "Our reforms are really a systemic, deep systemic and cultural reform. It's not a Chinese menu. You can't pick and choose and Congress can't get away with just saying, 'Oh, we'll take that one because that will be least controversial.' It's a fundamental systemic change and it requires fundamental systemic change in Congress" ("NewsNight," CNN, 7/22).

...Just As Soon As I Get Back My Stapler ... After Labor Day

The "partisan wrangling" of a pres. election and D.C.'s "entrenched resistance to change make swift action unlikely," and "only concerted action" by Bush and Cong. leaders "seems likely to produce big changes in the coming months." Commission members vowed to "press for enactment of their recommendation through an aggressive public lobbying campaign," and ex-IL Gov. **James Thompson** (R) "warned sharply of the practical and political consequences of inaction" (**Purdum**, *New York Times*, 7/23). Ex-Clinton CoS **John Podesta** said GOP leaders "have promised no action on the recommendations until after" 11/2, adding "Americans deserve that this report be taken seriously and acted on without delay and with bipartisan support" (**Milbank/Allen**, *Washington Post*, 7/23).

House Speaker **Dennis Hastert** "promised to follow through," but with the "crush" of other legis. "requiring action before the fall adjournment, it is unlikely any substantive steps will be taken this year." Cmte "turf battles ... make it unlikely that Congress will act to assemble oversight for homeland-security efforts into one committee in each chamber" (**Paltrow/Hitt**, *Wall Street Journal*, 7/23).

Sen. **Joe Biden** (D-DE), on when the reforms will take place: "This can't be business as usual. ... We're going to look at this report and we're not going to implement these findings -- at least I don't think we're going to do it any time soon"

Biden, asked if can assure people the recommendations will be taken seriously: "I can not. I can only say to them threaten your congressman and senator if they don't agree with me that we should have a single agency with budget control and real authority then vote against them - - Democrat or Republican -- then vote them out of office. Short of that I can't guarantee them anything" ("Today," NBC, 7/23).

Rep. **Chris Cox** (R-CA), on Congress' reaction: "Our earliest opportunity to pass real substantive legislation to effectuate these recommendations will be in the lame-duck session that might occur between the November elections and the January inauguration of a new president. But I don't think there's much question ... that this is going to impel Congress to act" ("Wolf Blitzer Reports," CNN, 7/22).

NBC's **Mitchell**: "And while the president is pledging to move forward on the recommendations, it is a campaign year and Congress is proceeding with its summer plans -- to go on vacation today until after Labor Day" ("Today," 7/23).

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IRAQ: Hallisplurgin'?

Three ex-Halliburton employees told the House Govt. Reform Cmte on 7/22 that subsidiary KBR's "spending in Iraq was wasteful," that KBR charged the govt. \$45 for cases of soda, submitted \$100 bills for laundry, put up personnel in five-star hotels, and abandoned \$85,000 trucks on roadsides because of flat tires." Ex-KBR driver **James Warren**: "It seemed there was

no end in sight for the money being spent." Ex-KBR logistics specialist **Marie deYoung**: "Luxuries, KBR came first, soldiers came second" (**Borenstein**, Knight Ridder, 7/23).

Halliburton officials "moved to counter" the accusations of "overcharging and other missteps" before the panel with four execs "testifying in public for the first time." They "conceded some mistakes" but "portrayed the job as the most difficult ever undertaken by a private U.S. contractor." KBR exec **Al Neffgen**: "We have performed, and performed well" (**King**, *Wall Street Journal*, 7/23). Neffgen said the former employees were "'mistaken and misinformed'" -- for example, "the decisions to abandon trucks were the responsibility of military escorts," not Halliburton. Neffgen also "noted that 42 employees ... had been killed" in Iraq.

The hearing was "highly partisan and sometimes rancorous." Ranking member **Henry Waxman** (D-CA) said: "Halliburton is gouging the taxpayer." Cmte chair **Tom Davis** (R-VA) accused Dems of "mounting a 'witch hunt' intended to embarrass" VP **Cheney** (**Eckholm**, *New York Times*, 7/23). Davis: "I for one believe that if it weren't for the fact that the vice president was the former -- and I emphasize former -- CEO of the parent company, we wouldn't even be here today" (**Miller**, *Los Angeles Times*, 7/23).

On a party-line vote the cmte defeated a Dem request to subpoena top Bush officials, aiming to "see correspondence on the decision to give" Halliburton the "no-bid" contract (**Borenstein**, Knight Ridder, 7/23).

Are We There Yet? Are We There Yet? Are We There Yet?

"At least" \$100B has already "been spent or is in the pipeline" for Iraq, and as the costs "keep mounting by the billions," the Senate Foreign Relations Cmte "worried" on 7/22 "that the already slow U.S. progress on Iraq reconstruction could be delayed further by a spending review" ongoing by the State Dept. Chair **Richard Lugar** (R-IN), "urging" State to "'get on with it": "This is exasperating that we're still reviewing at this stage." State "took the U.S. reins from the Pentagon" after the handover, and is "reviewing spending with an eye toward getting the assistance out faster and maximizing job opportunities for Iraqis." On the "list of errors that officials believe" the CPA made was focusing "too much on large infrastructure projects."

Ex-CPA adviser **David Gompert** told the cmte "that a key reason Iraqis haven't helped the coalition against the increasingly violent insurgency has been their resentment over slow progress in solving soaring unemployment and in improving services and living conditions." Gompert said starting "more labor-intensive reconstruction projects would have helped to 'soak up some of the unemployment'" (**Jelinek**, AP, 7/23).

This Report Got Kinda Sorta Overshadowed By That Other One

Army Inspector General **Paul Mikolashek** released the report of his investigation into mistreatment of U.S. detainees, finding "94 incidents of confirmed or possible detainee abuse" in U.S. facilities "throughout Iraq and Afghanistan." He also "found that soldiers were inadequately trained and lacked proper supervision and clear orders," but "added that the incidents were not due to 'systemic problems'" (**White/Higham**, *Washington Post*, 7/23).

Referring to the "tally of abuse cases, the Pentagon had used terms like 'a few' to suggest the total might be much lower, though it offered no exact count before now." According to Mikolashek, 39 prisoners "have died in U.S. custody in Iraq and Afghanistan"; the Pentagon said in May it was "looking into 36 possible abuse cases involving deaths." Army CoS **Peter Schoomaker**, "who appeared with Mikolashek" before a 7/22 Senate Armed Forces Cmte

hearing on the report, said the cmte "should consider that more than half the abuse incidents occurred at the point of capture": "It is understandable that there can be misjudgments" (**Kilian**, *Chicago Tribune*, 7/23).

The report also states that U.S. forces "have detained more than 50,000 prisoners in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere" since 9/11/01 -- "the first time a total number of prisoners has been released" (**Squiteri**, *USA Today*, 7/23).

Cmte Dems criticized the report, saying it "ignored many of the most important questions, such as the hiding of 'ghost detainees' and the use of unmuzzled dogs during interrogations" and noted the "findings are contradicted" by Internat'l Red Cross (White/Higham, *Washington Post*, 7/23). Sen. **Carl Levin** (D-MI) "said it was 'difficult to believe there were not systemic problems with our detention and interrogations operations'" (Squiteri, *USA Today*, 7/23). Sen. **Jack Reed** (D-RI), to Mikolashek at the 7/22 meeting: "You haven't done the job" (Kilian, *Chicago Tribune*, 7/23).

The Fifty-First State

Christian Science Monitor's Cizadlo reports, if the WH '04 vote was "held tomorrow, on Iraqi soil, working-class Iraqis would be the crucial swing vote." Says a Baghdad eyeglass salesman: "The Democratic party is just a party of slogans. They only call for freedom. But **George W. Bush**, he is brave, and he is a man of action. I hope he wins this election, because he is a genius -- and brave." Says an area taxi driver: "We want **John Kerry** to win, because George W. Bush brought harm to America and all the world under the pretext of launching the war on terror. And generally, the Democratic Party is better than Republicans."

Bush has a "fierce care of devoted followers, mainly among Shiites and Kurds who suffered under Saddam Hussein. They are the silent minority. ... Two months ago" Iraqi pollster **Sadoun Dulame** "asked 3,075 Iraqis from all over the country" which WH '04 candidate they preferred. "Most Iraqis scorned the question, but about 15 percent responded passionately -- almost all Bush backers." Dulame: "When we asked this 15 percent why they cared, they said, 'Because the American election will affect conditions in Iraq. They prefer that Bush stay. Because if Bush leaves, maybe the Democrats will adopt a new policy, and not pay so much attention to Iraq.'"

And in a "perfect reversal of U.S. demographics, the Bush lovers tend to be more educated and clustered in cosmopolitan areas," while most "average Iraqis" lean toward Kerry. Dulame, on the Bush supporters: "Most of them were intellectuals." But Dulame "suspects public opinion is tipping toward Kerry, even among the educated," as "their hopes" for an interim govt. of "technocrats (read: Democrats) were dashed when a CIA-linked strongman came to power" (7/23).

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BERGER: Investigation Wasn't Exactly A Secret?

"For the second day in a row," WH officials said "more" aides "knew about an investigation" of ex-Clinton NSA **Sandy Berger** then the WH "originally acknowledged." The "question is sensitive because Democrats have charged that Republicans leaked word of the investigation to try to taint next week's" DNC Convo and "to distract attention from criticisms" of Bush in the

9/11 Report. One WH official said "some" NSC officials "knew Berger ... was suspected of mishandling National Archives documents that were being sought" by the commis. WH spokesperson **Scott McClellan** said "a few individuals" in the WH counsel's office "had known about the inquiry. He said that was because the counsel's office was coordinating document production" with the 9/11 Commis (Allen/Harris, *Washington Post*, 7/23).

NSA **Condoleezza Rice**: "I have known Sandy Berger for a long. I think he's a good man and I respect him a lot. I just can't comment on what is an ongoing criminal investigation" ("Today," NBC, 7/23).

9/11 Commis. **Slade Gorton**, asked if he thought Berger was trying to keep documents from them: "No." More Gorton: "We have all of those documents. All of those documents still exist. Much of what he was doing were copies" ("Capital Report," CNBC, 7/22).

9/11 Commis. **Richard Ben-Veniste**, asked if Berger's mishandling of documents affected their investigation: "So far as we've been able to determine, absolutely no damage in terms of our ability to access information. We have had the information presented to us that we requested, including the documents, copies of which Mr. Berger is alleged to have taken improperly, and that hasn't affected us one whit in our ability to do our work" ("Wolf Blitzer Reports," CNN, 7/22).

Commis. **Slade Gorton**: "We can say unequivocally is we had all of that information. We have every one of those documents. All of them are infused in and are a part of our report" ("Lou Dobbs Tonight," CNN, 7/22).

Dems' Downplaying?

Ex-Clinton WH spokesperson **Joe Lockhart**, "who is serving as a spokesman" for Berger, "said the expanding circle of officials who knew the White House acknowledges knew of the criminal investigation heightens his suspicion about the timing of the disclosure that Berger is under investigation" (Allen/Harris, *Washington Post*, 7/23).

Dems "have sought to downplay the importance of the probe, describing" Berger "as sort of 'absent-minded professor' who meant no harm by removing and then throwing away some of the documents" (Sammon, *Washington Times*, 7/23).

Ex-Clinton WH adviser **Lanny Davis**: "It's a week before the Democratic convention, and they know **Kerry** will get a bounce. They're doing everything they can to try to undermine that bounce" (Jacoby, *Salon*, 7/22).

CNN's **Novak**, on what Dems are saying: "The line is that the Republicans leaked it at the proper time just before the convention and the 9/11 commission report. But privately Democrats are very upset with Mr. Berger. They feel he's an experienced person. They can't understand how they could maybe make a mistake, or even asked if there is something sinister. What they're really upset about is that it kind of spoils the run up to the convention" ("IP," 7/22).

The First Wilson/Berger Link?

RNC Chair **Ed Gillespie**: "Senators have raised legitimate questions about this. I suspect they will be answered over time. There is an investigation that's going on. But it is worth noting, too, that it's not only Sandy Berger, who has resigned his position as an adviser to the Kerry campaign, but Joe Wilson, you know, who is completely repudiated by both Democrats and Republicans alike unanimously on the Senate Intelligence Committee" ("Hannity and Colmes," FNC, 7/22).

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ALASKA: Miller v. Miller Lite?

Campaign Tip Sheet

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The man who holds the Internet address www.mikemiller.com has been "fielding e-mails from people trying to reach" ex-state Senate Pres. **Mike Miller** (R) since 4/04. It wasn't until 4/04 that candidate Miller put up his Web site, www.mikemiller2004.com, which "listed his e-mail address incorrectly." The "noncandidate fought back and fired off obscene e-mails" at supporters and contacts who came his way. Noncandidate **Miller**: "The fact remains they made a stupid mistake, it was up for several months, and because of it, people e-mailed me. ...They e-mailed me, I mocked them when I e-mailed them back. Hell, I even suggested a number of them make substantial campaign contributions - can't see how the liar (sic) guy's campaign could be upset with that." Candidate Miller spokesperson **Michael Pauley** insisted that "the problem was fixed" in 4/04, and even checked with the campaign's Web designer. Pauley: "There was a bad link that was corrected, but there's no publicly accessible link that's on our Web site now that would take anyone to his site" (**Tsong**, *Anchorage Daily News*, 7/23).

More Money Available For Spending

Sen. **Lisa Murkowski** (R) is one of the "top three" candidates to receive money from Senate Maj. Leader **Bill Frist**'s PAC. She received \$90K in bundled donations from Frist, and raised a total of \$881K in '04's 2ndQ. Murkowski's election is "one of Frist's top priorities" as she "is the only GOP incumbent considered politically endangered."

An error by ex-Gov **Tony Knowles** (D) SEN campaign "when filling out paperwork for campaign commercials" won't cost him in his race. The FCC said Knowles "should get the benefit of a cheaper rate for television commercials despite the paperwork blunder." At issue was "a discounted rate for television commercials given to federal candidates 45 days ahead of the primary." The Knowles campaign was given the discounted rate despite not filing the proper paperwork (*Anchorage Daily News*, 7/23).

Endorsement Watch

Miller told the NRA that they should "reconsider" their endorsement of Murkowski and that "he was planning to talk to the powerful gun lobby during a trip" to DC. NRA federal lobbyist **Jason Osborne** said Miller never contacted them. Osborne: "It would be useful if he contacted us instead of through the press." Pauley said Miller was busy during his DC trip, and after an NRA spokesperson said it was "counterproductive" to endorse more than one candidate, "Miller decided not to stop by the NRA."

The Nat'l Assn of Business and Professional Women announced its endorsement of Knowles on 7/16. The group promotes equity for all women in the workplace (*Anchorage Daily News*, 7/23).

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COLORADO: Didn't We Used To Cover Politics In This Section?

Campaign Tip Sheet

Primary/Filing Dates, Latest Polls, Latest Ads...

Adolph Coors Co. and Canada-based Molson Inc. "announced plans to merge," in a move which would create the world's fifth-largest brewing co. The new co., "to be named Molson Coors Brewing Co" will have HQs in Denver and Montreal and is "expected to generate" \$175M in savings. Molson shareholders will control 55% of the company and Coors shareholders' 45%. Molson spokesperson **Sylvia Morin** "said the merger, which still must be voted on by shareholders and approved by regulators, is expected to be completed in the fall." Ex-Molson bd member **R. Ian Molson** "may attempt to stop it" though. He plans to offer up to \$4B for the company to block the deal. Morin "said that Ian Molson probably cannot keep the transaction from going through and that any bid he entered would be rejected." Morin: "This is an agreement that the controlling shareholder has agreed to with Coors... We have to get shareholder approval, but the independent committee of shareholders has reviewed the offer from Coors and has already made a decision."

Prudential Equity Group LLC analyst **Jeffrey G. Kanter** said the the merger seems to be a "marriage of convenience designed to prevent a takeover of either company and keep the families in control, which we don't think sounds too shareholder friendly." Coors CEO **W. Leo Kiely III** said the merger would give the company the "market and financial strength necessary to compete in the increasingly challenging market." **Eric Molson** will serve as bd chair of the new company; Kiely will be CEO (**Anderson**, *Washington Post*, 7/23). Beer mogul **Pete Coors** (R), announcing the deal at a NYC presser: "This is one of the most exciting development in the 131-year history of the company. We look forward to a rapid, constructive melding of each company's strengths." Kiely said he and Molson CEO **Dan O'Neill** were going to "flip a coin to decide which company's name would come first" but P. Coors "chose to defer to Molson." Kiely: "Pete said, 'We respect our elders,'" in a reference to Molson's 1786 founding (**Raabe**, *Denver Post*, 7/23).

Hometown Paper A Bit Wary

The *Denver Post* editorializes that Coors, CO's "most recognizable company," is a source of "pride and comfort" for Coloradans, yet the merger "will inevitably change the course of both companies and the contributions that Coors makes" in CO. "Details are sketchy," but many are "wondering: What does this mean for CO?" There are "still many unanswered questions, including the impact on chairman Pete Coors' bid for the US Senate. If there is uncertainty about Colorado jobs, it could muddy his campaign message." More: "It is our hope the Coors' company presence here in Colorado is not only maintained but is allowed to grow with the expansion of the combined company. We wish the same outcome for Montreal" (7/23).

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FLORIDA: He Still Has The Magic Touch

Campaign Tip Sheet

Primary/Filing Dates, Latest Polls, Latest Ads...

Ex-Pres. **Clinton** headlined a Coconut Grove dinner party 7/22 that collected about \$650K. Atty./FOB **Ira Leesfield** "hosted the sold-out private event at his home." Leesfield: "This is huge. People really want to hear what Clinton has to say. He's a big draw." Among the 120 people on the guest list: Sens. **Bill Nelson** (D) and **Bob Graham** (D), businessman **Paul Cejas**, FL-20 nominee/state Sen. **Debbie Wasserman Schultz** (D), state Sen. **Gwen Margolis** (D), and DSCC chair **Jon Corzine** (D-NJ).

Ex-Educ. Commis. **Betty Castor** (D) "planned to attend the dinner," while Rep. **Peter Deutsch** (D) was working in DC and Miami-Dade Mayor **Alex Penelas** (D) was campaigning in Tampa. Donors could give up to \$27K each. The first \$2K goes to an account for the FL Dem nominee, while the rest goes into a nat'l fund. NRSC spokesperson **Dan Allen**: "Florida has been a frequent stop for us on the fundraising trail. We feel good about our position right now" (**Reinhard**, *Miami Herald*, 7/22).

Wasn't "Jihad U" The Sequel To "High School U.S.A."?

The "527" American Democracy Project is placing half-page newspaper ads across FL which show images of ex-USF pres. Castor and ex-USF prof./alleged terrorist Sami Al-Arian. The ads ask: "Why did Betty Castor allow the University of South Florida to become Jihad U?" and accuses her of ducking questions on her handling of the case. Project founder/atty. **Bernie Friedman**: "A real leader says 'the buck stops here.' A failed leader passes the buck and Betty Castor has passed the buck since 1994."

Castor spokesperson **Matt Burgess** called the ads "just another desperate, deceptive attack from Peter Deutsch's front group." He noted that Al-Arian had once supported Pres. **Bush** and visited the WH on several occasions.

"The ads were expected to appear in six large metropolitan daily newspapers" in FL during the next week with a cost of between \$40K-\$50K. "Castor's campaign was sending a letter to the editor to the papers. Friedman's group was also sending e-mail links of the ad" to more than 840K activists in FL. Friedman is a longtime friend of Deutsch, though Deutsch's campaign has denied any involvement with the group. Friedman said the Project has raised about \$400K. Many of the group's donors have previously supported Deutsch (**Thomas**, AP, 7/22).

Byrd Has Some Words

House Speaker **Johnnie Byrd** (R) "is now on the offensive" and is painting himself as the only consistently true conservative in the crowded primary field. He cited ex-HUD Sec. **Mel Martinez's** (R) background as a trial lawyer and said ex-Rep. **Bill McCollum** (R) voted for higher taxes and deficit spending. Byrd: "They're not strong Republicans and they do not support core Republican principals. We already have enough mediocre Republicans in the United States Senate. ... McCollum repeatedly cast votes in 1982 and 1983 to raise taxes. He raised gasoline taxes, he raised taxes on Social Security, he raised taxes on airline flights, just to name a few."

McCollum spokesperson **Shannon Gravitte**: "I believe what Mr. Byrd is referring to is **Ronald Reagan's** economic reform package, which was supported by many Republicans in Congress. We certainly hope Mr. Byrd isn't attacking Ronald Reagan, and any attempts to attack Bill McCollum's record as a fiscal conservative will be flatly rejected by Florida Republicans." Byrd "also said McCollum supports stem cell research and voted for a bill that would have protected gays from hate crimes."

Byrd, on Martinez: "Having a trial lawyer as the nominee would be not only contrary to core Republican values, but it would be harmful to the president's ability to point out the shortcomings of the Democratic ticket. ... The rank and file physicians, they know who's been fighting the fight for them." Byrd "also questioned Martinez's commitment to an anti-abortion agenda, even though Byrd and Martinez earlier this week split an endorsement" by the Nat'l Right to Life Cmte. Martinez spokesperson **Jennifer Coxe**: "Johnnie Byrd is attacking Mel Martinez for the same reason that the Democrats and Bill McCollum are attacking Mel Martinez, because Mel Martinez is the Democrats' worst nightmare and is consistently chipping away at Bill McCollum's lead" (**Farrington**, AP, 7/22).

What A Pain In The Neck

Martinez took first-class and business-class flights that totaled more than \$50K in '02 and '03. Some were political trips paid for by campaigns or local GOP groups. "But most were for speaking engagements and housing conferences where taxpayers picked up the tab. Martinez said he flew coach his first two years" as HUD Sec. but switched to first-class in '02 "because of back and neck problems, which began about 20 years earlier after an automobile accident. He said he has a narrowing of the disc space in his spine, which causes sporadic pain." He "said first-class seats relieved the strain on his back because the seats had more cushioning and additional leg room." Flying first-class "added thousands of dollars to the cost of his trips."

Martinez physician **Charles Heard** sent a letter to HUD in 10/02 that said his patient

should fly first-class. Heard: "I am currently treating Mr. Martinez for Chronic Cervical Spine Syndrome. He medically requires a first-class seating arrangement so as not to worsen his condition." After receiving that letter, the HUD general counsel's office said in an internal memo that the neck ailment was a "special need" that justified the first-class trips (**Adair**, *St. Petersburg Times*, 7/23).

Al-Arian More Of A Problem For Bush?

Castor pollster **David Beattie** writes in the *St. Petersburg Times*, in response to their editorializing that: "If Castor becomes the Democratic nominee, she can be sure the Republicans will pick up where Friedman's group leaves off on the Al-Arian controversy." Beattie: "The *Times* is off-base on two points: First, Castor has repeatedly and forthrightly explained her actions regarding Al-Arian. Second, it is the Republicans who would be damaged if Al-Arian is dragged into the campaign."

"Al-Arian was not just a problem" for the USF -- "he was able to form connections at the highest levels" of Pres. Bush's campaign and the Bush admin. "Al-Arian campaigned in Florida with Bush during the 2000 presidential campaign and had his photo taken" with Bush. "The visual of Bush posing with an indicted terrorist financier would make a powerful television ad against a candidate running on his record of fighting terrorism." According to *Newsweek*, Al-Arian "campaigned vigorously" for the GOPers in '00. "He even boasted that he delivered the margin of victory" in FL for the GOP ticket, saying, "I think I personally played a big role in electing Bush." Once in the WH, the Bush admin. "continued reaching out to Al-Arian." On 6/20/01, "Al-Arian was briefed on Bush's faith-based agenda and other issues" by Bush adviser **Karl Rove**, as reported in the *Washington Post*. Al-Arian's son, Abdullah (whom Bush reportedly nicknamed "Big Dude"), was also invited to a meeting on the WH grounds. "When the Secret Service ejected him, Bush himself wrote a note apologizing to the younger Al-Arian." Castor "suspended Al-Arian; George W. Bush campaigned with him" (7/22).

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In 7/22's *Hotline*, *Forward's* **E.J. Kressler** was incorrectly referred to as "Castor pollster."
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ILLINOIS: If You Won't Embarrass Us, You Qualify

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IL GOP Central Cmte member/state Sen. **Dave Syverson** (R) said three ex-candidates are

front-runners to replace ex-nominee **Jack Ryan** (R) on the ballot: '02 candidate/'00 House candidate/businessman **John Cox** (R), ex-USAF Maj. Gen. **John Borling** (R) and dairy owner **Jim Oberweis** (R). Syverson: "Those are people that have a constituency, a base and certainly wouldn't embarrass the party." Syverson said the cmte is also talking to five or six people whose names have not yet been made public. "He declined to name them but said they are all either rich enough to help fund their campaigns or well known to the public." Syverson: "They are clearly some people that we would be very proud to have leading our ticket" (**Fornek**, *Chicago Sun-Times*, 7/23).

Because No One With A Big Ego Should Run For The Senate

Cmte member/DuPage Co. GOP chair/state Sen. **Kirk Dillard's** (R) "said there still are many people left to consider," including Borling and ex-candidate/Telecom CEO **Chirinjeev Kathuria** (R). However Dillard thought Oberweis' stance against immigration reform policies would send the wrong message. When asked about '96 nominee **Al Salvi** (R), "Dillard said he didn't need someone with a big ego to run for Senate" (**Owens**, *Naperville Sun*, 7/23).

He Would Have Put The "Stall" In Senator Saltonstall

Ryan had been expected to finally file the paperwork to officially remove his name from the ballot 7/22. But a source close to him said he did not file because of an "unexpected out-of-town trip." It was unclear when Ryan would file the one-page form. Source: "Nothing will happen until at least Monday" (*Chicago Sun-Times*, 7/23).

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The LA Dem Party criticized Rep. **David Vitter's** (R-01) vote against the creation of the 9/11 Commis. LA Dem chair **Mike Skinner**: "The 9/11 Commission's bi-partisan efforts exposed failings in the system that need serious attention. Why David Vitter opposed an open and independent inquiry to make our nation more secure baffles me." Vitter spokesperson **Mac Abrams**: "Congressman Vitter would be glad to debate the issues of homeland security but we will not play politics regarding 9/11" (*BayouBuzz.com*, 7/22).

Security Is Obviously An Issue

According to a release from Rep. **Chris John** (D-07), on 7/21, Vitter voted to block \$500M in funding for the expansion of military housing, part of a \$10B military construction bill. John: "Our men and women in uniform are offering the ultimate sacrifice overseas. The least we can do is keep the home fires burning warm for their families." Vitter: "Today, Chris John is attempting to distort the truth once again. In a unanimous display of support, the U.S. House of Representatives passed, and I voted for, the Military Housing Improvement Act The vote that Chris John sites in his press release was a procedural vote. In reality, the vote that Chris John brags about was a vote to delay consideration of the Military Construction Appropriations bill, which includes significant funding for Louisiana bases" (Bayoubuzz.com, 7/22).

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NORTH CAROLINA: Does Junior Johnson Still Qualify As A "Legend"? Shouldn't It Be "Veteran"

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Ex-WH CoS **Erskine Bowles** (D) rolled his SEN campaign through Western NC on 7/22, the third day of a bus tour with NASCAR giant **Junior Johnson**. "Capitalizing on the appeal of Johnson and auto racing," a lively Bowles stopped in Hickory, Boone and Charlotte on a tour that began 7/20 night in Raleigh. In Hickory, Bowles recounted his 160-mph spin around Lowe's Motor Speedway in 6/04 in the No. 37 Timber Wolf Chevy. Bowles: "I said, 'Junior, how in the world did you drive with 40 other cars like this?' He said, 'Just like you do in a campaign. Get in first, stay in front and stay there the whole way.'"

Bowles, on jobs and health care: "I don't think these ideas are Democratic ideas or Republican ideas. I think they're good ideas." Bowles said "he would seek bipartisanship" to push job growth, health care reform and other issues, contrasting himself with Rep. **Richard Burr** (R-05), though he did not call him by name. Bowles: "He brags about voting with this administration 95 percent of the time. If it's a Democratic administration, I'm not going to vote with them 95 percent of the time. If they come up with crazy legislation, I'm going to fight and stand up for you all" (**Mitchel**, *Charlotte Observer*, 7/23).

Not Suprisingly, Bowles Likes '04 Better Than '02

Bowles jokes that "a typical campaign stop on his unsuccessful" SEN bid in '02 would have attracted about five or 10 people. Bowles: "It's different than two years ago. There's a lot of excitement and enthusiasm." Local organizers had expected about 80 people in Boone, but more than 150 showed up for breakfast. A similar crowd greeted Bowles with loud cheers when he stepped off the bus for lunch in Hickory. Bowles wife **Crandall Bowles**: "We're

ahead. Which we weren't before. We're certainly going to work to stay that way." E. Bowles: "We do have a big lead today, but I cannot win, and we cannot win, without you" (**Mitchell**, *Winston-Salem Journal*, 7/23).
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OKLAHOMA: Let's Go Clubbing

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The Club for Growth has helped ex-Rep. **Tom Coburn** (R) by raising \$580K, \$177K in 6/04 alone. Ex-OK City Mayor **Kirk Humphreys** (R): "The ability to infuse several hundred thousand dollars worth of ads in critical times" has had an "enormous" impact. Coburn: "I don't think Club for Growth made the difference. I think our volunteers made the difference.

Humphreys, who has put \$1M of his own money into the race, said he was trying to counter the Club money. He said he wasn't accusing the group of doing anything wrong, adding "I'd like to be on the receiving end" of its support (**Casteel**, *OK City Daily Oklahoman*, 7/23).

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SOUTH CAROLINA: A GOP Beachhead In Keeping The Senate?

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VP **Cheney** will be in Myrtle Beach today to support Rep. **Jim DeMint** (R-04) at a \$1K/head event. The DeMint campaign expects to raise \$700K by attracting 500 to 700 donors. Some political observers say that Cheney's "turning down the opportunity" to do some SC campaigning illustrates how confident the **Bush-Cheney** ticket is of again carrying SC. Francis Marion Univ. prof. **Neal Thigpen**: "I don't think they're going to waste time hanging around South Carolina when they have chores they've got to take care of in Michigan and Ohio and West Virginia and Pennsylvania and whatever."

Educ. Supt. **Inez Tenenbaum** (D) is showing no interest in having either **Kerry** or **Edwards** come to SC. Tenenbaum spokesperson **Adam Kovacevich**: "If they decide to come to South Carolina, Inez will be there with them. But that doesn't alter our approach to this race, which is that people are looking for an independent-minded senator." In "keeping an arm's length distance from the national ticket," Tenenbaum is following a familiar script for Dems in the South. College of Charleston prof. **Bill Moore**: "DeMint will do his best to align himself with the Republican national ticket and will try to tie Inez Tenenbaum to the national Democratic ticket, which is just not that popular in the South. ...You have John Kerry at the top of the ticket, and John Kerry is not going to play well in South Carolina" (**Eichel**, *Charlotte Observer*, 7/23).

DeMint was left with \$97K in the bank after spending nearly \$4M on a "hard-fought primary and run-off" against ex-Gov. **David Beasley** (R). The DeMint campaign estimates it will raise and spend \$6M by the 11/04 elections. Tenenbaum also hopes to raise \$6M by 11/04 (**Bandy**, *Columbia State*, 7/23).

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SOUTH DAKOTA: Home Is Where The Heart Is

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For top Dems like Sen. Min. Leader **Tom Daschle** (D), the convo marks a "departure from the leadership spotlight as Kerry takes about the party's reins." Daschle will speak 7/27 on a theme of Kerry's lifetime of public service; House Min. Leader **Nancy Pelosi** will address the convo 7/29, touching on how "Kerry intends to win the world's respect for the United States." Kerry manager **Mary Beth Cahill**: "These are two individuals who serve their country with honor every day, and we are privileged that their voices will be part of this year's convention."

Still, "Daschle will leave the convention a day early, departing Boston before Kerry even arrives" to watch his colleague's 7/29 acceptance speech with Sioux Falls Dem activists. Daschle: "We'll spend a good deal of time at the convention, but I thought it would be kind of fun just to be home and to get a feel of the convention with South Dakotans rather than from Boston." GOPers "said Daschle was staying away from Kerry to try to make South Dakota voters forget he was close to the Democratic nominee." RNC Chair **Ed Gillespie**: "Spending some time in Boston is probably not the best use of his time because (ex-Rep.) **John Thune** (R) is running a fantastic race. And two, that probably doesn't help him back home to be seen in Boston" (**Madden**, *Sioux Falls Argus Leader*, 7/23).

So Much For Sticking To The "Obstructionist" Charge

In a release from the office of Sen. **Lindsay Graham** (R-SC), Graham and Daschle announced the FY '05 Defense Appropriations bill contains as much as \$683M for the DoD to launch

a program giving Nat'l Guard members "access to affordable health care coverage until" '05. Graham: "I will continue working with my colleagues to fully authorize and fund this important program so it's there for our Guardsmen and Reservists each and every year they serve our country." Daschle: "It's time for the Administration to stop ignoring this growing problem. We need to provide this powerful recruitment and retention tool to the Guard and Reserve before it's too late" (7/22).

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WASHINGTON: Who's Better On Intelligence?

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Rep. **George Nethercutt** (R-05) campaign aides seized on 7/22's release of the 9/11 commis. report to criticize Sen. **Patty Murray** (D) for voting during the mid-'90s to cut intelligence spending. Nethercutt spokesperson **Alex Conant** faulted Murray for three votes in favor of paring intelligence agency budgets by nearly \$6B, despite early terrorist attacks including the '93 World Trade Center bombing. Conant: "Today's report shows that we have paid a price for not having a stronger and more effective U.S. intelligence operation. Murray's record is very clear -- when given a choice before 9/11, she voted to cut intelligence."

Murray's office "issued a statement" thanking ex-Sen. **Slade Gorton** (R) for his service on the commission and urging Congress to act in a "spirit of unity" on its recommendations. Murray spokesperson **Alex Glass** called Nethercutt's criticisms "troubling." Glass: "Today Senator Murray said we should build on the commission's spirit of unity to move forward and protect our nation. George Nethercutt's instinct was to make a political attack. That's a shame."

Nethercutt praised the 9/11 commission's work and said "both parties should work together to protect" the country. Nethercutt: "Congress needs to step up and say, 'Intelligence isn't a partisan matter.'" Nethercutt, on his campaign's attack on Murray: "Well, that wasn't my doing, (it) was my campaign's doing." He claims his campaign's attack wasn't a "partisan attack," just a "matter of judgement." Nethercutt: "You should use common sense, and common sense is, you don't cut your intelligence services when you've got a threat of terrorism out there" (**Brunner**, *Seattle Times*, 7/23).

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BATTLE FOR THE SENATE: Kerry Who?

Four Dem SEN hopefuls are electing not to attend the DNC Convo, and instead are going

to spend their time campaigning. For the most part, the Dems running in conservative states will "shun" the convo "to stump at home," while those from more liberal states "will bask in the reflected glow" of **John Kerry**. Absent from the convo will be Rep. **Brad Carson** (D-OK), Educ. Supt. **Inez Tenenbaum** (D-SC), ex-WH CoS **Erskine Bowles** (D-NC), and ex-Gov. **Tony Knowles** (D-AK). Independent polls indicate that "all three could win Senate seats in states where Kerry is a long shot."

Tenenbaum plans to do an event with the state's convention delegates in Boston on 7/25 but fly back to SC 7/26. Tenenbaum spokesperson **Adam Kovacevich**: "There are a lot of undecided voters in South Carolina, and we're trying to take advantage of every minute we have to talk to them. Next week, there are 10 different 'meet and greets' scheduled in South Carolina." Bowles "kicked off a bus tour" of NC, will be "raising funds and in meetings" in NC 7/26, and then will resume his bus tour 7/28. Knowles spokesperson **Matt McKenna**: "His time is better spent in Alaska with Alaskans" (**Mooney**, *Boston Globe*, 7/23). DSCC chair **Jon Corzine** (D-NJ) said he would rather see candidates "dialing for dollars and shaking hands" than attending the convo.

However AG **Ken Salazar** (D-CO) and CO-03 candidate/state Rep. **John Salazar** (D) "plan to hold a joint fundraising event" at the convo. A spokesman for Treas. **Nancy Farmer** (D-MO) "said Farmer thought it was important to stand with" Kerry. The spokesperson: "For four days next week, the campaign trail takes us to the convention This year Missouri is going to be an important state" (**Wenger**, *CongressDaily AM*, 7/23). State Sen. **Daniel Mongiardo** (D-KY) "has a full slate of activities in Boston" (*Boston Globe*, 7/23).

Guess He Can't Get Away From The Convo Quick Enough

From a Carson Release: "CONVENTION 2004: CARSON TO ATTEND OKLAHOMA CATTLEMEN'S CONVENTION."

"Opting to skip" the DNC Convention in Boston, Carson "announced today he will instead attend the 52nd Annual Oklahoma Cattlemen Trade Show and Convention" 7/29 in OK City. "Carson will tour the Cattlemen's Convention meeting with local farmers and ranchers in Oklahoma City who take part in the convention" (7/23).

Not 51, Not 53, But 52

The DSCC held a 7/22 presser, declaring if the election were held today, Dems would hold 52 Senate seats. They touted polls in CO, NC and OK, their CoH figures in SC and LA, and GOP infighting in CO, FL and AK. On IL: "We have **Barack Obama** (D). Enough said." They expect KY and MO to "continue to tighten" and are confident that Dem incumbents will be returned in WI, WA, CA, and SD (release, 7/22).

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SENATE SMURFS: Testing The Theory That Any Publicity Is Good

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State Sen. **Daniel Mongiardo's** (D) FEC report lists a \$2K personal contribution from DSCC chair **Jon Corzine** (D-NJ). Listed under "Name of Employer" is "Information Requested" (*Hotline sources, 7/22*).

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Competition Can Be A Good Thing

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Disabled veteran **Michael Tipa** (R) and ex-state Rep. **Tom Alciere** (R) are 2 alternatives to Sen. **Judd Gregg** (R). "Neither is running a traditional campaign" but both are seeking the GOP nod "without raising a dime." Tipa said he entered the race reluctantly, if only to offer GOPers a choice in the 9/14 primary. Tipa: "The skies would have to open and God would have to throw lightning bolts for me to win. But it's just not right that Judd Gregg should be able to walk in and be the only candidate." Alciere, an anti-police activist, "attracted national notoriety for his verbal attacks on police officers." Like Tipa, he does not plan to raise money for his campaign (**Brooks**, *Manchester Union Leader, 7/19*).

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Fargo Forum's Zaleski writes, if ND's GOP candidates "have any hope of attracting votes from anyone but pathological partisans, they had better change their campaign tactics." Atty **Michael Liffbrig's** (R) attack against Sen. **Byron Dorgan** (D) "has been distinguished by its hubris and obtusity." In his "holier-than-thou" speak, he has criticized Dorgan's "brief segment"

in **Michael Moore's** "Fahrenheit 911," where Dorgan "raises questions he's raised before" about **Bush's** relationship to the Saudi family. These same questions "have been asked by such radical organizations as the *Wall Street Journal* and 'Fox News.' One would think that a candidate for the U.S. Senate would want answers, too." Liffbrig is "blissfully skipping along the same dead-end road that former candidates trod." He won't get the moderate votes he needs if he remains "more interested in party ideology than in the serious issues facing North Dakota" (7/18).

VERMONT: Hey, At Least He's Honest

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Liberty Union candidate **Benjamin Mitchell** filed papers 7/15 to qualify for the 9/14 GOP primary ballot. Mitchell: "I am currently trying to steal the Republican nomination. I am an anti-war socialist entering the Republican Party." Mitchell hopes that by campaigning within the GOP, he can get working-class GOPers to turn away from what he calls the party's neo-conservative bent. VT GOP chair **James Barnett**: "These hijinks are a distraction at best. They are a malicious attack on the primary system... Many people rely on party labels as guidance for what a candidate's views are" (AP, 7/18).

WISCONSIN: Business First

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The Russ Darrow Group, chaired by auto dealer **Russ Darrow** (R), asked the FEC 7/21 to allow it to continue running car commercials, despite the McCain-Feingold reform's ban on corporate-funded ads that mention political candidates within the final days of a campaign. In a request form, the group said it would lose about \$58M in revenue, claiming a ban on advertising would cause the company to "suffer significant, long-term consequences resulting in financial damages." The company is owned by Darrow's son, and they claim that Darrow has not appeared in ads for the past decade. They are asking the FEC to reconsider its ban, arguing that business ads should be exempt from the law (**Frommer**, AP, 7/21).

State Sen. **Bob Welch** (R) "is seeking to make political hay" by asserting a link between a left-leaning political group, felons the group employed, and Sen. **Russ Feingold** (D). Welch manager **Mike Prentiss** issued a press release 7/16 suggesting that sex offenders were circulating through WI neighborhoods because of Feingold's efforts to limit campaign

contributions. Feingold manager **George Aldrich** called the linkage "baseless," "misleading," and "disappointing." Prentiss' allegations rely on earlier revelations that America Coming Together (ACT), a 527 org. working to elect Dems, had employed felons in 3 other states. From a Welch release: "ACT and other groups like it are the spawn of Russ Feingold's much ballyhooed 'reform' bill" (**Zielinski**, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, 7/18).

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INDIANA: Daniels Suggests A Second Chance For Tax Delinquents

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Ex-WH OMB dir. **Mitch Daniels** (R) "said he would ask state lawmakers to approve an eight-week amnesty program" for delinquent taxpayers, giving them one chance to pay their debts without penalty. Daniels estimated the program could bring in \$200M in revenue. Daniels: "It sends a signal that the state has to be serious about everyone doing their duty. If we fail to do this we will continue to hit the responsible taxpayer harder and harder... This is a road-tested proposal. We don't have to guess. We are simply... promising to catch up after 16 years of passive and often inept" gov't (**Tully**, *Indianapolis Star*, 7/22).

Bush-Kernan? Got Your Attention Though...

Gov. **Joe Kernan** (D), testifying before Congress with Gov. **Jeb Bush**(R-FL), said that "he is concerned members of Indiana's national guard won't re-enlist at the rates needed to maintain state and national security" unless the gov't is more responsive. Kernan said their biggest concern is the length of their deployment and "he recommended Congress shorten deployment time to nine months instead of one year." 4K of IN's 14K Nat'l Guard members are currently deployed in Iraq. IN has "only one major active-duty military base" compared to FL's 21, which gives it a disadvantage when it comes to built-in support structures for Nat'l Guard families (**Groppe**, GNS, 7/22).

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MISSOURI: Holden Finds His Happy Place?

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After "fending off high-profile attacks for two nights in a row," Gov. **Bob Holden** (D) "visited Columbia yesterday to find solace among friends," speaking to the MO NEA's Leadership Conference. Holden's speech was familiar, "disparaging" GOPers "and touting his leadership." Holden "highlighted his first two years in office, when education funding went up" \$300M. Holden: "You have a governor who is committed to education. I need a General Assembly committed to education." Auditor **Claire McCaskill** (D) "has countered those claims by noting that in last year's budget," the legislature appropriated more revenue in K-12 education than Holden requested (**Flory**, *Columbia Daily Tribune*, 7/22).

McCaskill complained 7/22 that donors to nonprofit group the Hawthorn Fdn, which promotes MO econ. development, aren't public; "within an hour" of her complaint, state officials released the info. The Fdn "pays for things such as trips abroad and receptions for visiting dignitaries" and "business promotion activities by governors." The donor list includes Anheuser-Busch Cos, SBC Comm., Hallmark Cards, and some city groups. Fdn Bd. chair **William Nelson**: "No one has ever asked me as chair for a list of the members. Had they done that, it would've been readily available." Holden spokesperson **Caleb Weaver**: "What she's asking for seems to be out there. It's clearly nothing more than a political stunt." McCaskill spokesperson **Glenn Campbell**, on the release: "What a difference an election makes" (**Wiese**, AP, 7/23). More Campbell: "The only reason this happened is because Claire McCaskill called for it. It is obvious who's the leader and who is not." McCaskill: "I only wish the Governor would follow my recommendations as closely as State Auditor as opposed to my role as a challenger... I am glad we finally have gotten his attention" (release, 7/23).

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NORTH CAROLINA: Will The RGA Take A Second Look?

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'00 nominee/ex-Charlotte Mayor **Richard Vinroot** (R) "in a startling reversal" has decided

to not demand a runoff, a decision which "instantly anointed" state Sen. **Patrick Ballantine** (R) and eliminated the possibility of a "brutal runoff election." Just 24 hours before his announcement, Vinroot was "hammering" Ballantine as a "big spender" and Gov. **Mike Easley** (D) "lite." Ballantine: "I was just stunned." Easley, "went from enjoying another month of" GOP infighting to "immediately facing an opponent who has geared his campaign to appeal to the more moderate" GOP voters. Vinroot: "There was one article this morning that said Mike Easley must be smiling (at the runoff). Well, I wanted to do my part to take that smile off his face." Vinroot, on Ballantine: "This young man can effectively carry this message to Mike Easley. This older man is going to help him." Ex-state Rep/'00 GOV candidate **Chuck Neely** (R) called it a "graceful gesture."

Easley: "North Carolina voters will have a clear choice in this campaign. We can continue to move forward on education during these challenging times. That is what I am working to do as governor. Or are we going to follow Patrick Ballantine down the path of retreating and cutting education, thus putting our economic future at risk?" Ballantine, decrying Easley's "typical Democrat machine politics": "I'm not the mean-spirited, slash-and-burn Republican they need to win. I will be the education governor. I'm going to be strong on education, and I expect parents and teachers to come out in full force to vote for me" (**Johnson/Durhams**, *Charlotte Observer*, 7/23). Ballantine "said donations were flowing into his campaign coffers" and his efforts to reach out to non-traditional GOP constituencies "would give Easley a stiff challenge" (**Dyer**, *Greensboro News-Record*).

Raleigh *News and Observer's* **Christensen** reports that Vinroot's candidacy after the runoff was "like a tub of water after the stopper had been pulled." Vinroot law partner **Bob Bradshaw**: "He felt, through no fault of his own, he was suddenly faced with a diminishing chance of defeating an incumbent... He didn't see the momentum on his side in the runoff." Ex-candidate/ex-NC GOP Chair **Bill Cobey** (R) consultant **Ron Anderson**: "If anybody thinks that Richard Vinroot walked away from this on behalf of the Republican Party or in some way to help that Republican Party, that's a joke. He did it because he couldn't win" (7/23).

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Ex-US Atty **Scott Matheson Jr.** (D) "got a little support" 7/21 from Gov. **Kathleen Sebelius** (D-KS). Sebelius: "When I knew I was headed this way, I contacted Scott and said if there's anything I can do during my visit to Utah, I'd be glad to do it." Sebelius spouse US Magistrate **Gary Sebelius** "was attending the 10th Circuit Judicial Conference in Park City." K. Sebelius "sat on a small panel that determined the winner of a contest to pick Matheson's campaign slogan." The winner was "Reading, Writing and Matheson Great Education," tying in with one of Matheson's campaign themes. Sebelius: "While it's sometimes tough to get people

to look beyond their party affiliation, my feeling is voters are willing to do that if they can identify with the candidate and identify with that vision of the future" (**Alden**, AP, 7/21).
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VERMONT: A Medi-scare Proposal?

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Burlington Mayor **Peter Clavelle** (D) said that Gov. **James Douglas**' (R) support of the federal Medicare reform law jeopardized prescription drug coverage for 11K Vermonters. Clavelle: "While reasonable voices in the state called for Jim Douglas to oppose the legislation, he simply refused." The fed. law "may have the effect of increasing the price that people participating in two state-subsidized prescription assistance programs" have to pay for their drugs. A Douglas spokesperson "said the administration was working with Washington to protect Vermont's programs and dismissed the criticism as rhetoric." Douglas manager **Neale Lunderville**: "Governor Douglas joined Senator **Jeffords** (I) and AARP to say the Medicare bill was a first step, it was progress. It was a bill designed to deliver the first prescription drug benefit to America's seniors and" 93K "Vermonters would benefit from that." Douglas' GOV office "also released a letter the governor wrote to the" GOP and Dem "leaders in Congress urging them to preserve states' abilities to retain their own pharmaceutical assistance programs."

Clavelle, "citing figures from" the Legislature's Joint Fiscal Office, said a VHAP Pharmacy beneficiary currently paying \$156 a year for drug coverage would have to pay \$420 a year in premiums under the Medicare law plus a \$50 deductible and a 15% co-insurance of up to \$3.6K. Clavelle: "Vermont has a proud tradition of taking care of our seniors and the disabled in our state by providing good benefits. As a result of this legislation, some of those benefits are at risk" (**Sneyd**, AP, 7/23).

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WEST VIRGINIA: No Pay For You!

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Sec/State **Joe Manchin** (D) and developer **Monty Warner** (R) "say they will not use paid poll workers on Election Day," although WV law allows "candidates to pay people \$50 to work on the day of the election." Manchin: "A person should be able to vote for whomever they want, not because a friend got \$50." Warner: "If the law permits it, I'm not going to hold it against someone for doing it. But my campaign will not use them. The law was probably created with a noble intent, but the reality is that some people have used that and abused that to buy votes." Manchin "said one solution to the problem is to change the law to eliminate pay for poll workers and make them volunteers." Manchin: "It would level the playing field and take any appearance of impropriety out" (AP, 7/22).

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MISSOURI: 62% Favor Ban On Gay Marriage

A Market Research poll; conducted 7/13-20 for KMBC 9 News and *Kansas City Star*, surveyed 600 MO residents; margin of error +/- 4.0% (*Kansas City Star*, 7/23). The amendment is on the 8/3 ballot.

How Would You Vote On Constitutional Amendment To Ban Gay Marriage?

Yes	62%
No	29

Is Gay Marriage An Issue That You:

Strongly oppose	62%
Smwht oppose	18
Smwht favor	11
Strongly favor	6

Which Comes Closet To Your View?

Gay couples should be allowed to marry	14%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions	33
There should be no legal recognition	46

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50-STATE FLY-BY: Around The Country In 80 Seconds

ALABAMA: Siegelman Charged With Taking Over \$25K In Gifts

Prosecutors claim ex-Gov. **Don Siegelman** took over \$25K worth of "vehicles, guns and coffee mugs" from business owners who needed help from AL while he was in office. Siegelman has pleaded innocent to charges of fraud and conspiracy charges alleging they tried to rig bids on an AL Medicaid contract involving care for poor, pregnant women. Siegelman attys contend that the charges should be dismissed (AP, 7/21).

ARIZONA: Rewording of Prop. 106 Requested

Supporters of public financing of campaigns have gone to court to force a new description of a ballot measure that would defund the system. The lawsuit asks the court to direct the council of state lawmakers to "recraft the description" and delete the words the attorneys find offensive. The wording could prove crucial to the public perception of what Prop. 106 does and how they vote in '04 (**Fischer**, *Arizona Daily Star*, 7/21).

ARKANSAS: Huckabee Takes #2 Role

The NGA named Gov. **Mike Huckabee** (R) as its vice chair 7/19. Huckabee will serve under Gov. **Mark Warner** (D-VA) in the assn's 2nd highest position. Huckabee will "develop potential policy positions, build consensus" among the assn's members, and "work to represent" the assn before Congress (**Bleed**, *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, 7/20).

CALIFORNIA: Brown Not Running After All

Ex-San Francisco Mayor **Willie Brown** has denied rumors he is running for insur. commis., but confesses he is planning to become a journalist. Brown created a stir on 7/15 when he filed papers to run for state insurance commissioner in '06, but he claims he only did that because of "campaign finance deadlines that require him to relinquish" the \$835K he collected for a state SEN race that never happened (AP, 7/20). ...

... LG **Cruz Bustamante** is considering a run for Treas. or controller in '06. He said he's "concerned about the budget impasse, a lack of tax hikes, higher college fees, spending cuts and uncertainties" in CA's future. Bustamante said "he's trying to do something about fiscal problems by offering advice to the major players and contributing to push for hikes in alcohol and tobacco taxes and those that affect the wealthy" (AP, 7/20). ...

"The Big Four" is a "lobbying dream team" made up of GOP gov. **Arnold Schwarzenegger** (CA), **Pataki** (NY), **Perry** (TX) and **Bush** (FL). They are "increasingly concerned that smaller states are gobbling up more than their fair share of federal aid, particularly because of the disproportionate clout those states have in Congress." The gov. are pooling their considerable influence to "advance the interests of their states." The four have entered a "formal agreement to jointly lobby members of Congress" (**Hernandez and Baker**, *New York Times*, 7/20). ...

... San Francisco city leaders approved a controversial ballot proposal 7/20 that would allow noncitizens to vote in school board elections. The proposal would permit any adult with a child enrolled in public school, regardless of citizenship, to vote. The school matter has "stirred strong opinions," despite San Francisco's traditional "left leaning" views (**Hollis, Lagos and Garvey**, *Los Angeles Times*, 7/21). ...

... As of this writing, CA's "stalled budget" talks "took a distinctly partisan toll" as many CA Dems "began canceling plans to attend" the Dem Convo. All nine state Sens. scheduled to attend the Boston event have canceled their plans. Many "would-be" convo-goers in the Assembly "were less willing to cancel their plans. And it became a source of some intra-party friction" (**Halper**, *L.A. Times*, 7/23).

DELAWARE: Dems Want Carney As Gov In '08

LG **John Carney** (D) formally announced his bid for re-election on 7/20, but high-ranking DE Dems are "touting him" as the Dem's '08 GOV candidate. Gov. **Ruth Minner** (D) kicked off her candidacy on 7/17, and voiced her support for Carney as her successor in '08 in "several speeches on her statewide tour." Carney is taking it one day at a time, and is currently focusing on his LG race against **James Ursomarso** (R) (**Rogalsky**, *Delaware State News*, 7/20).

FLORIDA: Shady Petition Signatures

VoteSmartFlorida, a business-backed group "working to change the way proposed constitutional amendments get put on the ballot," uncovered "deceptive practices" ways signatures were gathered. They found one group in Tallahassee telling voters they needed to "sign the petition to get the issue on the ballot so they could then vote against it." They also saw "paid signature gatherers encouraged voters to sign petitions multiple times and encouraged people who haven't registered to vote to sign the petitions" (**Lauer**, *Tallahassee Democrat*, 7/22).

MASSACHUSETTS: Romney Campaigning For GOP Challengers

With the first legis. elections since Gov. **Mitt Romney** (R) took office in '02 fast approaching, GOP strategists are "hoping they can turn their setbacks on Beacon Hill into victories" at the polls in '04. The GOP is fielding 106 legislative challengers in '04, and Romney has vowed to "campaign vigorously for them." He is preaching reform, which comes only through ridding the Legislature of the Dems that have dominated for decades (**Greenberg**, *Boston Globe*, 7/19).

MONTANA: Redistricting Heats Up Races

A newly drawn map of MT's legislative districts, and a "mere six-seat lead" in the 100-member state House, will find GOPers "scrambling to maintain control of both chambers" in '04. An analysis by the Nat'l Conference of State Legislatures lists MT in the top 10 of states with the "hottest political battlegrounds." The GOP have held majorities in both the MT Senate and House since '95, but redistricting has led to what will likely be very close races in '04 (**Farrell**, *Helena Independent Record*, 7/22).

NEW MEXICO: A New GOV!

Sec/state **Rebecca Vigil-Giron** will be the acting NM governor when "most of the state's elected" Dems are off to Boston for the Dem Nat'l Convo. She is 4th in line to the office of governor, but with everyone going to Boston, she will be left in charge (**Andersen**, *Albuquerque Tribune*, 7/19).

PENNSYLVANIA: Who Again Is Richard Clarke Stumping For?

Ex-Clinton/Bush counterterrorism chief **Richard Clarke** was in Philly 7/22 to declare his support for the Dem AG nominee **Jim Eisenhower**, who worked for Clarke in the Clinton WH. Eisenhower is running against GOPer **Tom Corbett**. The state GOP pounced on the appearance. From a release: "It's not surprising that a liberal like Richard Clarke, someone who wants to reinvent history, would support Jim Eisenhower" (**Shields**, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 7/23).

WYOMING: Voters To Decide Doctors' Malpractice Cap

Gov. **Dave Freudenthal** (D) on 7/17 a joint resolution offering "voters a say whether to allow limits on certain damage awards in doctors' malpractice cases." The resolution, if approved by voters in the '04 elections, would allow the Legislature to place a cap on non-economic losses such as for pain and suffering as a way to reduce the cost of doctors' insurance. Trial lawyers are mounting what is expected to be an expansive media campaign against the resolution while doctors' groups are "gearing up for their own pricey endeavor in support of the amendment" (**Black**, AP, 7/17).

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CAMPAIGNS OF '05: Keep Hope Alive, Thinking About O-Five

CINCINNATI MAYOR: Mallory Officially Running For Mayor

State Sen. **Mark Mallory** (D) became the first candidate to formally announce his plans to run for mayor. He vowed to campaign "neighborhood to neighborhood." Mallory called for change in pointing to Cincinnati's rapidly rising homicide rate and rapidly declining population. He said he will outline solutions for the city later in a platform he will call "Roadmap for the Future of Cincinnati" (**Korte**, *Cincinnati Enquirer*, 7/21).

L.A. MAYOR: Mr. Hahn, You %^\$^

Mayor **James Hahn** (D) faces a field of candidates whose political and personal lives have "been intertwined for years," leaving one campaign consultant boasting that Hahn knows his opponent "better than he knows himself." Political insiders are left "catching their breath" not only at the "intimate and occasionally bitter relationships" among the candidates, but also that

they are all seeking to be elected to mayor (**Garrison**, *Los Angeles Times*, 7/22).

NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR: This McGreevey Thing Is A Mess

NJ Dems said 7/19 that they would rid themselves of \$13.6K that developer **Charles Kushner** gave to cmtes benefitting Gov. **Jim McGreevey** (D). The action comes after Kushner was charged with "scheming to videotape federal witnesses in a probe against having sex with prostitutes." Kushner was the second fund-raiser for NJ Dems to face federal charges in as many weeks (**Gohlke**, *Bergen Record*, 7/20). ...

... Corzine and the nat'l fund-raising cmte he chairs will give up \$113K in campaign contributions received over the years from Kushner, who allegedly hired prostitutes as part of a scheme to scuttle a federal prosecution. Corzine is the first politician to give up all donations from Kushner, who has given the DSCC \$1.1M since '89 (AP, 7/17). ...

... McGreevey, "buffeted by widening allegations involving two of his big fund-raisers" faces growing "restlessness" among fellow Dems fearful a serious GOP challenger will soon emerge. And if the Dem consensus is that McGreevey needs to be "dumped," **Jon Corzine** will likely step in. Corzine said he will not run against McGreevey in a primary and that the governor has his support, but he would consider running in place of McGreevey (**Dicker**, *New York Post*, 7/17). ...

... As rumors swirl about whether Corzine will replace McGreevey in the '05 race because of a "recent series of political scandals," Corzine issued a statement 7/16 saying that "any speculation including his name as a political candidate" for gov. is wrong. He wants to remain focused on his job as chair of the DSCC (AP, 7/17). ...

... Meanwhile, on the GOP side, insiders say US Atty **Chris Christie** (R) has been "positioning himself for a run against McGreevey," but after the scandals of the last two weeks Christie could have "knocked himself out of the race." Some political observers feel that Christie's corruption fighting has been a personal crusade, while others speculate it is aimed at getting him elected gov. Besides Christie's "anti-corruption crusade, there are no GOP hopefuls with statewide appeal" (**Webster**, *Trentonian*, 7/19). ...

... **Bret Schundler** (R), who lost to McGreevey in '01, wants a "rematch" in '05. Schundler has told the *New York Times* that he plans to run. The Schundler campaign has said they believe they can overcome the 56-42 edge McGreevey held in '01, especially given the recent scandals facing McGreevey and the overall displeasure with his efforts (AP, 7/18).

NYC MAYOR: Oh-oh Mandy

Dem media consultant **Mandy Grunwald** is going to work for City Council speaker **Gifford Miller's** (D) campaign. Grunwald has worked for both **Clintons**, and is now going to help Miller "produce advertisements and help craft his political strategy." Miller will face a crowded field getting out of the Dem primary, and waiting for the Dem nominee will be incumbent **Michael Bloomberg** (R) (**Slackman**, *New York Times*, 7/20). ...

... Bloomberg popularity is up on Staten Island, despite his overall city approval rating being down. According to a new poll, 52% of Staten Island voters approve of Bloomberg's job performance, while his overall approval rating is 48% (**Scholl**, *Staten Island Advance*, 7/21). ...

... Bloomberg "graded himself" on how well he has "adhered to his campaign promise" - and he got a B-plus. Bloomberg said of his 381 campaign proposals, 196 have been "fully implemented" and 130 are "currently being implemented," a total of 86% (AP, 7/20).

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR: If There's A Surplus, Then Why Were Taxes Raised

Even before the record \$1.4B "package of tax increases kicks in," VA will "reap a significant" \$324M surplus "from last year's budget." Despite "cries of cover-up or incompetence voiced yesterday by anti-tax" GOPers, Gov. **Mark Warner** (D) "hastened to emphasize that most of the extra cash will be deposited in the state's rainy-day fund." The state's "surprisingly solid economic rebound accounted for the surplus" according to Warner (**Hardy**, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 7/23). ...

... In other news, LG **Tim Kaine** (D) hired a campaign manager; veteran strategist **Mike Henry**. In '01, Henry headed up the VA Dem coordinated campaign which help elect both Warner and Kaine. Henry's experience also includes serving as campaign manager for three House races and two senate campaigns, including the successful campaigns for Rep. **Martin Frost** (D-TX) and Sen. **Bill Nelson** (D-FL) (release, 7/22). Henry's most recent stop was in IL SEN for **Blair Hull**.

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GOVERNOR GOULASH '06: When Was The Last Time You Had

Goulash?

CONNECTICUT: Give 'Em Rell, Jodi

Gov. **Jodi Rell** (R) has only been governor for three weeks, but the challengers are already "lining up to run" in '06. The '06 race will be one where Dems will try to "seize on the scandal that toppled" Gov. **John Rowland** (R) and GOPers will try to help Rell distance herself from Rowland if she decides to seek a full term. No one has officially filed to run yet, but according to campaign finance reports, some likely candidates have already raised hundreds of thousands of dollars (**Lucas**, *Danbury News-Times*, 7/18).

MARYLAND: Dems Looking To Build Momentum At Convo

Montgomery Co. exec. **Doug Duncan** (D) and Balto. Mayor **Martin O'Malley** (D) will use the Dem Convo to jockey for '06 endorsements. Gov. **Bob Ehrlich** (R) - MD's first GOP gov in 30 years - has had a "tough two years." Duncan and O'Malley announced their interest in the GOV race early in '03, and have been touring MD for support ever since (**DeBose** and **Bellantoni**, *Washington Times*, 7/21). ...

Despite a judge's ruling over a week ago ordering Ehrlich and O'Malley to agree on a new leader for the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, "the two sides show no signs of coming together." O'Malley's aides say they are looking for a replacement for **Floyd Blair**, while Ehrlich says he hopes to keep Blair in place. Ehrlich and O'Malley agree that "a strong leader is needed to turn around a long-troubled department that is responsible for the welfare" of Baltimore's most vulnerable residents, but they are at a standstill over who should be in charge (**Vozzella**, *Baltimore Sun*, 7/22).

SOUTH CAROLINA: Sanford War Chest over \$2M, Still Without Clear Opponent

Gov. **Mark Sanford** (R) has no Dem opponent in sight, more than \$2M in the bank, and 16 months until serious campaigning begins. Sanford raised \$765K in '04's 2ndQ. Dems have little choice but "to bide their time," much as GOPers did when ex-Gov. **Jim Hodges** (D) stockpiled cash (**Hoover**, *Greenville News*, 7/21).

SOUTH DAKOTA - Volesky Is More?

Ex-state legis. **Ron Volesky** (D) said he is "laying the groundwork now" for '06. No other Dems have yet announced that they will seek the Dem nod. Volesky came in 2nd in the '02 Dem primary. Gov. **Mike Rounds** (R) is expected to run for re-election (AP, 7/22).

WISCONSIN - Family Matters

A veteran lawmaker's challenge to Senate Maj. Leader **Mary Panzer** (R) exposed rifts among Capitol GOPers that could help shape who the party picks to run for gov. in '06. Senate Pres. **Alan Lasee** (R) suggested that a few sens. should run for Assembly, disgruntled that state Rep. **Glenn Grothman** (R) tried to oust Panzer. Lasee said the GOP was not exactly "one big happy family" right now (**Walters**, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, 7/17). ...

Despite his re-election bid not coming for over two more years, Gov. **Jim Doyle** (D) is reporting that he has more than \$1.6M in his campaign fund. Doyle spent \$5.9M to beat **McCallum** in '02. WI Dem spokesperson **Seth Boffeli** said the fund-raising success proved WI's residents backed Doyle's agenda during his first 18 months in office (**Ross**, AP, 7/22).
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SENATE SMURFS '06: Just The Smallest Update

TENNESSEE - Corker Poised?

Chattanooga Mayor **Bob Corker** (R) announced 6/04 that he will not seek a second term as mayor, but did not announce his future plans other than that. He has been hounded by questions regarding his possible candidacy for Senate in '06 if Sen. **Bill Frist** (R) does not seek a 3rd term. Rep. **Zach Wamp** (R-03) may also seek the Frist seat (**Gang**, *Chattanooga Times Free Press*, 7/19).
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HOTLINE COMEDY SHOW: We Get Jokes -- Will You?

The *Hotline*, in association with **Air America** and **Suffolk University**, present the *Hotline* Comedy Show at the Democratic National Convention. Join pundits, politicians and the press in the Fun(ny) -- why leave Comedy to just the comics?

When: Tuesday, July 27, 2004

Where: The C Walsh Theatre at Suffolk University (Two Blocks from the Fleet Center)

Time 7:00 pm

We'll be bringing together comedians, politicians and members of the media at both the Dem and GOP convos this year. In Boston, we'll feature performances by honorary comics, including Reps. **Jim McGovern** (D-MA), **Brad Sherman** (D-CA) and **Linda Sanchez** (D-CA), columnist **Arianna Huffington**, *Boston Globe's* **Anne Kornblut**, *USA Today's* **Walter Shapiro**, *Time's* **Matt Cooper**, the *Nation's* **David Corn** and others TBA. Professional performances will be given by **Will Durst**, **Bob Somerby**, **Jim Morris**. Watch this space all week for updated information and performers. Best of all, it's free!

Seats Are Running Out ...

Space for the comedy show is limited, but don't give up, keep sending in your requests -- complete with name, number of tickets requested and affiliation. Stay tuned to your e-mail for details and confirmation. Please e-mail requests to: **[Hotline Comedy](#)**

And Wait, There's More

Political humor fans can find more at an exhibit showcasing the work of the country's preeminent political cartoonists. "Campaigns, Conventions and Cartoons" sponsored by the Moakley Archive and Institute and *Boston Herald*, will be open throughout the convention from 10am to 6pm daily. The exhibit can be seen in the Adams Gallery, on the ground floor of the Suffolk Univ. law school, 120 Tremont. For more, [click here](#). There will also be a reception with the cartoonists on 7/27 from 4:00-6:00pm.

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HOTLINE NEWS: Why Can't This Convo Be In Vegas?

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NBC/WALL STREET JOURNAL: Who Are These 6%

Conducted 7/19-21; surveyed 813 regis. voters; margin of error +/- 3.4% (*Wall Street Journal*, 7/23).

General Election Matchup

Bush-Cheney	47%
Kerry-Edwards	45
Nader-Camejo	2
Undec.	6

Does Edwards Make You More/Less Likely To Vote For Kerry?

More	28%
Less	7

Asked 8/00

Does Lieberman Make You More/Less Likely To Vote For Gore?

More	20%
Less	7

Asked 7/00

Does Cheney Make You More/Less Likely To Vote For Bush?

More	16%
Less	14

What Party Would Do A Better Job Dealing With _____?

	Dem	GOP
Economy	40%	32%
Iraq	31	39

Fav/Unfav	Bush	Kerry	Cheney	Edwards	McCain	Clinton	Reagan	GOP	Dem
Fav	48%	42%	36%	44%	49%	42%	29%	43%	41%
Unfav	43	35	42	20	11	42	18	36	33

Direction Of Nation	Bush As Pres.
Right direction	Approve 48%
Wrong track	Disapprove 46

Bush Deserve To Be Re-Elected?	State Of Econ Over The Past Year
Yes 46%	Better 37%
No 47	Worse 31
	Same 30

Constitutional Amendment Banning Gay Marriage
Favor 50%
Oppose 44

Wall Street Journal's Hunt writes that this poll shows the Bush-Cheney ticket has "a miniscule lead, within the margin of error," over Kerry-Edwards. While the race has been in a dead heat for months, "the poll's internals are more disquieting" for the Pres." Although most voters are already committed, about one voter in five is either undecided or open to switching. "An examination of this critical slice of the electorate is far more encouraging to the challenger at this stage; they have a decidedly downbeat view of both the economy and Iraq.

Pollster **Peter Hart**: "Persuadable voters have reached a negative conclusion on President Bush. ... What they haven't figured out yet is whether John Kerry is an acceptable alternative." Nader could be playing a factor in this, taking some "of these disaffected voters at the expense" of Kerry.

"These 'persuadables' are far gloomier about the country." The economy and Iraq are all sore spots for presudables. A plurality have negative feelings about the President, and by a decisive margin are disapproving of Vice President Cheney. By contrast, these voters feel far more positively about the Democratic vice presidential nominee. ... Almost half of this bloc, likely to determine the election, are neutral or uncertain about the Democratic standard-bearer. [Kerry's] critical task, starting this week, is to convince these people" (7/23).

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L.A. TIMES: Kerry's Lead Minor (Meaning, So Is Dowd's Criticism?)

Conducted 7/17-21; surveyed 1,529 regis. voters; margin of error +/- 3.0% (release, 7/22).

General Election Matchup

2-way	All	Dem	Ind	GOP	Lib	Mod	Con
Kerry/Edwards	48%	86%	42%	5%	78%	55%	18%
Bush/Cheney	46	10	42	92	19	36	75
Other/Undec.	6	4	16	3	3	9	7

3-way	All	Dem	Ind	GOP	Lib	Mod	Con
Kerry/Edwards	46%	84%	39%	5%	77%	53%	16%
Bush/Cheney	44	9	39	91	17	35	75
Nader/Camejo	3	3	5	1	3	3	2
Other/Undec.	7	4	17	3	3	9	7

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	All	Dem	Ind	GOP	Lib	Mod	Con
Right direction	39%	16%	26%	71%	17%	33%	61%
Wrong track	54	78	59	22	77	58	32

(If any Pres. ticket is mentioned)

Are You Certain You'Re Going To Vote For Those Candidates?

	All	Dem	Ind	GOP	Lib	Mod	Con
Certain	82%	83%	72%	85%	83%	75%	86%
Might change	17	15	25	15	15	24	13

How Interested Have You Been In The Campaign?

	All	Dem	Ind	GOP	Lib	Mod	Con
Interested	89%	90%	91%	88%	88%	89%	89%
Uninterested	11	10	9	12	12	11	11

What Issue Or Problem Would You Say Is Most Important For The Next Pres. To Address?

	All	Dem	Ind	GOP	Lib	Mod	Con
Iraq war	37%	41%	37%	32%	40%	40%	32%
Economy	29	31	34	28	32	29	28
Terrorism	21	12	16	34	13	14	33
Health care	14	14	18	13	14	18	12
Education	10	15	4	6	14	7	9

What Is The Most Important Trait You Are Looking For In A Pres.?

	All	Dem	Ind	GOP	Lib	Mod	Con
Honesty/integrity	49%	48%	52%	49%	45%	50%	52%
Strong leader	9	5	11	14	6	10	12
Intelligence	4	6	4	2	7	4	2
Religious/moral values	4	1	3	10	3	2	7
Vision/clear beliefs	3	2	3	4	4	2	2

Do You Think Kerry Made A Good Choice Choosing Edwards?

	All	Dem	Ind	GOP	Lib	Mod	Con
Excellent/good	59%	75%	54%	44%	74%	64%	43%
Fair/poor	26	17	29	37	17	22	37

Is Edwards Qualified To Become Pres.?

	All	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	50%	71%	48%	27%	63%	60%	30%
No	31	13	24	56	20	19	51

Does Edwards Make You More/Less Likely To Vote For Kerry?

	All	Dem	Ind	GOP	Lib	Mod	Con
Likely	15%	22%	15%	7%	19%	20%	8%
Less likely	7	3	9	10	4	5	9

Do You Think Cheney Should Remain On The GOP Ticket?

	All	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con
Remain on ticket	58%	47%	51%	72%	45%	56%	71%
Anyone else	20	25	20	15	28	22	12
McCain	3	4	3	2	4	3	3
Powell	2	2	2	3	2	2	2

Is Cheney Qualified To Become Pres.?

	All	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	59%	41%	54%	82%	43%	56%	75%
No	35	53	37	14	51	39	19

Fav/Unfav						Bush As Pres.	
	Bush	Cheney	Edwards	Kerry	Nader	Approve	51%
Fav	52%	46%	56%	58%	26%	Disapprove	48
Unfav	47	43	22	36	44		

Bush Handling _____?				Has Bush United The Country?	
	Iraq	Terror	Econ	United	26%
Approve	44%	54%	45%	Divided	58
Disapprove	54	43	52		

Is The Country Better Off Because Of Bush's Policies?

		All Dem	Ind Rep	Lib Mod	Con
Continue policies of Bush	38%	7%	34%	80%	11%
Needs a new direction	59	92	62	17	88
				28%	69%
				70	27

Does The Following Apply More To Bush/Kerry?

		Bush	Kerry
He cares about people like me		34%	44%
He will be a strong leader		44	42
He has honesty/integrity to serve as pres.		42	42
He flip flops on issues		31	43
He would be best at keeping country safe		49	31
He has better ideas for nation's economy		35	48
He will build respect for U.S. around world		38	44
He shares my moral values		44	38
He does not admit to mistakes		55	20
He is more likely to develop plan for Iraq		46	37

How Confident Are You That Kerry Would Be A Good Commander And Chief?

Confident	57%
Not confident	39

Do You Or Do You Not Know Enough About Kerry And His Policies To Be Able To Decide Whether He Would Be A Better Pres. Than Bush?

		All Dem	Ind Rep	Lib Mod	Con
Yes, know enough	59%	64%	45%	60%	62%
No, do not know enough	34	28	48	35	33
				38	32

State Of Economy		Was Iraq Worth It?	
Good	55%	Yes	44%
Bad	44	No	51

The *Los Angeles Times* **Brownstein** : "The discontent evident in the poll suggests **Kerry** is likely to receive the traditional 'bounce' from the convention if he can use the opportunity to impress [undecided] voters ... Among the 59% who say they know enough about Kerry to evaluate him, the Massachusetts senator leads **Bush** by 10 percentage points; among the 34% who say they don't know Kerry well, Bush leads by 12 percentage points" (7/23).
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CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP: Kerry Needs To Prove He Can Lead To Break Tie

Conducted 7/19-21; surveyed 1,005 adults; margin of error +/- 3.0% (release, 7/22). RV

Subsample: 878 regis voters; margin of error is +/- 4.0%. LV subsamples: 709 likely voters; margin of error +/- 4.0%.

General Election Matchup

	LV	RV	All		LV	RV	All
Kerry-Edwards	49%	49%	48%	Kerry-Edwards	47%	47%	47%
Bush-Cheney	47	45	46	Bush-Cheney	46	43	43
Other/Undec.	4	6	6	Nader-Camejo	4	5	5
				Other/Undec.	3	5	5

How Much Thought Have You Given To Pres. Election?

A lot	66%
Some	3
A little	28
None	2

Bush As Pres.

Approve	49%
Disapprove	47

Does Bush Deserve To Be Re-Elected?

	RV	LV	All
Yes	48%	46%	45%
No	50	51	51

Fav/Unfav

	Bush	Kerry	Cheney	Edwards	Dem	GOP	Bill Clinton	Hillary Clinton
Fav	52%	55%	47%	52%	48%	50%	54%	56%
Unfav	46	37	43	26	41	43	43	38

Does Bush/Kerry Have The Leadership Qualities Of A Pres.?

	Bush	Kerry
Yes	55%	53%
No	44	41

Do You Agree With Bush/Kerry On The Issues That Matter?

	Bush	Kerry
Yes	47%	49%
No	50	42

Who Would Do A Better Job Handling ____?

	Bush	Kerry
Economy	43%	51%
Iraq	49	44
Terrorism	56	38
Health Care	37	54
Education	43	50
Taxes	46	48

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FOX NEWS: Does A Certain Pollster Not Want To Find Out Where Undec.s Are Leaning?

Conducted 7/20-21 by Opinion Dynamics; surveyed 900 regis. voters; margin of error +/- 4.0% (release, 7/22).

General Election Matchups

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind	Bgd	LV		All	Dem	GOP	Ind	Bgd	LV	Fav/Unfav
Bush	43%	8%	87%	38%	42%	43%	Bush	44%	10%	88%	39%	44%	44%	50%/42%
Kerry	42	80	3	39	41	44	Kerry	44	82	4	41	42	45	44 /39

Nader	4	3	3	4	5	3	Undec.12	8	8	20	14	11
Undec.	11	9	7	17	11	9						

Fav/Unfav

	Cheney	Edwards	H.Clinton
Fav	43%	44%	44%
Unfav	41	29	44

Bush As Pres.

Approve	47%
Disapprove	45

Do You Support Bush/Kerry Strongly Or Smwht?

	Bush	Kerry
Strongly	76%	60%
Somewhat	23	37

In Conversations, What Comes Up Most Often These Days?

	Now	May	Mar	Jan
Iraq/Saddam	21%	27%	9%	13%
Econ/Jobs	15	18	28	27
Politics	12	7	10	12
Terrorism	9	11	3	7
Family issues	6	6	7	7
Gas prices	6	6	-	-
Hlth Care	4	4	4	5

Does The Following Apply To Bush/Kerry?

	Bush	Kerry
More likeable person	43%	38%
Make U.S. stronger country	44	38
Is stronger leader	50	31
Is more knowledgeable on issues	48	32
Say and do anything to get elected	33	38
Is a better communicator	37	42
More likely to change positions on issues	19	56
Will fight hard for what he believes	49	30

Who Will Do A Better Job Handling _____?

	Bush	Kerry
Economy	39%	45%
Terrorism	50	35
Moral Climate	46	34

State Of Finances

Better than 4 yrs. ago	41%
Worse than 4 yrs. ago	32

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HOTLINE HOTTIES (and the notties): The Week In Review

Hotline's list of what's hot and what's not in DC:

HOT	not
"Peace"/"Peaceful"	"Evildoers"
Sandy Burglar	The Hamburglar
Russell Train	Lee Iacocca
MO early voting	MO marriage amendment
P.olitico Diddy	P.erforming Diddy
"Manchurian Candidate"	"Fahrenheit 9/11"
Manchurian Global	Halliburton/Carlyle Group
DC-Boston shuttle	DC-NYC shuttle
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STAFFER SPOTLIGHT: Nickles And Dimes

As part of the *Hotline's* ongoing look at various political players across the country, we're now turning our attention to Senate campaign managers. Today's profile: OK SEN Bob Anthony (R) manager **Bill Shapard**.

What's your first political memory?

Going to an OU football game with my dad around the age of 13 when Don Nickles was first running for the U.S. Senate in 1980 and his campaign was handing out wooden nickles that said: "Don't send dollars to Washington, send Nickles." It was the first time as a kid I suddenly noticed campaigning and politics. I was hooked.

Who's your political hero?

For me, a political hero is not someone, but something. A political hero must be willing to do the right thing, even at great personal consequence. A political hero must view the truth as sacred, public service as just that "being a public servant," and willing to stand up to any powerful political force.

Who's your favorite Dem?

My grandfather. With all of time I have spent talking politics with him, I've never been able to convert him. Having lived through the Great Depression, his views are firmly planted in the past, but I love him all the same. There is also a lesson for Republicans to learn here: building long term party loyalty and remaining true to the principles that created that loyalty should be the goal, because it will remain exactly that: long term.

If you could work on any campaign (past or present), which one would it be and why?

For me, it's got to be working on a great upset campaign and the only one that comes to mind right now is Truman over Dewey. Running a winning campaign that everyone knew was going to win can't be considered worthwhile.

What was your first job?

Every first job in politics ought to be as a volunteer. I worked putting out signs for Tim Leonard who was running for Lt. Governor of Oklahoma while I was in high school. Long hot summer, little sleep, driving all over the state. What was I thinking?

What's the best thing about your job?/What's the worst thing about your job?

The best things are also the worst things and I won't have it any other way. For most campaigns, we're building a staff, a statewide network, and the financial resources to support - and doing it all in a short period of time. I think you can find the best and worst in all of it.

What's your most embarrassing on-the-campaign trail moment? (Or as embarrassing as you'd like to reveal?)

I really haven't tried to remember them over the years although there has to be at least one.

If you could have any other job besides the one you have now, what would it be?

Campaign is something that gets in your blood and it's hard to really think what other job I'd want. It's a rollercoaster and you're along for the ride. There are days I wish I had never wanted to do this in the first place and others that you wouldn't want to miss for the world.

What's currently in your CD player?

The soundtrack to the movie "American Beauty." It's plotting, thinking and strategy music all rolled into one.

If you could only watch one news show, what would it be?

Bill O'Reilly -- typical I'm sure.

What was the last book you read and use one word to describe it?

McCullough's "John Adams." Amazing.

What's your favorite magazine to read that's not work related?

Travel and Leisure. All of us campaign folk need something to do in the odd years.

What's one thing about you that your colleagues would be surprised to know?

I really do believe that there is a "Mr. Smith goes to Washington" out there somewhere.

What's the first thing you're going to do when the election's over?

Take my wife and kids to Disney World -- no joke.

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BUSH: Waste Not, Unwanted Not

"Rush & Molloy" reports that not everyone "wants **Jenna Bush** to teach in Harlem." Artists and Activists United for Peace "plans to express its displeasure" with Bush at a rally 9/2, during the GOP convo. Group organizer **John Penley**: "We don't think she is of a high enough moral character to teach school, considering her past adventures. ... Her taking this job is keeping a black person from getting the job. We think she and her sister should enlist in the military" (*New York Daily News*, 7/23).

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KERRY: Powder Scare At Camp HQs

A white powder "found in a package opened" at **John Kerry's** campaign HQs 7/22 "was harmless and could have been **garlic powder**, authorities said of an apparent hoax that forced police to seal off the building." DCFD spokesperson **Alan Etter**: "It appears to be some kind of garlic powder, commonly used for seasoning foods." The package, "containing two letter-sized envelopes, was turned over to the FBI for further investigation."

The white powder "was in a letter containing a contribution" to Kerry's camp, FBI DC field office spokesperson **Debra Weierman** said. There "was no threatening message in that letter, she added." More lab tests "will be done on the substance to ensure that the field tests were accurate, Weierman said."

Kerry spokesperson **Debra DeShong**: "We are thankful that this was a hoax, but we hope the FBI fully investigates, catches and prosecutes the person who mailed the letters" (**Hananel**, AP, 7/23).
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CLINTON: Lost In Translation

Ex-Pres. **Clinton** "may be a famously promiscuous consumer of political ideas, but until the publication of his autobiography in China this week little was known about his apparent interest in the musings of Mao Zedong." In the Mandarin version of "My Life," Clinton "extols the wisdom of the Chairman, repeatedly quotes his most famous sayings and enthusiastically recounts a childhood conversation with an unnamed uncle about the mysteries of the Maoist Middle Kingdom." Clinton "also recalls telling his wife to 'shut up' and says that his affair with **Monica Lewinsky** 'did not affect' their marriage." Clinton, on Lewinsky: "She was very fat. I can never trust my own judgment."

Clinton, "it appears, is the latest victim of Chinese publishing pirates, who counterfeit entire books and rewrite the contents." Acting on employer orders, translators "regularly add invented content to make foreign books more appealing."

The paperback issued in Clinton's name "and with his photo on the cover includes sizeable amounts of 'new' material, while managing to be half the length of the original." Readers "may be surprised" by Clinton's "knowledge of China, from the very first sentence": "The town of Hope, where I was born, has very good feng shui." Clinton "quotes Chairman Mao throughout": "I very much appreciated the famous sentence of Mao Zedong, 'You want to know the taste of the **pear**, then you have to eat it yourself.'"

The book "purports to be published by the Yili Publishing House." But said a spokesperson: "The real version will be published in September."

One other tidbit from the book: Clinton, on meeting **Hillary** as a student: "She was as beautiful as a princess. I told her my name is Big Watermelon" (**August**, *London Times*, 7/21).
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KERREY: When In Washington ...

As "an experienced protester from the right, **Raoul Deming** has caused" many pols "to become red-faced with frustration and rage." But 7/22, he and protest partner **Kristinn Taylor** "outdid their own reputation when they confronted" 9/11 Commis. member **Bob Kerrey** in DC, causing him "to launch into a retort of angry expletives."

Kerrey, "who at the time was walking into the Mellon Auditorium" to help unveil the commis.'s final report, "apparently got upset after the two protesters yelled" that Dems "could not be trusted with America's national security." Kerrey "demanded of the pair": "What's your names?" Taylor "complied and shook" his hand. "But Deming refused, saying only that he was a citizen." Kerrey "snapped, irked at the pair's taunts and at their signs" which read: "Democrats cannot be trusted with national security": "So am I, a-----."

Questioned "about the nasty language, Kerrey repeated the expletive, this time with an admonition that he could use any language he wanted because he is no longer" a sen.

Minutes earlier, "as Kerrey tried to enter the auditorium to join" commis. colleagues, Deming and Taylor "stood on the sidewalk, yelling out questions." Deming yelled: "Do you think (former National Security advisor under the Clinton administration) **Sandy Berger** should go to jail for stealing secret classified documents?" Kerrey "looked over and saw the pair's protest sign" which read "If Osama was a piece of ass, **Clinton** would have nailed him," Deming said. As Kerrey approached the two, Deming yelled too: "Hey Bob, are you gonna stay for the entire meeting today, or do you have a fund-raiser scheduled to attend?"

Taylor "added to the protest atmosphere by wearing a business suit which had 'secret documents' sticking out of the pockets, socks and trousers."

Deming "said he and Taylor were protesting as members of FreeRepublic" (**Sommers, Trentonian, 7/23**).

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KONDRACKE: "She Will Be Missed By All Of Us"

Milly Kondracke, 64, "a psychotherapist whose struggle with Parkinson's disease was chronicled in a book" by husband **Mort Kondracke**, died 7/22 at her DC home "of complications due to her illness." Kondracke, "who counseled clients in private practice" during the '80s and '90s "and later turned to political activism to wrest medical research money from Congress, was the subject" of the book "Saving Milly: Love, Politics and Parkinson's Disease."

Parkinson's Action Network dir. **Joan Samuelson** said Kondracke "had flashing brown eyes and the ability to project the personal toll exacted by the disease." He said she was "enormously consequential" as a lobbyist "for increased funding for research into Parkinson's disease" through the NIH and for fed support for stem cell research (**Sullivan, Washington Post, 7/23**).

FNC's **Angle**: "Our thoughts and prayers are with our dear friend and colleague Mort Kondracke tonight. His wife, Millicent 'Milly' Kondracke passed away earlier today at the age of 64, after a 17-year battle with Parkinson's disease. The two had been married for 36 years."

Angle: "Before meeting Millie in Chicago, Mort wanted to marry an Ivy League heiress who could further his career. But he couldn't help falling in love with Millie, and even Parkinson's disease couldn't diminish their devotion. In their long struggle with the disease together, they transformed each other's lives and became vocal proponents of increased funding for Parkinson's research."

FNC's **Barnes**: "She might have been a little dubious of me, but she was a lovely person. And she will be missed by all of us."

Washington Post's **Birnbaum**: "Mort's devotion to her day and night, year in, year out says volumes about Millie. And just as much about Mort who you can't always see it on TV, but Mort is a terrific guy."

NPR's **Liasson**: "Just to see the way Mort was with her. And the book, which is an incredible testament to her, 'Saving Milly' is really wonderful. And you know, Mort makes fun of the Saint Mort in the book, but he is" ("Special Report," FNC, 7/22).

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KISSINGER: Tell Us How You Really Feel

Henry Kissinger regarded ex-Pres. **Nixon** "as a good man." His advisers, however, "were a bunch" of "self-seeking bastards," according to British documents declassified 7/22. Kissinger "also said Nixon's men didn't measure up" to ex-Pres. **Kennedy's**, according to a '70 letter from British Amb. **John Freeman** to his superiors, released by Britain's Nat'l Archive. Kissinger "said he 'used to find the Kennedy group unattractively narcissistic, but they were idealists. These people are real heels'" (New York *Daily News*, 7/23).
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RONSTADT: Of Aladdin Things

If "prospective new owners of the Aladdin have their way," **Linda Ronstadt** "will soon be back at the Strip resort" with **Michael Moore** "in tow." On 7/21, Planet Hollywood chair/chief exec. **Robert Earl**, "a partner in the group that won the right to buy the Aladdin in bankruptcy court, said that, if his group takes over the Aladdin, 'we would like to offer the use of the Theatre of Performing Arts to Linda Ronstadt for a second concert and further to take Michael Moore up on his offer to join her on stage to introduce her and sing a song.'"

Earl's Planet Hollywood group is awaiting NV Gaming Commis. approval for the purchase, "which Earl said could come" as early as 9/1. The sale "would give the Aladdin a very different management philosophy regarding performances at the resort, he said." Earl: "We respect artists' creativity and support their rights to express themselves. ... We were very sorry to hear about the unfortunate circumstances of this past Saturday night and want to make it clear that Planet Hollywood has never, in our 13-year history, restricted any artist's right to free speech and we will continue with that policy once we take ownership" (**Kulin**, *Las Vegas Sun*, 7/22).

Meanwhile, *Las Vegas Review-Journal's* **Smith** writes: "If the Aladdin is a little sensitive, it's understandable. Not only is it a dismal failure and an architectural mess, but it's the only Strip resort offering an Arabian theme in the post-9-11 world" (7/23).

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HOTLINE AT THE MOVIES: The Enemy Is No Longer Communists By Global Corporations?

Earlier this week, *The Hotline* attended a special screening of "The Manchurian Candidate." MC is a remake of the legendary '62 political thriller starring **Frank Sinatra** and **Angela Lansbury**. The new version stars **Denzel Washington** partially in Sinatra's role, though there is a twist to this one. As a troubled Army Major, Washington's character is caught in a conspiracy surrounding Gulf War veteran Raymond Shaw, who is now a 2nd term NY Rep. and potential VP candidate. Purists will recall that Raymond Shaw's character in the

original movie was not of an elected official but of the stepson of the person he was eventually supposed to help make president. **Meryl Streep** co-stars as Shaw's mother, an ambitious Sen from VA who orchestrates her son's ascension to the VP slot during their party's convo, and may have something to do with the growing questions surrounding Shaw's legitimacy as a war hero.

In the original film, Chinese conspirators brainwash Shaw and use him in an assassination attempt on the nominee for president. In the '04 version, the culprit becomes a Halliburton/Carlyle Group hybrid named Manchurian Global.

The major buzz surrounding this film regards whether Streep's Senator Shaw is based on Sen. **Hillary Clinton** (D-NY). Both are female Sens who rose to prominence on the careers of their husbands. Ultimately, the HRC comparison is a rorschach test for viewers (and a hairdo test). Those on the left can see Streep's character as a war happy conservative who bases her decisions on shady corporate ties. Conservative theorists will see the cold and calculating senator, placing ambition before principles.

But expect a second round of buzz from the left on the Halliburton/Carlyle Group imagery. In fact, the CEO of "Manchurian Global" looks a lot like Halliburton CEO **David Lesar**.

Aside from the notion of a 2nd term congressman being appointed to replace **Jon Voight's** old guard, liberal statesman during the convo, the film keeps its political cards close. No character is ever ID'd as belonging to either party - though with Streep's determination that her party not give up on the South and only appealing to "minorities and college students," it's not hard to guess. Even **Al Franken**, who appears in a brief cameo, plays it straight as a cable newsman without falling into jokes about GOPers or **Bill O'Reilly**. In fact, the only real news personality who appears is **Forest Sawyer**, showing up to read election night returns. Also, we believe, there's a cameo by Rep. **John Dingell** (D-MI); if it wasn't Dingell giving a convo speech it was someone who could be his double.

The only blatant mistake the movie appears to make is claiming that senators can be "impeached."

Some viewers might be taken off guard by a few graphic depictions of violence in the film. For instance, when Washington's character "bites off more than he can chew" in a particular scene. Keep in mind this version is directed by **Jonathan Demme**, who brought us Hannibal Lecter in the "Silence of the Lambs." Also of note is that one of the producers of the movie is **Tina Sinatra**. All in all, MC is the rare, politically charged thriller that those from both sides of the aisle can enjoy. The film premieres nationwide next Friday (*Hotline* reporting).

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WHEN ANIMALS ATTACK: Gives New Meaning To "Grin And Bear It"

AK SEN candidate **Tony Knowles** (D) summer canvasser **Max Hensley**, 19, "was charged by a bear" in Eagle River, AK, 7/21. Hensley "was going door to door talking about the Senate race when he was bluff charged" by the black bear. He "did the right thing; backed up slowly and never took his eyes off the bear." Hensley "informed a resident out walking her dog that there was a bear in the area and then went on to knock on doors in the next neighborhood" (*Hotline* sources, 7/22).

CNN's "Morning Grind" reports that Knowles campaign manager **Jim Messina** said in an e-mail: "Our Alaska-born canvasser had worked in a national park last summer, so he did what he should of: Clapped, made himself seem bigger, and began backing up. One of the two

bears rushed him. The canvasser did not panic and began clapping harder and yelling. The bear stopped a few feet away and then ran away" (7/22).

Isn't That Just Danderson?

Berlin, NH, Mayor **Bob Danderson** "said he was lucky to survive a collision with a moose" 7/21. Danderson: "All I saw was a giant moose crossing out in front of me dashing out, and all I could think was, 'I'm done.'" Danderson "was driving in Jefferson," where "he had picked up his Miata convertible that had just gotten a new top." Danderson: "The next thing I see is a moose. ... The next thought was, 'Oh God. I bought the farm.' I feared for my life."

He also "said he knew if he hit it straight on, his Miata would have been no match for an 800-pound moose." Danderson: "I swerved hard to the left, trying to avoid him, and it looks like I hit him in the front legs and spun him around, and he ended up on my windshield." He "said he's amazed he survived, and as far as he knows, the moose did, too."

Meanwhile, this "wasn't the first time Danderson has had such an encounter." He hit a moose six years ago "while driving a pickup truck" (TheWMURChannel.com, 7/22).

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TRUDEAU: Comments On "Doonesbury" Drop

"Doonesbury" author **Garry Trudeau** said an "unfair process" led "to a vote to drop his 'Doonesbury' comic from a consortium of 38 newspapers." The mostly SE papers "carry a Sunday comics section produced by Continental Features," whose pres. "polled Continental clients to see if they wanted 'Doonesbury' pulled. Of the 36 that had a preference, 21 voted yes and 15 no." Trudeau, in an e-mail: "The popularity of individual comic strips naturally waxes and wanes, and newspaper lineups will naturally reflect the evolving preferences of editors and readers." More Trudeau: "Moreover, a consortium of papers will reflect those tastes imperfectly, a price the individual papers pay for joining it. However, in this case, 'Doonesbury' was singled out for internal polling because of the views of a single individual; other competing strips were not put to the same test. In this way, one opinion drove a process that eliminated the strip from 38 newspapers across the entire region, including 15 papers that wanted to keep it."

Universal Press Syndicate comm. dir. **Kathie Kerr**, in a statement: "It is regrettable that the decision was made right now when Garry Trudeau and 'Doonesbury' seem to be riding a new wave of popularity, what with the August cover story in *Rolling Stone* magazine and his selection as a 2004 Pulitzer Prize finalist. ... But we do respect the right of a newspaper's management to make decisions of this nature."

It's "not yet known when 'Doonesbury' will actually be removed from Continental's package" (**Astor**, *Editor & Publisher*, 7/22).

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LANE: Perhaps We Should Play Frogger Instead

Washington Post's **Marks** writes that the **Bush** admin "takes another slam from the stages" of NYC with "The Frogs," a "newly expanded version of a musical trifle composed 30 years ago by **Stephen Sondheim** that opened" 7/22 at the Vivian Beaumont Theater. He writes that on the whole, "this is a self-adoring gasbag of a musical, with a book by **Nathan Lane** that all but gags on its own gags."

"The Frogs" doesn't "exactly engender sympathy for Bush, but you do find yourself wishing that the adapter -- who is also the evening's star -- had not felt it necessary to dump the party line so blatantly in our laps." Writes Marks: "It's interesting to note that the score by Sondheim, filled with clever ditties, breezily avoids Lane's smug brand of political righteousness. Over and over again Lane tells us in 'The Frogs' ('The time is the present, the place is ancient Greece') that the political leaders of Athens are militaristic dolts who bankrupt their civilization in an endless war they can't escape."

Marks continues: "How long before this gets old? Not very. When an amphibious species is identified as the 'Bully Bush Frog,' it must also be characterized as a creature that 'makes preemptive strikes and forgets why it attacked in the first place.'"

More Marks: "With the show scheduled to run at Lincoln Center while the Republicans are convening next month at Madison Square Garden, the actor may have looked on his task as a civic calling. Sitting through it feels at times like compulsory duty" (7/23).

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BOOK REVIEW: Hot Pockets

Authors **Micah Sifry** and **Nancy Watzman's** new book, "Is That A Politician In Your Pocket?: Washington On \$2 Million A Day" (John Wiley & Sons, Inc., \$12.95), blends "satirical bite with mountains of eye-opening research." The book's "rollicking call to arms breaks the issue into manageable, kitchen-table topics and makes it accessible with graphs, tables, sidebars, quizzes, and fascinating factoids," according to the book back cover. *Hotline* relied on our time-honored practice of using the "excerpt lottery," in which page numbers are chosen based upon various states' winning lottery numbers. In this case, lottery numbers from 7/18. The results:

- "So say you want to run for Congress" -- p. 6 (NJ's winning "Pick 3 Middy" numbers).
- "When Democratic candidate **Howard Dean** was riding high, raising a record amount of over \$47 million, the experts were astounded by the fact that 60 percent of his money came from donors giving \$200 or less" -- p. 14 (IL's winning "Evening Pick 3" numbers).
- "The election of President **George W. Bush** hasn't stopped advocates from pushing for another increase in the wage floor" -- p. 39 (MN's winning "Daily 3" numbers).
- "What they wanted: Money for 'Clean Coal' government programs and tax incentives criticized by environmental groups as taxpayer giveaways" -- p. 107 (WI's winning "Pick 3" numbers).
- "Indeed, you might say that legislation to raise fuel economy standards is stuck in a Congressional traffic jam" -- p. 123 (DE's winning "Play 3 Night" numbers).

- "When OSHA began drafting regulations in 1995, Congress started passing amendments to funding bills prohibiting the agency from working on them" -- p. 144 (SC's winning "Pick 3 Evening" numbers).
- And, in accordance with tradition, the last line of the book: "If someone is going to own the politicians, it might as well be us" -- p. 215.

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BABY TRACK: Oh Henry!

Mike Henry, who ran ex-IL SEN candidate **Blair Hull's** (D) campaign and now works with the AFL-CIO, and wife **Danielle** welcomed a baby girl 6/18. **Caroline Henry** weighed in at 7lbs 8 ounces. The Henry family is resting at home (e-mail, 7/22).

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MEDIA MONITOR

This Morning

"Today" led with the 9/11 Commiss. report and hosted NSA Condoleeza Rice and Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE). "Early Show" led with the report and hosted Rice. "GMA" led with the report and hosted Rice. "Washington Journal" hosted 9/11 Commiss. exec. dir. Philip Zelikow.

This Weekend

Sunday -- **Meet the Press** hosts 9/11 Commiss. Tom Kean and Lee Hamilton and IL SEN candidate Barack Obama (D). **Face the Nation** hosts Govs. Bill Richardson (D-NM) and Jennifer Granholm (D-MI) and Obama. **This Week** hosts 9/11 Commis. Bob Kerrey and John Lehman and Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA). **Fox News Sunday** hosts Richardson and Gov. Ed Rendall (D-PA). **Late Edition** hosts Kean, Hamilton, Sens. Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Carl Levin (D-MI), RNC Chair Ed Gillespie, Chris Heinz, and Obama.

Other Weekend Shows -- **Inside Politics Sunday** hosts Bush-Cheney manager Ken Mehlman.

Convo Coverage -- Prepare To Start Your Tivos

Here's the comprehensive TV line up for the Democratic convo. All times are ET:

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
ABC	10-11pm	---	10-11pm	10-11pm
CBS	10-11pm	---	10-11pm	10-11pm
CNBC	7-8pm	7-8pm	7-8pm	7-8pm
CNN	3pm-1am	3pm-1am	3pm-1am	3pm-1am
C-SPAN	3-11pm	3-11pm	3-11pm	3-11pm
FNC	3-11pm	3-11pm	3-11pm	3-11pm
MSNBC	6pm-2am	6pm-2am	6pm-2am	6pm-2am
NBC	10-11pm	---	10-11pm	10-11pm
PBS	8-11pm	8-11pm	8-11pm	8-11pm

Here are detailed schedules for the cable networks:

CNN:

- "IP" (3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
- "Crossfire" (4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.)
- "Wolf Blitzer Reports" (5 - 6 p.m.)
- "AC 360" (7 - 8 p.m.)
- "America Votes 2004" (8 - 11 p.m.)
- "NewsNight" (11 p.m. - midnight)
- "LKL" (midnight - 1 a.m.)

FNC:

- "Studio B" (3 - 4 p.m.)
- "Your World" (4 - 5 p.m.)
- "Special Report" (6 - 7 p.m.)
- "Fox Report" (7 - 8 p.m.)
- "O'Reilly Factor" (8 - 9 p.m.)
- "Hannity & Colmes" (9 - 10 p.m.)
- "On the Record" (10 - 11 p.m.)

MSNBC:

- "Brokaw in Boston" (4 - 4:30 p.m.)
- "Hardball" (6 - 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. - midnight)
- "Convention After Hours" (Midnight - 2 a.m.)

Weekend Shows that will be anchored from Boston:

- **CBS:** "Face the Nation" (check local listings)
- **CNN:** "Capital Gang" (Saturday 7 p.m.); "IP Sunday" (Sunday 10 a.m.); "Reliable Sources" (Sunday 11:30 a.m.); "Late Edition" (Sunday noon); "John Kerry: Born To Run" (Sunday 8 p.m.); and "America Votes 2004 Special" (Sunday 10 p.m.)
- **FNC:** "On the Record" (Friday before 10 p.m.); "Weekend Live" (Saturday noon); "Beltway Boys" (Saturday 6 p.m.) "Fox News Sunday" (FOX, check local listings);

"Weekend Live" (Sunday noon); and "You Decide 2004" (Sunday 9 p.m.)

- **NBC:** "Meet the Press" (check local listings)
- **MSNBC:** "Hardball" (Friday before 7 p.m.); "Hardball" (Sunday 7 p.m.); "Picking A President" (Sunday, 8 p.m.); "John Kerry: Bringing the War Home" (Sunday, 9 p.m.); and "Battleground America" (Sunday, 10 p.m.)

C-SPAN announced it will air gavel-to-gavel coverage for each day of the convention, beginning at 3 p.m. and concluding around 11 p.m. "Washington Journal" will be anchored from the site. And C-SPAN has agreements with the BBC Parliament channel, Canada's CPAC network, and France's Public Senat channel to offer coverage of both convos. The network will also be airing local Boston and New England newscasts (release, 7/20).

The "**Daily Show**" will be airing from Boston for the Dem convo. For the GOP convo, it will airing from its NYC studio. The show usually airs Monday-Thursday but for the two convention weeks, it will air Tuesday-Friday (*Hotline* phone call, 7/19). Comedy Central noted in a release: "[With] the networks' less-is-more trend of scaling back their coverage, 'The Daily Show' figures they will have exclusive coverage of the conventions by the year 2012 at the latest" (Zap2it.com, 7/22).

MTV tells the *Hotline* it has no set schedule but will feature ongoing team coverage -- mostly during news breaks (e-mail, 7/19).

ESPN 2 will have correspondents on hand from their morning show "Cold Pizza" to give reports (*Hotline* phone call, 7/21).

TV Soundbite

"People should not get the impression that nothing has happened since 9/11. This is a safer country though not yet safe." -- *NSA Condoleezza Rice, "Today," NBC, 7/23.*

The Kid In Andy

Andy Hiller joined WHDH (Boston) in 1993 but has covered almost every major campaign in MA since 1977. And he took some time from convention madness in order to be our Friday Feature:

Where's your hometown? What was it like growing up there?

Boston, because I'm still growing up.

What was your first job?

Reporter/Davenport (IA) *Times-Democrat*. My fondest memory is a columnist advising me to drop the "Democrat" if someone asked me where I worked, and just say, "The *Times*."

Out of everything you've covered, what's been your favorite story?

The winnowing of the New Hampshire Primary.

What's the best thing about your job?/What's the worst thing about your job?

Best: Having the opportunity to give opinions.

Worst: Perspiring under make-up.

What's your most embarrassing on-the-job moment? (Or as embarrassing as you'd like to reveal?)

Being "on" when you don't know it is never productive.

If you could interview any deceased person, who would it be and why?

The Founding Fathers -- to get their "take" on how the Constitution has been interpreted.

If you could have any other job besides the one you have now, what would it be?

Lottery Winner.

What's your favorite tourist spot in D.C.?

The shuttle terminal at Reagan National Airport when I'm flying home.

What was the last book you read and use one word to describe it?

"Guns, Germs, and Steel" by Jared Diamond. Humbling.

Who would play you in the movie version of your life?

Brad Pitt or Will Ferrell.

What would be your last meal -- ever?

Macaroni and cheese and warm apple pie. I'd like to be comfortable for whatever follows the last meal.

What's your theme song?

"The Long and Winding Road" -- The Beatles.

If you could only watch one news show, besides one on your own network, what would it be?

ABC "World News Tonight" -- smart, serious and, at its best, fearless.

And finally, we're ending this feature with a question posed by the last interviewee.

This is from CBS' Byron Pitts: You're playing golf at Augusta. It's you, Hootie Johnson and Bernie Mac -- who would be your fourth?

Howard Cosell, to do the play-by-play.

Now you can pose your own question -- any question -- to the next interviewee. Be as nice, or as mean, as you wish.

Have you stopped disappointing your parents yet?

Terror Threat Issued To Media

The FBI began warning U.S. news outlets of a "credible" terror threat targeting media vehicles during the Dem convo. The FBI "stressed" that the threat comes from a domestic group, not al Qaeda or one of its affiliates. The FBI's joint terrorism task force in Boston is expected to release a "formal threat advisory" before next week (**McClintock**, *Variety*, 7/23).

ABC To Go 24 Hour?

ABC News Pres. **David Westin** said that the networks' experiment with digital TV during over the next three months "could set the stage for a permanent 24-hour digital news channel." Westin, in a conference call with reporters: "We wouldn't be doing this if we didn't think that there was something here down the road" (**Gough**, *Hollywood Reporter*, 7/23). Meanwhile, "ABC News Now" begins running at noon on digital cable, beginning 7/26. Westin said it would differ from the cable networks' coverage because "it will be offered on multiple platforms and will have some local programming" (**Bauder**, *AP/Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, 7/23).

Eisner Says ABC Radio Not Biased

Variety's **McClintock** reports in a "relaxed" interview, Disney head **Michael Eisner** "disputed" that conservative radio hosts on ABC-owned radio outlets have the same influence

as "Fahrenheit 9/11," which Disney refused to distribute. Eisner, on the prevalence of right-wing radio hosts on his network: "That's true. We also have the other side of the aisle pretty well represented at the Walt Disney Co. on radio and on television. We're accused constantly - - ABC News -- of being on the left side of the aisle." Eisner said he found "Fahrenheit" "entertaining" but stood by his decision not to distribute it, because of the upcoming election: "We're a song-and-dance company, we're a family company, irrespective of how any individual in the company feels politically. As far as the company is concerned, we're not going to become partisan" (7/23).

Being John Kerry

New York Times' **Stanley** reviews two TV bios of **John Kerry** that will air this weekend on CNN and MSNBC: While "neither documentary can say it definitively pins down the would-be president ... each provides an intriguing look at Mr. Kerry's life. ... The CNN documentary ... is more comprehensive than MSNBC's portrait, which focuses" on Kerry's "war and antiwar years," but MSNBC's profile "has its own fascinations," including audiotape of Pres. **Nixon** and his staff "plotting against" Kerry. Both biographies include photos of Kerry "from his Swiss boarding school, from St. Paul's in New Hampshire and from Yale," as well as "lots of film: Mr. Kerry carrying a rifle in Vietnam, leading antiwar marches, snowboarding in Idaho and holding hearings during his early years in the Senate." There are also lots of "old film clips of his appearances at antiwar rallies, in the Senate and on television in 1971," including appearances on the "The Dick Cavett Show" and "60 Minutes."

In his "60 Minutes" interview, **Morley Safer** asks Kerry "whether he wants to be president someday." Kerry looks "startled but not Shermanesque," replying, "No. That's such a crazy question when there are so many things to be done, and I don't know whether I could do them." CNN and MSNBC "rely on a host of old friends and foes to fill out the gaps -- schoolmates, Navy buddies and Senate colleagues." School "pals recall his somewhat irritating way of taking himself too seriously" and the way "students would play 'Hail to the Chief' on kazoos when he walked past." One of his most ardent detractors is **John O'Neill**, "a Vietnam veteran who served in the same Navy Swift boat division as Mr. Kerry and was outraged by" Kerry's anti-war remarks. O'Neill "is interviewed by both cable networks" and it is evident "he is still angry. ... Friend or foe, all the people interviewed keep coming back to one outstanding Kerry trait: ambition." Allies, like Sen. **Ted Kennedy** (D-MA), portray "it as a sign of his fierce commitment to public service," while rivals, "describe it more sinisterly as opportunism." It is worth noting that for most "modern presidents ... opportunism and ambition are the minimum requirements for seeking the Oval Office" (7/23).

Ax To Fall At CNBC?

NBC Universal chief **Jeff Zucker** held "a pow-wow" with the "top brass" at "ratings-challenged" CNBC on 7/22. Attending the meeting were CNBC pres. **Pamela Thomas Graham**, business news chief **David Friend** and the top exec. prods. of the networks' business shows. "The visit was part of an ongoing set of meetings" Zucker "is holding to try and boost ratings at the financial news channel." Zucker "used tough words to describe the network's business programming," referring to focus group results that called the shows "dull and repetitive." He "told execs to look for ways to invigorate programing and said moving around anchors wasn't enough." CNBC currently "faces a tough dilemma," as the faltering economy has led to less viewer interest in business and the stock market. A CNBC insider: "If

this continues, it will get ugly and some of the people in that room won't be here anymore" (**Furman**, *New York Daily News*, 7/23).

Laugh Track

Jay Leno: "It was hot today. I was sweating today like Linda Rondstadt trying to cash a check from the Aladdin hotel. ... We're less than 4 months from election day and less than 6 months from the final recount. ... One of John Kerry's advisors, Sandy Berger, he was also President Clinton's national security advisor, has stepped down from the Kerry campaign while he's the target of a criminal investigation. He's charged with putting classified documents down his pants and sneaking them out of the National Archives. In Washington, that's what's known as 'Inside The Beltway'. ... In his defense he said he didn't stuff the documents down his pants for security reasons. He said he was just trying to impress girls. This way when girls would say 'What's that bulge in your pants?' he could say 'Classified.' ... The Los Alamos National Laboratory, where all of our research is done on nuclear weapons, reported that they're missing 2 computer disks with sensitive weapon information on them. How embarrassing is that? Now we can't even find our own weapons of mass destruction. ... Earlier this week President Bush spoke with the Amish. He didn't want to, but it was the only group he could find that wasn't upset about the high price of gas. ... The Bush administration announced this week they want to lift the ban on logging. This is part of their No Tree Left Behind program. ... Tomorrow the Bush twins are going online to do an online chat on the Bush re-election website. It's the first chat line in history where two people claiming to be attractive 22-year-old twins are actually attractive 22-year-old twins. ... As you know the presidential conventions are coming up soon. You know how much time the major TV networks are going to devote to them -- three hours. One hour a night for three nights to pick a president. That's about 1/10th of the time we commit to picking 'American Idol.' ... Bob Dole is 81 years old today. Happy Birthday to Bob Dole. If you don't remember Bob he's the guy that got the least amount of votes for president and didn't get the job. ... According to a new poll, Governor Schwarzenegger popularity has dropped from 64 percent to 57 percent. Apparently he lost the girly man vote" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 7/22).

David Letterman: "They released the 9/11 report today and President Bush wasted no time not reading it. ... In Israel, a 5-year-old monkey at the zoo had the flu and when he got better he started walking around erect, on two feet, just like a guy. It's amazing we have an ape now walking upright and -- listen to this -- he's also thinking about running for governor of California" ("Late Show," CBS, 7/22).

Jimmy Kimmel: "The big story today is the 9/11 commission, the people who have been investigating what led up to the attacks and whether or not we could have done anything about it, they handed in their big report today. They laid blame on both the Bush and Clinton administration so no one is to blame at all. ... They gave [Bush] the report this morning. Already it is in bookstores. How does this happen? Did they delay giving it to the president until the truck gets to B. Dalton? ... Is this a government report on the most horrible thing that's ever happened to this country or the new Harry Potter book? ... It's getting good reviews too. 'If you read only one congressional report critical of the U.S. preparedness for terrorism prior to 9/11 this year, this is it!' -- Cokie Roberts. 'Well-researched. Convincing.' -- Osama Bin Laden. 'Totally awesome!' -- Tony Hawk. 'Grabs you by the nipples and won't let go!' -- Ted Kennedy. ... This weekend President Bush will be signing copies at the Pasadena Barnes and Noble" ("Jimmy Kimmel Live," ABC, 7/22).

Conan O'Brien: "Yesterday at the White House to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the moon landing President Bush met with the Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong. There was one

awkward moment when President Bush said to Armstrong, 'You know I hear you're doing great in the Tour de France.' ... It was reported today that when Bill Clinton's book was translated in China the Chinese government added passages where Clinton praises Mao Tse Tong and the Chinese people. In fact, the chinese version Clinton's book isn't called 'My Life' it's called 'Me Love You Long Time'"("Late Night," NBC, 7/22).

Craig Kilborn: "Campaigning in Iowa yesterday President Bush vowed he will not raise taxes in the next four years. He said I believe it is hard, very difficult to raise taxes when you are not president. ... Linda Rondstadt was fired and run out of the Aladdin casino earlier this week for dedicating 'Desperado' to controversial film maker Michael Moore and urging fans to go see 'Fahrenheit 9/11.' Angry fans received full refunds, which they instantly lost playing craps. ... Witnesses who were there said the crowd wasn't booing her comments about Michael Moore. They were booing her inept acapella cover of Fifty Cents 'In Da Club'" ("Late, Late Show," CBS, 7/22).

TOP TEN SIGNS LANCE ARMSTRONG IS GETTING COCKY

10. Race starts at 9, Lance rolls out of bed around noon.
9. Has already figured out that the trophy can hold a 3-gallon margarita.
8. He eats frosting by the fistful.
7. For the last leg, he rode one of those crazy 1920s bikes with the big front wheel.
6. Deliberately crashing into things to get more air time on sportscenter.
5. Making a couple extra bucks delivering pizzas during the race.
4. After the starter pistol is fired, he hangs around hitting on french babes.
3. Turns to the other riders and says, "oooh, I'm sooooo scared."
2. Instead of training, spent last 2 months pimping his bike.
1. Has started selling ad space on his ass (CBS, 7/22).

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