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**TODAY: Index of Leading
Economic Indicators Up 0.6%**

HEADLINES

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

President Bush meets with Bill Althouse, U.S. Conference of Mayors and Glenda Hood, National League of Cities; meets with German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel; addresses 1992 Agricultural Communicators Congress; attends Diplomatic Corps picnic.

Vice President Quayle meets with House Republican Whip; attends Senate Policy Luncheon; attends fund-raiser in Hyannis Port, MA.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MORE GOOD NEWS FOR THE ECONOMY The Commerce Department announced this morning the fifth straight increase of the Index of Leading Economic Indicators, which posted a 0.6 percent gain in May. This increase of the government's "chief economic forecasting gauge" suggests a steadily growing economic recovery. (AP 6/30)

President Meets with Law Enforcers

CONGRESS YET TO SIGH UP FOR WAR AGAINST CRIME

Congress continues to refuse to pass President Bush's anti-crime legislation, which would strengthen our ability to uphold the law and protect citizens from violent crimes.

In a statement to Drug Enforcement Agency officials yesterday, the President said, *"Crime victims must not suffer twice - once when they are victimized by the criminal, and again when some liberal judge allows criminals to escape...through some new loophole. We need...laws that are final."*

The President declared it is *"time to take back our streets"* and called on Congress to pass his [anti-crime] legislation. The crime bill is designed to be tougher on criminals and more compassionate for the victims. If passed, it would be tougher on the death penalty, tougher on habeas corpus reform and tougher on the exclusionary rule reform.

In closing, Bush thanked law enforcement officials *"who risk their lives to save ours....I stand with those who fight criminals. Your work is not a nine-to-five job with long lunches and friendly chats around some water cooler. It is filled with danger and fear...and I salute the greatest freedom fighters any nation could have."* (6/30)

TODAY'S TALKING POINTS

SUPREME COURT DECISION UPHOLDS FAMILY VALUES

On Monday the Supreme Court upheld two requirements of a Pennsylvania law regarding abortion. President Bush welcomed the decision in Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey. Most Americans support the law's provisions.

- The Pennsylvania law requires minors wishing to receive an abortion to obtain the consent of one of their parents or a judge. There will be a 24-hour waiting period for all women interested in receiving an abortion.
- A USA TODAY poll taken after Monday's ruling found 81 percent of voters support requiring doctors to counsel on abortion alternatives. Seventy-three percent favor a 24-hour waiting period. Over 70 percent back parental consent for minors.

Abortion is an extremely emotional issue, and many people feel strongly about their positions. That is why the President

believes decisions about abortion are best left to the elected state representatives of the people and not to unelected Federal judges.

- Twenty-nine states have passed restrictions on abortion similar to those challenged in the Pennsylvania case. Thirty-three states have parental consent or notification requirements for minors. These laws reflect grassroots sentiment in favor of restricting abortion.

Make no mistake. President Bush's record is absolutely clear -- he is unalterably opposed to abortion. He supports the sanctity of human life.

- President Bush opposes abortion in all cases except where rape or incest has occurred, and those instances when the mother's life is threatened.
- President Bush opposes the Freedom of Choice Act, which would permit abortion on-demand. That bill would outlaw the most reasonable restrictions, such as parental consent requirements.

PRESIDENT BLASTS TIME-WARNER Before an enthusiastic crowd of law enforcement and Drug Enforcement Agency officials Monday in Detroit, President Bush proclaimed his disgust over rap singer Ice-T's cop-hating album. Bush called Ice-T's cop-hater song "sick" and said of Time-Warner, the company publishing the record, *"It is wrong for any company to issue records that approve of killing law enforcement officers."*

Ironically, Ross Perot, the man who says he is strongly opposed to violence in America, has the active and full support of Robert Krasnow, chairman of Time-Warner's subsidiary, Elektra Entertainment. (Washington Times, 6/30, Washington Post, 6/28)

POLLWATCH

3-WAY POLLS VOLATILE *"One thing we know about three candidate races is that the polls will be volatile,"* says Bush/Quayle Campaign Chairman, Robert Teeter, commenting on the statistical dead heat in the latest ABC - Washington. Post poll.

According to the new poll, Perot's support has fallen eight points since June 7. The poll indicated that most of Perot's lost ground was among those who identify themselves as Democrats, where he lost 11 percent.

Four out of every ten registered voters polled, agreed that the *"more they heard about Perot, the less they liked him"*, and attributed that to the recent news coverage involving his investigations of President Bush, among others. (AP, The Washington Post, 6/30)

STATEWATCH

UTAH, MISSOURI HOLD CONVENTIONS Utah and Missouri held successful state conventions this past weekend. Utah experienced the largest delegate turnout in history with *"more people voting in the session than ever before,"* said the County Commissioner Spence Stokes. In Missouri, the nominating committee chairman, John Powell, said the entire delegation is *"100 percent strictly for George Bush."* (AP, 6/29)

EDUCATIONAL CHOICE CREATING BEST OF THE BEST On Monday, Minnesota Independent Republican Party Chairman, Bob Weinholzer, praised President Bush's GI Bill for Children and urged members of Minnesota's congressional delegation to support the President's education proposal. *"The path toward the future for America's children has been brightened by yet another point of light from President Bush,"* Weinholzer remarked, adding, *"America is most successful in the arena of world competition when it competes against itself. The GI Bill for Children issues an internal challenge to the United States of America to become the 'Best of the Best.'"* (6/29)

EDITORIALS

CLINTON PLAN FAILS TO TELL THE TRUTH

"Plans like Bill Clinton's will accomplish nothing for the economy, but such plans serve the political purpose of giving the impression of 'doing something'....Clinton trots out the old, try-and-true political formula of taxing 'the rich' and 'corporations', making it look as if there is a free lunch...by taxing the corporations that will pass the taxes on in price increases for their products....To add the final touch of fraud to 'deficit reduction' talk, politicians in Congress have escaped blame...yet anyone with a copy of the Constitution can see that all spending and taxing bills must originate in the House of Representatives." Columnist Thomas Sowell (Boston Herald, 6/27)

SILLY BILLY'S HODGE PODGE OF ECONOMIC HOCUS-POCUS

An editorial in Monday's New York Post offered this opinion of Bill Clinton's economic plan, "Having read Bill Clinton's Putting People First: A National Economic Strategy several times, I understand why he kept it on his desk until he had a lock on the Democratic nomination for President." Gerard Bray, the author, who nick-named Bill Clinton "Silly Willy" writes, "There is something in this mushy mish-mash of liberal pap to frighten everyone." He adds, "Hey, Engineer Bill, like they say down your way, 'That dog won't hunt.'" (New York Post, 6/29)

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

ECONOMIC GROWTH STEADY AND STRONG

"Consumers are indeed earning money, they have money to spend and they are spending it. The pace of growth is steady and strong." (Market Consensus, CNN "Moneyline" 6/26)

PEROT: THE SPLASHY LONE RANGER "We need more than splashy images to run our country, we don't need a Lone Ranger-type vigilante...if voters want real change they should re-elect President Bush and kick the Democrats out of Congress, replacing them with Republicans." Senator Thad Cochran addressing the Missouri State Conventions (AP 6/29)

SLICK WILLY EARNED IT "He gets this nickname Slick Willy, not because someone gave it to him, but because he earned it." Sam Donaldson commenting on Clinton's economic plan. (ABC, "This Week", 6/28)

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