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HEADLINES

- President Bush honors fallen soldiers, POW-MIAs (p.1)
- Arkansas, Kentucky, Idaho primaries today

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

President Bush meets with Vice President Quayle; meets with the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels.

Vice President Quayle gives address on FDA food biotechnology policy; meets with National Space Council; attends reception for Maryland GOP Senate candidate Alan Keyes.

First Lady Barbara Bush attends Bush/Quayle luncheon in San Antonio, Texas; attends Statesman Dinner in Miami Beach, Florida.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"TELL THE STORIES" OF FREEDOM'S HEROES

President Bush reminded a grateful nation to "tell the stories of those who fought and died in freedom's cause" as they celebrate Memorial Day. "We must tell their stories so that our children and grandchildren will understand what our lives might have been like had it not been for their sacrifice."

The president honored "those Americans who died fighting for freedom or are still unaccounted for," and renewed his commitment "to do all that's humanly possible" to account "for those whose fate is still unknown."

Speaking in the wind and cold at Arlington Cemetery, Vice President Dan Quayle echoed the President's pledge to account for the missing and promised to keep America strong: "Now, more than ever, people all over the world look to America for leadership." (5/25)

Issues Brief: Balanced Budget

DEMOCRATS' PLOY UNDERSCORES THE REAL PROBLEM: CONGRESS

Over the weekend the House Budget Committee leaked a report which insists that the budget can be balanced only by gutting national defense, cutting entitlements to the neediest and raising taxes on the American people.

Nothing is further from the truth. Don't be fooled by Democrat scare tactics. The Balanced Budget Amendment is an idea whose time has come.

- Since 1930 the federal government has balanced its budget only eight times.
- 49 of 50 states are required by law or State Constitution to balance their budgets.

Platform Hearings Today in Salt Lake

STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES & FAMILIES

While pro-life issues will dominate news media attention at today's Republican platform hearing in Salt Lake City, witnesses also will focus on the family, education, welfare reform, the justice system, and crime. Witnesses on various panels will include:

"The Family: Security, Opportunity and Education" — Former Education Secretary William Bennett; Linda Chavez, Manhattan Institute of New York; and Michigan Gov. John Engler.

"Safer Cities: Justice and the War Against Crime" — St. Louis Police Chief Clarence Harmon; Thomas J. Charron, president, National District Attorneys Association; and California Atty. Gen. Dan Lungren.

"Welfare Reform and Family Opportunities" — Beverly LaHate, president, Concerned Women for America; Kate Walsh O'Beirne, vice president, governmental relations, The Heritage Foundation; Gary Bauer, president, Family Research Council; Milton Bins, vice president, strategic planning, Wasatch Education System; and Robert P. Dugan, Jr., public affairs director, National Association of Evangelicals.

"Abortion Issue" — Mary Dent Crisp, National Republican Coalition for Choice; Ann Stone, Republicans for Choice; Robert Taft, international population control organizations; Harriett Stinson, founding director, California Republicans for Choice; Helen Alvares, U.S. Catholic Conference; Phyllis Schlafly, Republican National Coalition for Life; Carol Everett, former abortion clinic manager; and Carol Long, National Right to Life committee.

"Education: The Pathway to Individual Opportunity and National Competitiveness" — J. Patrick Rooney, chairman, Golden Rule Insurance; Ralph E. Reed, Jr., executive director, Christian Coalition; former Detroit School Board President Lawrence Patrick; and Herman J. Obermayer, national board member, American-Jewish Committee.

Platform Committee Chairman Senator Don Nickles [R-OK] will preside over the hearing. Also present will be committee co-chairmen Missouri Governor John Ashcroft, Congressman Bill McCollum [R-FL], Republican National Committee Chairman Richard N. Bond and Co-Chairman Jeanie Austin.

Platform hearings have been held in San Diego (economy, trade) and Kansas City (energy, agriculture, the environment). The last hearing (foreign policy, defense) is scheduled for June 15 in Washington, D.C.

The Balanced Budget Amendment is a contract between the people and their government -- and the Congress cannot undo it. No wonder the Democrat leaders are running for cover.

- In the last thirty years, the Democratic-controlled Congress has balanced the budget only once and raised taxes 56 times.

A Balanced Budget Amendment must not be a Trojan Horse for the Democrats in Congress to raise taxes again. The spending addiction must be cured once and for all.

- There is plenty of room to cut spending in the budget without endangering essential programs. The president has already asked Congress to eliminate 236 unnecessary programs and they haven't eliminated a single one.

CONGRESSWATCH

INVESTORS VACATION WHILE CONGRESS IN SESSION The old adage "no man's life, liberty or property are safe while the legislature is in session," was proven true recently by Eric Singer, an investment banker. Singer found the stock market performed better between 1945 and 1991 whenever Congress was not in session. The gain in the Dow Jones industrial average in the periods when both houses of Congress were closed was 17 times as great as when both houses were open. The lesson for all market participants, according to Singer, is "be very cautious when Congress is in session." (Wall Street Journal, 5/24)

STATEWATCH

OHIO, COLORADO, D.C. RESIDENTS SAY QUAYLE WAS RIGHT From east to west, Americans took time this weekend to support the vice president's call for family values and to send a message to the media. Denver's Rocky Mountain News survey found 3-1 "solidarity with Mr. Quayle" while a Washington Times poll showed an extraordinary 19-1 show of support for the vice president's comments that Hollywood is out of touch with mainstream American values.

Akron, Ohio residents made clear their support of Vice President Quayle last week. The Akron, Ohio Beacon Journal reports that a majority of the 500 comments received from its readers were in support of Quayle's call for a commitment to traditional family values. "He hit the nail on the head," one reader said. "The breakdown of families and the terrible morals in this country are ruining us," said another reader. "Have we forgotten the Ten Commandments?" asked a reader, saying, "These are commandments, not suggestions." (The Akron, Ohio Beacon Journal, 5/22)

NEW JERSEY: Support for the presidential candidates:

		Two-way race
BUSH	42%	54%
CLINTON	24%	34%
PEROT	22%	

(Poll of 800 New Jersey residents 18 or older taken by Star-Ledger-Eagleton from April 23 to April 30 -- AP, 5/25)

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"AN OPPORTUNITY SOCIETY" "We're developing an opportunity society....We believe in building strong people so they can climb up the ladder." VICE PRESIDENT DAN QUAYLE, responding to a question sent in by a listener (CNN's Newsmaker Sunday, 5/24)

PRESIDENT'S AGENDA TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES "The vice president was absolutely correct in bringing up the fact that values are at the heartbeat of our society....The real issue is whether or not the Congress is going to deal with the president's agenda to help restore the family and restore the economy of the family....The president...is promoting efforts to inject...entrepreneurial capitalism, ownership of property, education choice and dramatic changes in the welfare system to support the family, support work, to support values....The president...has asked the Congress to eliminate, zero, capital gain tax in the inner city. Never in this country have we had as dramatic a proposal for changing the entrepreneurial climate in the inner city." JACK KEMP, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (CNN's Evans & Novak, 5/23)

VALUES ARE THE BACKBONE OF SOCIETY "The breakdown of the family...is a matter of great social consequence.The most important predictor of what a child will do in his life is his values...what he believes to be right and wrong....The Democratic Party cannot talk about values without talking about government programs. The only kind of values it understands is check-writing from the federal government." WILLIAM BENNETT, Former Secretary of Education, Former Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy (CNN's Newsmaker Sunday, 5/24)

HOLLYWOOD SENDING WRONG MESSAGE "We [need to] explain to our young girls...that it's wrong to even consider having a baby out of wedlock.....Hollywood, especially in the early 60s, removed that stigma.....Today...we see Hollywood starlets coming out in grandiose style about 'Look, Mom, I have a baby and I don't have a husband'....This is what television is telling our 16-year olds.... That's the wrong message." EZOLA FOSTER, Black Americans for Family Values (CNN's Newsmaker Saturday, 5/23)

IF YOU KNEW CLINTON LIKE WE KNOW CLINTON.... "If the rest of the country knew Clinton like Arkansas does, he wouldn't be running for President....A lot of people are anxious to get him out of here." STEVE NORDENSTROM, Arkansas school bus driver (New York Times, 5/24)

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