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#### **Ballooning Trade Deficit**

The Commerce Department reported today that the trade deficit had ballooned to \$21.3 billion - a 14.8 percent increase since April. Other national trends include a surge in oil prices, Americans buying more import autos and less of a demand for U.S. exports.

#### Fighting Racism

President Clinton appealed to lawyers to help minorities and the poor benefit more from American democracy and prosperity. This same message was voiced by his political hero, John F. Kennedy. Clinton also announced a series of commitments aimed at promoting opportunities to minorities in the legal profession. His intention is to increase faith by minorities in the legal system.

#### **President Botha Implicated**

Former President P.W. Botha was recently implicated in the 1985 killings of eight anti-apartheid activists. Police officials gave their testimony about the activists who were killed in an operation approved by the Cabinet ministers and the former president. Botha had refused in the past to appear before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission last year because the court ruled that his subpoena was technically invalid.

#### **West Bank**

Prime Minister Ehud Barak assured Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat that he intends to withdraw promptly from a portion of the West Bank even while pursuing an overall Middle East settlement. Barak will follow a 15-month time frame to determine if there could be final settlements with the Palestinians, Syria and Lebanon. Arafat recently called Barak's timetable unacceptable and demanded he follow the Wye River accord he struck with Israel last October.

#### Apollo's 30th **Anniversary**

Hundreds of gatherers in Cape Canaveral, Florida celebrated the 30th anniversary of the first mission to land men on the moon. A monument was dedicated to the hundreds of thousands of men and women who toiled on the immense project.

#### **New Area Code**

Oregon will be getting a new area code. Officials have decided to overlay the area code, instead of carving out a separate area for it. Jim Haynes with US West says new phone lines in the current 503 area will get the new area code, which is 971. The new area code will go into effect this coming January, and will mean dialing ten-digits even to make local calls.

#### **Portland Officer Shot**

Thirty-five year old Officer Sze Lai, a 6-year veteran of the Portland Police Bureau, was struck twice in the arm. Two of the covering officers returned fire into the apartment and Officer Lai was transported to Emanuel Hospital for his injuries. Officer Lai is reported to be in fair condition following surgery to his right arm.

## JFK Jr Presumed Dead in Plane Crash, Officials Say

Aquinnah, Massachusetts, (Bloomberg) - U.S. Coast Guard officials said it's unlikely that John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, and sister-in-law survived an apparent plane crash in waters off Martha's Vineyard.

Rear Admiral Richard Larrabee said the search for the wreckage resumed this morning but said the chances of finding survivors is all but hopeless. He said no one could survive more than 18 hours in the cold waters without a life raft or life jacket, neither of which was available to Kennedy, the 38-year- old publisher of the magazine George, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, or her sister Lauren Bessette, an investment banker with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co.

Larrabee said today's search for the missing plane would be more focused because the Coast Guard had "a relatively good idea of where the most likely spot" of the crash was.

"We're bringing in some very sophisticated equipment that will methodically search that area," Larrabee said on NBC's Today program. "I'm confident that if there is something to be found out there, they will find it."

Coast Guard, U.S. Navy and Massachusetts state authorities spent the weekend searching off Martha's Vineyard, where Kennedy's single-engine Piper Saratoga plane was headed Friday night en route to a family wedding in Hyannisport, Massachusetts.

#### **NTSB Probe**

The undersea search is focusing on what Larrabee called "potential targets" in a 24square-mile area. A 250-foot Navy salvage ship with 22 divers is leading the effort.



Left: John-John, with his mother Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, and other family members at his father's funeral in 1963. On the right, JFK Jr and his lovely wife, Carolyn Bissette Kennedy.

Foam insulation, the kind that would have lined Kennedy's plane, was found spread over a mile of beach where other debris washed ashore yesterday on Martha's Vineyard.

State and federal authorities reorganized their operations, with the National Transportation Safety Board examining the cause of the apparent accident. The

probe will study wreckage, air traffic control tapes and weather patterns and should take six to nine months to complete, NTSB Chairman Jim Hall said in a televised press conference yesterday.

"We are at the very beginning stages of what will be a painstaking, detailed investigation," Hall said.

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# The Triumphs - The Tragedies The Kennedys

With its mix of political triumph and human tragedy, their saga enthralled the nation and made them America's most powerful family

BY HUGH SIDEY

he Kennedy clan, the pre-eminent American political family of our time, seems to be cast in the stars, the distant stuff of legend. But look down. They march ever more numerous among us. There's a spot on Washington's infamous Beltway where an unsuspecting family might find their children in school with a couple of Joseph and Rose Kennedy's 54 great-grandchildren. That same family could be the neighbors of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, one of the Kennedy clan's five surviving originals (there were nine). It could be served in the Maryland assembly by delegate Mark Shriver, nephew of the martyred John Kennedy (and one of 29 grandchildren of Joe and Rose). And it could fall under the growing political hand of Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, oldest child of the murdered Robert Kennedy, now Maryland's lieutenant governor and touted for higher office.

Members of such a Beltway family would have as good a chance as not to pass Ethel Kennedy, Bobby's widow and still the exuberant duchess of Hickory Hill, while driving to work along the Potomac River parkways. And if in the media or a lobbying business (a reasonable likelihood in that neighborhood), he or she would sooner or later sit down with Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy or his son, Rhode Island Congressman Patrick Kennedy, now in the House leadership, to make a little political rain. Naturally, while attending one of those rites of pretentious power, like the Alfalfa Club dinner, our not-so-mythical Beltway denizens would look across a crowded ballroom or two and marvel at the intense stir created by the arrival of Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg or the young Adonis, John Kennedy, the children of Camelot whose mythical allure swells with every surge of tabloid headlines.

The Kennedy clan is embedded in American political culture of the past half-century like no other family. They arrived at that power base through cold calculation and the blunt instrument of their immense wealth but also because of honorable service to the nation, their reckless exuberance and glamour-and family tragedy beyond measure. The founding father of the clan, Joseph Kennedy, came from immigrant stock with all the eccentric genius and anger of his blighted kin, but he was touched by the magic of America. He went to the elitist Boston Latin School; on to Harvard; and then in the Roaring Twenties, with little regard for ethics or even the law, plunged into the worlds of banking and moviemaking. He cashed in before the market crash of 1929. When Franklin Roosevelt called Joe to Washington to clean up the Securities and Exchange Commission, somebody asked F.D.R. why he had tapped such a crook. "Takes one to catch one," replied Roosevelt. Kennedy did a superb job.

### Man Held in Serial Killings

Todd Alan Reed, 32, will be arraigned in connection with the strangulations of women found in Forest Park

By MAXINE BERNSTEIN OF THE OREGONIAN STAFF

ortland police announced the ar rest of a 32-year-old North Port land man Monday in the strangulation deaths of three women found in Forest Park and partly credited a detective who had arrested the suspect in a sexual assault case seven years ago.

Police took Todd Alan Reed into custody about 11:30 p.m. Sunday at Rinella Produce in Southeast Portland, where he worked a night shift loading trucks. He will be arraigned today on three counts of aggravated murder.

Portland Detective Sgt. Dave Schlegel, an investigator assigned to the Forest Park Task Force, remembered Reed from a 1992 arrest in a sexual assault and kidnapping case and was helpful in recalling information that helped crack the serial killing case, police said. Reed served three years in prison and was kicked out of a sexoffender treatment program two weeks ago because he failed to attend.

"One officer remembered him from a previous investigation and brought him to our attention," said Detective Sgt. Kris Ferrell, one of the primary investigators in the serial killings.

A July 7 undercover police sting targeting men patronizing prostitutes along upper West Burnside Street, round-the-clock surveillance of the suspect for the past week and physical evidence helped police link Reed to the killings, Ferrell said. Police declined to discuss details of the case.

Reed apparently made contact with the victims - Lilla F. Moler, 28; Stephanie L. Russell, 26; and Alexandria N. Ison, 17 - along West Burnside, a spot the women frequented. All three victims were heroin addicts, and two were involved in prostitution.

"They were connected by a lifestyle he preyed upon," Ferrell said.

Their bodies were discovered between May 7 and June 2 in a heavily wooded section of Forest Park off Northwest Saltzman Road. On June 4, police set up a 16-member task force dedicated to the park killings.

"We're very lucky to have this man off the street. We feel good about that," Police Chief Charles Moose said Monday in announcing the arrest in Chapman Square across from the Justice Center. "I'm certainly proud of the task force for getting this important piece of work done."

24-hour surveillance

For the past three to four days, task Continued on page A2

### **Chronology of** The Kennedys

1941

Rosemary Kennedy, the third child of Joseph Patrick Kennedy and his wife Rose, is institutionalized because of retardation and failed full frontal lobotomy.

1944

Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., the eldest son of Joseph and Rose Kennedy, is killed at age 29 when his plane exploded over the English Channel while on a secret World War II bombing mission.

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