

'Deep Throat' Identity Revealed

FBI official was source on Nixon crimes

(AP) - The Washington Post said Tuesday that a former FBI official, W. Mark Felt, was the confidential source known as "Deep Throat" who provided the newspaper information that led to President Nixon's impeachment investigation and eventual resignation.

The paper made its announcement after Felt, 91 and living in California, talked to a

lawyer who wrote a magazine article for Vanity Fair.

Felt, the second-in-command at the FBI in the early 1970s, kept his secret even from his family for almost three decades before confiding he was Post reporter Bob Woodward's source on the Watergate scandal, according to a Vanity Fair article published Tuesday.

"I'm the guy they used to call Deep Throat," he was quoted as telling lawyer John D. O'Connor, author of the magazine article.

The existence of Deep Throat, nicknamed for an X-rated movie of the early 1970s,



W. Mark Felt appears on CBS' 'Face the Nation' on Aug. 30, 1976.

was revealed in Woodward and Bernstein's best-selling book "All the President's Men."

The identity of the source has

sparked endless speculation over the last three decades. Nixon chief of staff Alexander Haig, White House press aide Diane Sawyer,

White House counsel John Dean and speechwriter Pat Buchanan were among those mentioned as possibilities.

Felt himself was mentioned several times over the years as a candidate for Deep Throat, but he regularly denied that he was the source.

Woodward, who had visited with Felt as recently as 1999, refused to confirm or deny, even to the man's family, that Felt was his source, and wondered whether Felt was mentally competent to decide whether to go public after all these years, the magazine reported.

Iraq Governor Found Dead

Insurgency kills 760 in recent weeks

(AP) - The kidnapped governor of volatile Anbar province was found dead after a fierce battle between U.S. forces and foreign fighters, a government spokesman said Tuesday.

The insurgency, which is believed to be strongly backed by radical Sunni extremists, has killed more than 760 people in the past month.

The body of the governor of Anbar province, Raja Nawaf Farhan al-Mahalawi, was found Sunday in Rawah, about 175 miles northwest of Baghdad, said government spokesman Laith Kuba.

Al-Mahalawi, who was abducted May 10 near Qaim, a town near the Syrian border, was killed by rubble that fell when the house where he was held became the focus of the gunbattle between U.S. forces and foreign fighters, Kuba said.

The confirmation of al-Mahalawi's death ended a lingering mystery surrounding his whereabouts. Relatives and a government official said May 15 that al-Mahalawi's kidnappers released him, but U.S. military officials maintained he had not been seen until his body was discovered Sunday.

Kuba said al-Mahalawi had never been released, but instead had been handed from one terrorist cell to another.

Meanwhile, Vice President Dick Cheney predicted over the Memorial Day holiday that fighting in Iraq will end before the Bush administration leaves office in 2009.

New Emphasis on Black Voters Urged by Democrats

Dean promises changes in election strategy

(AP) - Howard Dean says black voters are upset with the Democratic Party for coming around just weeks before elections seeking their votes.

The new Democratic Party chairman and former presidential candidate said taking black voters for granted is a long-standing problem

for the party that dates to the 1960s and that he promises changes in strategy.

"African-Americans are annoyed with the Democratic Party because we ask them for their votes four weeks before the election instead of being in the community now and that's a mistake I'm trying to fix," he said. "There's a new generation of African-American leaders and a new generation of African-Americans. We can't go out and say could you vote for us because we were so helpful during



Howard Dean

the civil rights era."

Marking 100 days as the party's boss, Dean has pushed to strengthen the party in heavily Republican states and to improve the party's outreach to women, Hispanics and black voters. In the last presidential election, Bush fared better than previous Republican candidates with several traditional Democratic voting blocs.

Dean said he was not concerned that there might be a major erosion in the black vote but was worried about people staying home on Election

Day. "We're going to treat every vote as a swing vote," he said.

During the 2004 presidential race, Dean angered many blacks when he said he wanted "to be the candidate for the guys with Confederate flags on their pickup trucks." He later apologized and called the flag a "painful symbol" to blacks.

During one Democratic debate, rival Al Sharpton criticized Dean, the former Vermont governor, for having had a Cabinet with no blacks.

Boy Scouts Inflation Members

(AP) - An independent investigation of the Atlanta-area Boy Scouts found that the organization inflated its number of black Scouts by more than 5,000 in a program for inner-city youth.

The executive director of the Atlanta Boy Scouts resigned after the report was released.

Auditors said scout officials assigned to inner-city areas may have felt pressure to demonstrate membership growth, which is a part

of their performance evaluations. Membership numbers also are used to help determine funding from the United Way, a major scout donor.

The audit found that former Scouts too old to participate remained on the memberships lists and that boys who had only attended informational meetings about the program were signed up. The numbers also included 200 scout units that did not exist.

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