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Clinton Deals Himself An Old Hand

New Counsel Lloyd Cutler Knows the Rules of the Game

By Lloyd Grove
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Think of it as a brief suspension of hostilities with the forces of the status quo. A moral victory for the dead old men of Georgetown. The inevitable triumph of the Washington Establishment over the anti-Beltway naifs who've been occupying the White House.

In other words—Lloyd Cutler. "The culture here and the whole procedures are quite different than they are in any other place in the country," a wide-eyed Bill Clinton observed yesterday as he introduced to the country his brand-new counsel—a white-haired man with a paternal smile, a measured cadence and a reassuring voice, a man well equipped to explain to a president or anyone else the intricacies of Washington culture and procedure.



Cutler: A man of "integrity, credibility, gray hair."

This man who passed the bar six years before the current president was born, this Oracle of K Street who's already held the counsel's job in a previous White House, this prolific author of newspaper opinion pieces, is now to be Clinton's Grand Interpreter of insider

folkways and quite possibly—Clinton must be hoping—The Last of the Wise Men.

"I don't know if it's possible to have Wise Men these days," said Washington pundit Eyan Thomas, coauthor of the book "The Wise Men," about the gray eminences of the American Establishment—W. Averell Harriman, Dean Acheson, John J. McCloy and the like—who helped shape the world after World War II. "The world is a little bit grubbier and the press is a little bit hungrier, and it's hard to float above the political fray the way those guys did."

Cutler, however, "fits most of the bill," Thomas added. "He's a good Democrat, but he has a kind of nonpartisan quality to him. He's a good-government type. He's always trying to reform the Constitution to make government work better."

Still, for all his earnest intentions, Cutler is "the wily veteran," said Nixon White House veteran Tom Korologos. "Don't forget something about Washington," the lobbyist added. "Washington is Salem. If we're not lynching somebody 24 hours a day in this wretched town, we're not happy."

"I don't think it takes a rocket scientist to figure out that there has been, in my judgment, sufficient mishandling or failure to handle what I think is a modest problem, and let it fester into a problem of

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OFFICE MINEFIELD

Computers Make Work a Lot Easier. They Make Play Easier Too.

By Joel Garreau
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It Talley was on the phone with a customer the moment he cracked the Minesweeper computer game in a world-class eight seconds.

"Holy [expletive]! Holy [expletive]!" shouted the president of Washington's Corporate & Government Consulting Inc.

Luckily the customer, too, was a Minesweeper addict. He understood.

So do millions of others. As industry and government drop clunky old mainframes for networked personal computers, America is discovering the truly diabolical nature of Bill Gates's Microsoft empire.

Pre-loaded inside Microsoft's Windows software that controls 80 percent of the world's new PCs are

two insidious games—Solitaire and Minesweeper.

Does this mean that productivity software spreading through the nation's offices is instead sowing indolence, distraction and the collapse of American capitalism?

"Yup, sure," says Frank Burns, a principal in the area's largest regional computer bulletin board, the MetaNet. "You used to see offices laid out with the back of the video monitor toward the wall. Now it's the other way around, so the boss can't see you playing Solitaire."

"It's swallowed entire companies," says Dennis J. "Gomer" Pyles, president of Able Bodied Computers in The Plains, Va. "The water treatment plant in Warrenton, I installed their system, and the next time I saw the client, the first thing he said to me was, 'I've got 2,000 points in Solitaire.'"

As a result, airplanes full of busi-

nessmen resemble not board meetings but video arcades. Large gray men in large gray suits—lugging laptops loaded with spreadsheets—are consumed by beating their Solitaire scores, flight attendants observe.

Microsoft founder Bill Gates became so addicted to Minesweeper that he took it off his personal office machine, reports Libby Duzan, lead product manager for entertainment at the company. Instead, he went to the machine of Mike Hallman, then-president of Microsoft, when he felt compelled to play. That's where he set his personal record of five seconds. (Ordinary mortals have been known to take five minutes to solve this puzzle.)

To beat Gates's time, Tom Reeves, a development manager for Microsoft, wrote a small computer program (a macro) that attacked the

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TV Previews

The Gruesome Twosome and Diane Sawyer

'Turning Point' Premieres With Manson Family Reunion

By Tom Shales
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Tonight we can all tune in and watch Diane Sawyer start earning that cool \$7 million ABC is going to pay her every year. True, some insiders have put Sawyer's new salary, recently won in contract renewal negotiations, at a measly \$5 million, but that's pretty cool too.

As it happens, Sawyer is crisp as well as cool as she helms the premiere of "Turning Point," yet another magazine of the air, premiering at 10 on Channel 7 and looking both presentable and expendable. Sad to say, the topic chosen to launch "Turning Point" as a weekly series (there were three previous specials) is that tired and sordid old story, Charles Manson, man of many a murder.

Only yesterday NBC was ballyhooing last night's edition of its struggling "Dateline NBC" show because of its special guest star, mass killer and part-time cannibal Jeffrey Dahmer. Perhaps the lesson here is that networks will keep coming up with magazine shows as long as magazine shows can keep coming up with homicidal maniacs.

The news divisions of the three major networks are turning into publishers of True Horror Tales.

For what it is, Sawyer's ghoulish hour tonight is grimly well done. The selling point of this "Turning Point" is not so much the deranged Manson himself, who has over the years of his incarceration been interviewed to death, but two of his female accomplices, also both still behind bars: Patricia Krenwinkel, 46, and Leslie Van Houten, 44.

The extraordinary thing about both of these

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Diane Sawyer with Patricia Krenwinkel, who recounts her role in the Tate-LaBianca murders.

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Outgoing House Minority Leader Bob Michel, right, chats with Dan and Marilyn Quayle at last night's GOP fund-raiser held in his honor.

Many Hits, One Era

For the Minority Leader, a Home Run Party

By Donnie Radcliffe
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A yearlong fade-out of the Republicans' Mr. Nice Guy began last night with a voice-over of Richard Nixon offering his view of how Minority Leader Robert H. Michel had lasted so long in the House of Representatives.

"Bob impressed me more by his athletic prowess, really, than by his legislative prowess," said Nixon, while Michel, already immortalized in Roll Call's Baseball Hall of Fame, loomed on screen as a standout

pitcher for GOP teams of the 1960s and '70s.

"That means," continued Nixon, lamenting his own failure to win a letter in his tries at college baseball and football, "it was very, very fine."

Last night's "Tribute to Bob Michel"—and his wife, Corinne—at the downtown Marriott grossed \$1 million, making it the largest fund-raiser in the history of the National Republican Congressional Committee. It marked the impending end of Michel's leadership in the House—now 71, he retires from his Illinois

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Fashion

Oh, Chloe! Monkey See, Monkey Doodoo

By Cathy Horyn
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PARIS, March 8—When designers start talking about romance on the runway—allure, fragility, *les anciens régimes!*—one invariably gets that sinking feeling. What sort of romance do they have in mind, exactly? A highland fling in full-tartan mufti, as Emanuel Ungaro proposed today? Or a love fest on the shag rug of a Volkswagen bus, as Karl Lagerfeld's matted monkey fur implied?

Either way, the prospects are almost frightening. What Lagerfeld was up to today with his Chloe collection was anyone's guess. The designer moved so far away from the dedicated simplicity of his spring show, with its pale, thin dresses knotted at the shoulders, that one had to wonder if he had anything to do with this collection at all. Here, suddenly, were plush tops layered over Lurex sweaters with flaring skirts of stiff bronze taffeta, distressed black suits with shag-rug vests, jackets with lashed or swollen mutton sleeves, and deep-pile monkey coats with all the appeal of a dog's bed.

It was a show thick with effects that seemed to have no relationship to one another: now a pale blue baby-doll dress in fuzzy mohair, now a claret taffeta coat drawn under the bosom and puffed at the neck like one of those inflatable airline pillows. And virtually everything for day was shown with coral stockings and matching panne velvet shoes. In the program notes, Lagerfeld declared that "les

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From Karl Lagerfeld's ready-to-wear collection for Chloe, a furlike ensemble with matching fitted pants.

White House Gets Out of the Frying Pan

Chefs to Train Staff In Low-Fat Cooking

By Phyllis C. Richman
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The fat was in the fire when word leaked out last week that White House chef Pierre Chambrin was leaving. But that's about the last fat the White House kitchen is going to see for a while.

A team of chefs is coming to town at the end of the month to teach the White House low-fat cookery, whether or not a new chef has been chosen by then. Dean Ornish, the best-selling low-fat-lifestyle author, is bringing two celebrated San Francisco chefs and the chef from his Preventive Medicine Research Institute in Sausalito, Calif., to demonstrate poaching and fat-free sautéing, sauces without butter and soups without meat.

Meanwhile, the White House has developed a short list for the chef's job that includes at least two Washingtonians: Patrick Clark of the Hay-Adams Hotel, one of the country's most prominent African American chefs, and Frank Ruta of the River Club, who served as the First Family

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The Games Workers Play

GAMES, From C1

puzzle automatically. When Gates found out how Reeves had cheated to achieve a three-second score, he fired off an e-mail message: "My critical skills are being displaced by a computer. This technology thing is going too far. How can one retain human dignity when computers do the important stuff better than people?"

Minesweeper is a logic puzzle made up of square tiles, some of which have "bombs" underneath them. The object of the game is to turn over all the tiles with no bombs, and none of the tiles that do hide bombs, using the clues provided.

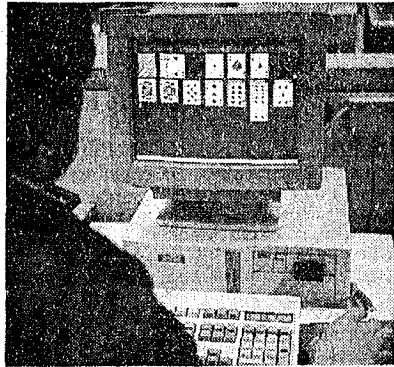
Minesweeper is harder than Solitaire, which is the old rainy day card game. Figuring out how to get started on Minesweeper is not intuitively obvious. (Hint from the aficionados: Click on five or six tiles randomly right at the beginning. If you hit a bomb, start over. If your computer suddenly awards you a "boom" of tiles cleared automatically, the odds are with you.)

Minesweeper is more addictive than Solitaire. Players are pitted against themselves, trying to beat their own best times. People have been known to dream about it. One woman claims that because of Minesweeper, she now has trouble going to the bathroom. Every time she looks at the wall tiles, her eyes automatically group them into patterns of nine—the key to winning the game.

Did Microsoft know the number of work-hours American industry would lose to its nefarious device? Well, Duzan said, not for nothing can you disguise your game fetish by turning the Windows sound off.

In fact, "boss keys" are becoming ubiquitous on computer games. They are keystrokes that instantly cause the machine to switch out of fun-and-games display and into the appearance of work. Then, when the boss passes, the game returns, right where you left it. In Solitaire and Minesweeper, you hold down the "Alt" key and hit "Tab." In a game called Tetris, originally designed by Soviet software writers, pressing "escape" instantly displays a bogus spreadsheet resembling Lotus 1-2-3.

Now Microsoft is aiming a new package of games at "loosely supervised executives" in their mid-thirties with college education who spend a minimum of four hours a week playing games. In one year, more than 1 million copies have sold.



Solitaire, one of the games included with Windows software. Touch two keys and you can instantly hide it if the boss walks by.

Microsoft originally put Solitaire into Windows to soothe people intimidated by the operating system, according to Duzan. It gave them something familiar and fun to do with their computer while it also taught them how to use a mouse. Not surprisingly, for years Solitaire was the most-used application for Windows, Microsoft officials say.

Minesweeper got in because, at the time Windows 3.1 was released in 1992, it was the favorite game of everybody involved in creating that software, including overlord Gates.

This has been going on long enough that there's now a trade in nostalgia items. One manufacturer soon will ship machines with Microsoft Arcade software that reproduces—visual flaws and all—five of those old Atari computer arcade games like Asteroids and Missile Command to which adolescents once devoted all their quarters.

From there it's a short jump to dialing up, say, CompuServe, finding the Gamers Forum and transplanting the custom-designed boss keys into your favorite games.

One Postal Service employee interviewed for an industry focus group was frightening, Duzan reported. "He was 44, and lived with his mother. He played Flight Simulator about 40 hours a week. He'd come home, grab a sandwich and go to his PC until 11 p.m."

Some companies, such as Boeing, routinely remove Solitaire and Minesweeper from the Windows package when it arrives, or, in some cases, demand that Microsoft not even ship the product with the games inside. Even PC Magazine banned game-playing during office hours.

"Our editor wanted to lessen the dormitory feel of our offices. Advertisers would come in and the entire research department was playing Solitaire.

It didn't leave the best impression," reported Tim Albano, a staff editor. On the other hand, he said, "Arkonoid is sweeping the investment banks. It's like a Pong game. Everybody on e-mail is talking about it. Shearson Lehman, Prudential-Bache, First Boston."

The Windows games not only have a religious following, they have mysteries to be learned by the initiates. People seriously out to improve their Solitaire time, for example, know that if they double-click on a card ready for the final stacks of a single suit, the card will automatically fly there, eliminating the need to drag it with the mouse.

Windows training is a booming business as major government agencies, including the Treasury Department, the CIA and the Defense Department, upgrade their systems. Computer consultants sometimes debate whether the Solitaire function should be revealed to trainees.

"I don't think it corrupts anyone who isn't already on the delinquent side," said Marty Engle, president of Ballston Center for Computer Training. "You have to ask: Would the same guy be doodling or talking on the phone? Would he be picking his nose or what? He would have wasted time in some other way."

The Mine Warfare Division of the U.S. Navy has Minesweeper on its Windows setup at the Pentagon and "thinks it's a neat game," according to spokesman Lt. Conrad Chun. But it sneers at it professionally. "It's nowhere near the complexity true mine warfare is," Chun reports. "It's a two-dimensional game. There are so many aspects to real mine warfare that it would take a program the size of all of Windows to even scratch the surface."

The all-time records for Minesweeper are 87 seconds at the expert level, 27 seconds at intermediate, and one second at the beginner game, according to Microsoft. (If the mines are aligned in exactly the right way, a single mouse click will win the game.)

You can cheat at these games. Wes Cherry, who wrote Solitaire, was not going to put up with a tyrannical computer program. So if you set up the card game such that three cards are being dealt at a time, hold down the "Control," "Alt" and "Shift" keys simultaneously, then click on the deck, Solitaire will deal you a single card, and then rearrange the cards beneath to do everything in its power to give you the ones you need.

We could, of course, also tell you how Robert Donner, who wrote Minesweeper, rigged his program to allow you to win every time.

But it would be wrong.

Staff writer Richard Leiby contributed to this report.

ANN LANDERS

DEAR ANN LANDERS: You recently told a writer, "There is never any justifiable reason for a man to get violent with a woman." Never? Is that so?

The first time I got violent with a woman was when she began to rush toward me immediately after she had shot and killed her sister. The second time I got violent with a woman was when she tried to stab a bus driver.

I guess that makes me some kind of a rotten person in your book, right? Be careful with your broad, all-encompassing statements. They could get you in trouble.—A Violent Guy in Grand Rapids

Dear Violent Guy:

You got me there. I should have made allowances for self-defense or intervening on behalf of a person who was in harm's way. Get out the wet noodle. I'll take 30 lashes.

DEAR ANN LANDERS:

Please help me find a way out of my problem without going to jail.

Back in the late 1960s I got a fictitious Social Security card. I was then living with a man who was not financially supportive, and we had a young child.

After I left him I worked at part-time and full-time jobs using the fictitious name while simultaneously receiving government child care payments under my real name.

What can I do to set this straight? Will I go to jail? Should I turn myself in? Please help me.—New Jersey

Dear Jersey:

According to the Social Security Administration and the New Jersey Department of Human Services, it is not against the law to have a second Social Security card under another name. You are entitled

to benefits on the taxes you have paid. However, if you conceal this information when you retire in order to receive two separate Social Security benefits, you will be risking imprisonment or a fine for fraud.

In your case, the New Jersey Department of Human Services can file criminal charges against you for the child care payments you received improperly. They told us a good-faith effort to repay the money through a payment plan will help you avoid criminal charges, but they can make no promises. I wish you luck, friend.

DEAR ANN LANDERS:

Why don't some adults grow up? I will be taking my break at the office, reading your column, when a 30-year-old professional with the sense of humor of a 10-year-old will come up behind me, tickle my ribs and yell, "Gotcha!"

As it happens, I grew up with an older brother who loved to tickle me down on the ground and hold me until I screamed hysterically and tears streamed down my face. I hated that kind of "fun" when I was growing up, and now, 30 years later, I still hate it.

Will you please tell me why a grown person would do this? I don't get it.—Coppell, Tex.

Dear Tex:

Tickling is often passed off as "harmless fun." In reality it is a disguised form of hostility.

Researchers have found in ancient Chinese literature references to "tickling people to death." Excessive tickling over a long period of time can lead to convulsions.

That 30-year-old professional sounds like a case of arrested development. Tell him to bag it.

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