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## Aspen draws luminaries

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Virginia Gov. Doug Wilder, former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, former Ford Motor chief Donald Petersen, Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, Colorado Sen. Tim Wirth, World Bank president Barber Conable, New York Stock Exchange chairman John Phelan Jr., Columbia University president Mortimer Adler and other leaders in various fields will ponder leadership and values for the 21st century at the Aspen Institute's 40th anniversary symposium, beginning Aug. 2.

Attention will be focused on rebuilding the national and global community. And if this list of speakers isn't impressive enough, there's a good chance that President Bush will address the group as well.

The Aspen Institute, a non-profit organization, operates summer conferences and seminar programs in the ski town of the same name.



Washington, D.C., has its own version of "sex, lies and videotape" with the trial of the city's embattled mayor, but investigative journalist Jack Anderson has signed with Warner Bros. Communications to produce a film on the Marion Barry story. Barry has agreed to cooperate with Anderson, say insiders. But no one's talkin' till completion of the mayor's trial.



Talk at the opening of the National Gallery of Art's Indonesian Sculpture show was broader than the Indonesian treasures. It focused on George "Read My Lips" Bush's announcement that he was going to raise taxes. Former Cabinet Secretary Elliott Richardson said it reminded him of 1984 when he ran for the Senate in Massachusetts. He said he felt it was necessary to increase revenues in order to deal with the budget deficit. His opponents jumped all over him. "I got 'Mondalized,'" explained Richardson.

Mobil Corp., which recently relocated its headquarters to suburban Washington, is sponsoring the Indonesian sculpture exhibit at the National Gallery. The company began marketing petroleum in Java 90 years ago and today has a multibillion dollar operation there. Guests at the opening night bash — former Librarian of Congress **Daniel Boorstin**, Rep. **Lindy Boggs**, former Cabinet Secretary **Elliott Richardson**, Democratic fund-raiser **Pamela Harriman** — dined on authentic Indonesian cuisine prepared with the guidance of **Ruby Illi**, Mobil government relations aide in Indonesia.

Gen. **Colin Powell**, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reflected on the nine months he's held that job. "The Brezhnev doctrine has been replaced by the 'Sinatra doctrine' — each Eastern country going its own way," he told a group at the National Press Club.

Crime in the nation's capital apparently has Washington Post investigative reporter **Bob Woodward** worried too. His wife and colleague, **Elsa Walsh**, was assigned to do a story on Mayor **Marion Barry's** drug and alcohol treatment. She needed to stake out the mayor's house in the wee hours to see if he was diligently attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings as he had promised. Woodward feared for **Elsa's** safety in hizzoner's neighborhood, so he accompanied her on the stakeouts.

While many folks are heading for the beaches, actress **Brooke Shields** has been spending her summer weekends in hot and muggy Washington. She hides out with D.C. mortgage banker **Kellogg Gaines** and enjoys simple activities like backyard cookouts.

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