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## Democrats summon old ideals

### Kennedys pay tribute to fallen heroes, look forward

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LOS ANGELES – With a rousing call from the Kennedys and tributes from the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Bill Bradley, the Democratic Party paid homage last night to its liberal base even as it adopted a centrist platform designed for Al Gore.

One after another, the speakers evoked tragic memories while urging the election of Gore for a brighter future.

“It was here, in this City of Angels, on a warm summer night 40 years ago, that America first looked across the New Frontier,” said Senator Edward M. Kennedy, invoking the words of his late brother, President John F. Kennedy.

The Democratic Party, Bradley said, must continue to fight “for the ideals of Jack and Bobby and Martin, the ideals they died for.”

Even as the speakers invoked the memory of President Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King Jr., a potentially divisive fight over the party’s direction was being quelled. Vice presidential candidate Joseph I. Lieberman, speaking before the Congressional Black Caucus, said, “I do support affirmative action.”

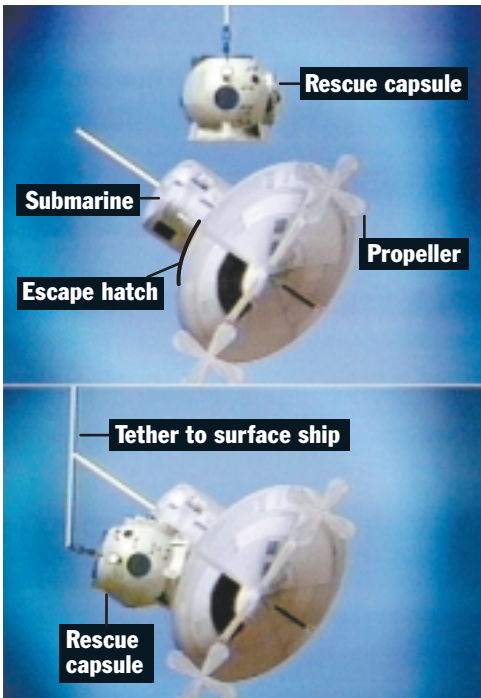
Caucus members who had expressed doubts about Lieberman’s commitment, based on his past expressions of skepticism about “group preferences” of any kind, said they were satisfied.

That allowed the Democrats to stick to their evening script, which called for a parade of liberal leaders to put their imprimatur on Gore. Hours earlier, the convention adopted a platform, with hardly any public comment, even though some key provisions, including support for free-trade policies and the death penalty, did not please the



Caroline Kennedy greeting her uncle, US Senator Edward M. Kennedy, in front of convention delegates last night.

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Drawings of the rescue capsule that the Russian Navy was attempting to attach to a cargo hatch on the stricken sub.

### Outlook dims for rescue of Russian crew

By David Filipov  
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MOSCOW – With oxygen dwindling aboard a stricken Russian submarine and the frantic tapping of SOS by the trapped sailors inside growing faint, rescue vessels yesterday braved an icy Arctic gale to launch a desperate undersea rescue mission.

But the rescue efforts were thwarted repeatedly by the foul weather, and the outlook for saving the 116 officers and crew who were trapped 354 feet below the surface was growing bleak, Russian Navy officials said.

“All we know is that there are still people alive, and they are signaling SOS,” said Admiral Vladimir Kuroyedov, the chief of Russia’s Navy. “What remains is our hope, which leaves us fewer and fewer chances every day.”

The tapping has been the only way the crew members of the Kursk, one of Russia’s most modern submarines, have been able to communicate since an accident during naval exercises over the weekend forced them to shut down the reactor, sending the craft to the bottom.

The drama in the Barents Sea took on an

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### Bush noncommittal on debates

#### Boston date seen at risk if governor agrees to only two

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AUSTIN, Texas – More than eight months after the presidential debate schedule was announced, Governor George W. Bush has not yet committed to any of the three proposed debates, including one in Boston, and may participate in only two, a top Bush aide and other sources said.

Bush has “not decided on the number of debates” he will attend, communications director Karen Hughes said yesterday, raising the possibility that he would skip one of the events announced by the Commission on Presidential Debates last January. Although Bush plans on

debating Vice President Al Gore in some fashion, his aides “have not really had a formal discussion yet” to determine what settings would be appropriate, Hughes said.

“I believe President Clinton and Bob Dole debated twice. I believe two times has been the norm,” Hughes said. “But we have not really talked through all those issues.”

Bush has long said he would make his decision after the conclusion of both conventions and is expected to do so in the coming weeks.

The vague response from the Bush campaign is a growing concern for officials in the cities hosting the debates, including Boston. The first debate is scheduled for Oct. 3 at the DEBATE, Page A20

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### Mosquitoes infected with West Nile virus found in Brookline

By Raja Mishra  
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State officials yesterday identified a cluster of mosquitoes carrying the West Nile virus in a Brookline neighborhood, the first capture of the insects responsible for infecting birds in the area and possibly transmitting the virus to humans.

The discovery, in tandem with Monday’s finding of six West Nile-infected crows in the Jamaica Plain-Brookline area, prompted a mild but concerned response from residents of the state’s only viral “hot spot.”

Jamaica Plain’s city councilor called a Aug. 29 City Hall hearing on the virus, while state officials released a list of streets where infected birds and insects have been found. Today, Boston area principals will discuss how to protect students when school starts next month. And Jamaica Plain nursing homes have cautioned their elderly residents, who are most susceptible to the virus.

“Some people are just starting to recognize there is a risk,” said Maura A. Hennigan, who represents Jamaica Plain on the City Council. She said this week’s findings have caused a bit of concern in her constituency after weeks of nonchalance.

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### Embracing at last

#### Emotions run high as Koreans separated 50 years reunite

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SEOUL – A half-century’s worth of pent-up emotion, long-buried hopes, and unforgotten love poured out in a torrent of tears and desperate embraces yesterday as 200 families torn apart by war came together for a few hours in the capitals of South and North Korea.

Live television coverage of the heart-rending meetings mesmerized a nation torn in half by ideology and Cold War-era conflict, spurring hopes for the eventual reunification of the Korean peninsula.

One hundred North Koreans, citizens of the world’s last hard-line Stalinist nation, flew to the southern capital to meet sobbing parents, children, siblings, and spouses. The long-lost kin hugged for minutes at a time, moaning and repeating each other’s names, touching faces in disbelief, clutching each other as if they would nev-



North Korea’s Kim Chi Hyo with his South Korean sisters Kim Wenn Jo (left) and Kim Kwi Jo in Seoul yesterday, after 50 years apart.

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er let go.

Cries of “Mother!” “Where have you been?” “We thought you were dead!” “Oh! How I’ve missed you!” and “Sweetheart, it’s me”

filled the air in the vast convention hall where the reunions took place at 100 separate tables.

In Pyongyang, the scene re-

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### Harris-Lewis hires new lawyers to push malpractice appeal

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One month after a judge rejected her appeal of a jury verdict clearing cardiologist Gilbert H. Mudge Jr. of negligence in her husband’s death, Donna Harris-Lewis has a new team of lawyers and is asking that the case be reopened, contending that her former lawyer failed to pursue her appeal.

Harris-Lewis also says that attorney Neil Rossman, who represented her during the retrial of her medical malpractice lawsuit, was personally responsible for a \$10,000 court stenography bill sent to her – a debt made public by unhappy court reporters waiting for payment – because she had previously paid him \$1.5 million in “case costs.”

Harris-Lewis’s legal maneuver is the latest in a saga that began seven years ago when her husband, Celtics captain Reggie Lewis, collapsed and died of a heart ailment while shooting baskets at a Brandeis University gym. Harris-Lewis accused Mudge, Lewis’s chief cardiologist at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, of misdiagnosing her husband’s heart disorder in concluding that he suffered from a benign fainting condition.

Two high-profile trials followed, the most recent LEWIS, Page A17

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**Ties to drug industry**  
Some doctors are eroding the integrity of research and potentially harming patients, conferees are told. A5.

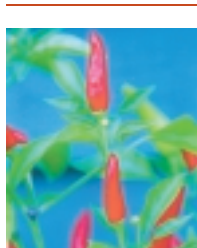
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Lawyers for the man convicted of building the bomb that killed a Boston police officer in 1991 say a key piece of evidence was falsified.

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