



President raising a bundle from Chicago

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List 'em: The Chicago bigbucks bundlers who have assembled megacash via fund-raisers for President Barack Obama's campaign include: a real estate mogul who owns casinos (Neil Bluhm); a rich media czar who drives old cars (Fred Eychaner); a former student activist who once pelted the "pigs" (cops) with epithets during Chicago's Days of Rage in the 1960's (Marilyn Katz); the brilliant sweetheart of George "Star Wars" Lucas (Melody Hobson); a Mesriow Financial exec who has an address book the size of the Equator (Les Coney) and Mayor Rahm Emanuel's agent-to-the star's brother, Ari.

Here's a list, which was just released by the Obama camp:

Raised 50k to 100k: John Atkinson, Susan Berghoef, Frank Clark, Howard Gottlieb, De and Paul Gray, Joseph Gutman, Marilyn Katz, Judd Miner, Neil Ross, Jesse Ruiz, Bettylu Saltzman, Manuel Sanchez, Charles Smith and Judy Wise ...

Raised 100k to 200k: Michael Axelrod, Michelle Carr, Steve Cohen, John Cooney, Judy Gold, Amalia and William Mahoney, Penny Pritzker, Amy Singh, David Solow, Grace Tsao-Wu ...

Raised 200k to 500k: Neil Bluhm, James "Wally" Brewster and Bob Satawake, Les Coney, James Crown, Rajiv Fernando, Jill Levi, John Rogers Jr., and Melody Hobson, Laura Ricketts, Alberto Rojas Cardona, Michael Sacks, Alan Solow, Andy Schapiro and Tamar Newberger...

Raised 500k plus: Lee Miller, Fred Eychaner and Vicki and Bruce Heyman. Mitt mewling ...

Give it a rest, Mitt: Who cares if Newt Gingrich didn't call to congratulate you on winning the Florida primary.

A Snooki snippet ...

It makes one wince: Snooki, the gauche/louche star of MTV's "Jersey Shore," tweeted she is sticking with Obama ... because she mistakenly thought New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who despises the show, was running for president. This woman has the cranial capacity of a geranium.

Puppy poop ...

Alas, it's not a Corgi! Sneed can finally put a furry face to our recent tip Prince William and wife, Kate's (nee Middleton) new family addition was a puppy: a cocker spaniel rather than a traditional royal corgi.

- The royal pup will ostensibly provide comfort to Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, while hubby Wills is away defending the royal realm in the Falklands, which Argentina claims as it's own. (Argentina's Foreign Ministry referred to Wills search & rescue duds as "the uniform of a conqueror.")

Football Flashback . . .

Pigskin patter: In the upcoming four-hour plus television event known as Super Bowl XLVI (46), Sneed offers something to ponder.

- To wit: The average time the ball is in play during an NFL game is about 11 minutes, and a typical Super Bowl play lasts about four seconds.
- Translation: Super Bowl watchers must have the cranial capacity of a bowl of cereal. Tips & Twaddle ...
- Quinn bin: A wave of nostalgia will land on Gov. Pat Quinn when he hits the Belvidere Dodge plant to announce hundreds of new jobs assembling the new Dodge Dart ... Quinn used to own a Dodge Neon made at the same plant.
- Blister 'em: Actor George Clooney's former girlfriend, Italian model/actress Elisabetta Canalis, is now dating "Jackass" star Steve O. They both like practical jokes. Does this mean the joke will soon be on her?

Sneedlings ...

Party power: When who is a highly regarded pal of just about everybody, told Sneed he was heading to the sunshine to celebrate his annual mega-birthday bash, he meant it. He was en route to buddy M.K. Pritzker's posh place in the Bahamas to party with pals, including Linda Johnson Rice, Desiree Rogers and Nora Daley Conroy ... TV talk: Tune in to "Jeopardy!" College Championship Thursday to watch Sun-Times reporter Dan Rozek's daughter, Anne Rozek, a junior at Eastern Illinois University, compete...Thursday's birthdays: Christie Brinkley, 58; Shakira, 35; Graham Nash, 70, and Tony Fratto, ageless