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McCain to counterprogram Obama in Germany with visit to Gulf Coast oil rig



While Barack Obama is speaking about international affairs in Germany before thousands of fans tomorrow, John McCain will be talking about a pressing domestic issue with an equally striking if very different backdrop.

Weather permitting, McCain will helicopter from Louisiana to an oil rig in the Gulf Coast to make the case for expanded off-shore drilling, says a McCain aide.

The GOP nominee will be joined by a small press pool of reporters and photographers on a trek sure to offer memorable images. Because of space constraints, Louisiana Gov. and veep prospect Bobby Jindal will not make the trip.

Since first disclosed Monday, McCain's visit to the state has been shrouded in mystery. Campaign aides have been watching weather patterns, including the path of Hurricane Dolly, closely and are hopeful they can pull off the visit.

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o please,nothing mcbush does is going to match up and even if he were to try,he chooses to use offshore drilling? this guy is a joke.

Posted By: | July 23, 2008 at 02:03 PM

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McCain needs a vacation too . I hope Cindy is back from Africa . WE enjoy Gulf Shores .

Posted By: RaZoR VP ROMNEY | July 23, 2008 at 02:04 PM

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Oh my god,Rus Limbaugh is McCain's puppet!!! He just said that on Monday's show!!!!

Posted By: YoungDemInMiami | July 23, 2008 at 02:05 PM

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This is the best they can do? An oil rig? Has the McCain campaign just given up or does he hope he can continue to appeal to the uneducated about oil prices and offshore drilling?

Posted By: Quick | July 23, 2008 at 02:05 PM

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one bid mistake,maccin lets obama lead and he follows. why not try to do things ue own way,intead of letting the other guy dictate the tone. repug pick someone else,this guy is a sure loser

Posted By: | July 23, 2008 at 02:06 PM

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McCain's aides is doing as Rush Limbaugh says word from word

Posted By: YoungDemInMiami | July 23, 2008 at 02:07 PM

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The man who supported the war for OIL, is funded by OIL men, has OIL LObbysts on his campaign is headed to an oil rig...oh yeh that's exciting - NOT

Posted By: | July 23, 2008 at 02:10 PM

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His campaign is aware that there is a Hurricane floating around the Gulf area right now, right?

Posted By: | July 23, 2008 at 02:11 PM

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I hope Obama does photo op in front of German Windmill Farms. 6% of national power needs.

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Posted By: brian in nc | July 23, 2008 at 02:11 PM

Will he first talk to reporters to answer all the questions about his changing history?

Posted By: | July 23, 2008 at 02:12 PM

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Is the old man going to WHINE when no one cares or shows up to report waaaaaaa
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Posted By: | July 23, 2008 at 02:12 PM

This is gaffe waiting to happen... Stay tuned for the latest gaffe

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Posted By: YoungDemInMiami | July 23, 2008 at 02:12 PM

I almost feel sorry for McCain then I realize he's a dirty Flip-Flopping liar who supports all that Bush wrought upon our country, then i laugh

Posted By: BBBWWAAAHHHHHHAAAAHHHHHHAAAAHHHHAAA | July 23, 2008 at 02:13 PM

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Perhaps McCain will say where all the new rigs will come from to handle all the new drilling he would like to see.

Posted By: Viet Vet 1031 | July 23, 2008 at 02:14 PM

If Hurricane Dolly keeps him from the Louisiana coast (which already has drilling) I suggest that McCain give his speech on a boat off the coast of Florida, or perhaps on a beach on the Florida gulf coast... beautiful visuals, clean white sand, investment condos, Florida voters. I'm sure it will help their "psychology!" BTW if he DOES go to Louisiana, perhaps he can explain why the oil companies are not bothering to exploit the resources offshore there (resources which they have the rights to already)

Posted By: Cornfields | July 23, 2008 at 02:14 PM

McCain is going by helicopter because a 9,000 barrel oil spill has slowed down or stopped all water travel in the area.

Posted By: SCRO | July 23, 2008 at 02:14 PM

McOld is becoming very very pathetic.. he's now taking cues from Rush. I also heard this on Rush's show on monday. I hope there's a hurricane that sweeps McSenile overboard... good riddance!

Posted By: sad to watch | July 23, 2008 at 02:16 PM

Hmm...Is Mother Nature a Dem or Repub? Will God punish John for his many trespasses through Dolly and maybe a downed oil rig..or let the sun shine on her golden..make that white-haired boy? Tune in tomorrow!

Posted By: EisenhowerKid | July 23, 2008 at 02:16 PM

Pathetic. Fish & some reptiles will be a grateful and receptive audience.

Posted By: rock | July 23, 2008 at 02:17 PM

Would Captain America then take this 'photo opp' opportunity to explain how drilling and selling additional domestic oil supplies into the international oil market does ANYTHING, but give oil companies MORE oil to sell at prices north of \$150 per barrel.... beginning in 2015? Every drop the oil companies drill and pump gets sold on international market, not some imaginary US domestic reserve that goes for below-market prices. I hope the photo op cut line to McSame's latest foolishness is "Mission

Accomplished.'

Posted By: JMFulton, Jr. | July 23, 2008 at 02:18 PM [REPORT ABUSE](#)

So McCain is basically transforming his entire campaign to revolve around one issue - offshore drilling in protected areas - and it's a policy he long opposed up until about a month ago. Fan-freaking-tastic! What a sad man...

Posted By: OGLiberal | July 23, 2008 at 02:22 PM [REPORT ABUSE](#)

Quick! Somebody call Greenpeace!

Posted By: | July 23, 2008 at 02:22 PM [REPORT ABUSE](#)

Remember that Dole fell off a platform during a campaign and landed on his face. Now, what if McCrap slips and falls into the ocean and we finally discover that the reason he was captured in Vietnam was not because he crashed his 8th plane, but that he couldn't swim! Just saying.

Posted By: Deji Haastrop | July 23, 2008 at 02:22 PM [REPORT ABUSE](#)

Oil or Germany ?

Posted By: RaZoR VP ROMNEY | July 23, 2008 at 02:23 PM [REPORT ABUSE](#)

I will be tuning into the important speech at the gas pump tomorrow. McCain/Romney in '08

Posted By: Randy | July 23, 2008 at 02:26 PM [REPORT ABUSE](#)

that is awesome. take it to'em John!!!

Posted By: Weeks | July 23, 2008 at 02:26 PM [REPORT ABUSE](#)

Great, a fossil checking out fossil fuels.

Posted By: RollaMO | July 23, 2008 at 02:26 PM [REPORT ABUSE](#)

I am going to laugh my butt off if Dolly tears up a rig and floods Brownsville with that black gold, sweet Texas Tea

Posted By: Jim | July 23, 2008 at 02:27 PM [REPORT ABUSE](#)

Since McCain is now crediting the recent drop in the oil price/barrel to Bush's lifting of the executive ban on drilling in protecting areas (which, of course, is meaningless w/out a corresponding removal of the congressional ban), will he pilot the helicopter onto the rig's deck himself and give a speech in front of a huge "Mission Accomplished" banner?

Posted By: OGLiberal | July 23, 2008 at 02:28 PM [REPORT ABUSE](#)

Yeah the media is definitely in it for McCain...great observation. I guess Olberman and Chris Matthews' fawning over BO is just a tactic to get Mc Cain elected. Same for the media tour that is following BO to Europe. Obama will make all our problems go away and keep us safe and educate us all and keep us all healthy (for free) and everybody in the world will be happy and they will love us Americans finally.

Posted By: giantr0d | July 23, 2008 at 02:28 PM [REPORT ABUSE](#)

I really doubt that B. Hussein Obama's media will report on this important speech by John McCain. Drill in America! Drill Now! Support Freedom!

Posted By: Steve | July 23, 2008 at 02:29 PM

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Increase to oil supply equals drop in oil prices which equals lower costs to the american citizen. What isn't to like? This combined with renewable energy is the winning policy.

Posted By: Anyonebutobama | July 23, 2008 at 02:29 PM

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And yet again the ones who care so much about the poor, lower middles class have nothing to offer for relief in oil prices. Rasberry time for ALGORES bungholio!!! PRICELESS!!! Kick the donkey in the A, McCain!!!

Posted By: Forrest | July 23, 2008 at 02:30 PM

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Thank GOD! Thank you McCain for taking this on - an issue that is extremely important to most regular Americans. Although, any bounce he gets will be short-lived. I mean, I'm sure Obama will be pro-drilling in about a week or two, given his flip-flop schedule.

Posted By: D'Obama | July 23, 2008 at 02:30 PM

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Posted By: Driiiiiiiiiii | July 23, 2008 at 02:30 PM

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I am amazed at the number of people without a brain cell posting on this site. Bush hatred placed on McCain, a centrist? I guess if Obama were running for the Republican nomination he would be called the Black Bush lol.

Posted By: voiceofreason | July 23, 2008 at 02:31 PM

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McCain could give a press conf. on the moon and the press would still be following Obama. Its called agenda journalism.

Posted By: Jon | July 23, 2008 at 02:31 PM

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McCain is trying to offset that arrogant empty suit that is hosting a NAZI rally in Germany! Go for it John

Posted By: Bowser | July 23, 2008 at 02:32 PM

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The gulf? I though we killed off everything there long ago.

Posted By: Eli in Texas | July 23, 2008 at 02:32 PM

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25 comments...even when deleting the childish name calling, the BIG OIL references, 3rd Bush term linkagen and embarassing ignorance...methinks the average IQ still comes in around 60+/- . If this is the Obama base there's a good chance the will not be able to find there polling place.

Posted By: slc | July 23, 2008 at 02:32 PM

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Anyone notice how Obama sounds like Porky Pig without a teleprompter? B-duh-b-duh uh, uh.... Obama makes Bush look like Einstein. No wonder the undereducatced swarm to Obama... "Look, mommy, Porky Pig!!!"

Posted By: Carl Parsons | July 23, 2008 at 02:33 PM

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While he is down there, he needs to hold a press conference from one of the many oil refineries or petrochemical plants that dominate the coasts of Louisiana and Texas so that the residents of Florida and the Carolinas can see firsthand what will be required for offshore drilling in the Atlantic.

Posted By: | July 23, 2008 at 02:33 PM



PUMAs haunting Obama !

Posted By: Bill | July 23, 2008 at 02:33 PM



Uneducated about oil prices?? We should be drilling right now even if it doesn't benefit us for 10 years. The sooner we are dependent on our own oil the better, the only reason we haven't done it is because of environmentalist. Makes sense!! Give me a break.

Posted By: | July 23, 2008 at 02:34 PM



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