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William Wagner wrote:

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- > Soldier's mom digs in near Bush ranch
- > Senator sees 'echoes of Vietnam' in vigil to meet president
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- > Sunday, August 7, 2005; Posted: 5:31 p.m. EDT (21:31 GMT)
- > CRAWFORD, Texas (CNN) — A mother whose son was killed in Iraq says she
- > is prepared to continue her protest outside President Bush's ranch
- > through August until she is granted an opportunity to speak with him.
- > Later, in a TV interview, a Democratic senator from California said the
- > episode evokes images that were commonplace during the Vietnam War.
- > Cindy Sheehan's 24-year-old son — Army Spc. Casey Sheehan of Vacaville,
- > California — was killed in Baghdad's Sadr City on April 4, 2004. The
- > Humvee mechanic was one of eight U.S. soldiers killed there that day by
- > rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire. (Full story)
- > They are among the 1,829 American troops, including 31 this month, who
- > have died in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003.
- > The president — who is spending a nearly five-week-long working
- > vacation at his Texas ranch — said in a speech Wednesday that the
- > sacrifices of U.S. troops were "made in a noble cause." (Full story)
- > Sheehan said she found little comfort in his comments.
- > "I want to ask the president, why did he kill my son?" Sheehan told
- > reporters. "He said my son died in a noble cause, and I want to ask him
- > what that noble cause is."
- > Sheehan said hers was one of a group of about 15 families who each met
- > separately with the president one day last June.
- > "He wouldn't look at the pictures of Casey. He didn't even know Casey's
- > name," she told CNN Sunday. "Every time we tried to talk about Casey and
- > how much we missed him, he would change the subject."
- > Sheehan said she was so distraught at the time that she failed to ask
- > the questions she now wants answered.
- > "I want him to honor my son by bringing the troops home immediately,"
- > Sheehan told reporters Saturday. "I don't want him to use my son's name
- > or my name to justify any more killing."
- > Sheehan, who co-founded the anti-war group Gold Star Families for Peace,

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- > led about 50 demonstrators near the Bush ranch Saturday. Some protesters
- > were with the group Veterans for Peace, which was holding a convention
- > in Dallas.
- > The protesters stopped their bus miles from the ranch in Crawford, and
- > walked less than a half-mile before being stopped by local law
- > enforcement officials.
- > A message on the Gold Star Families Web site says, "We want our loved
- > ones' sacrifices to be honored by bringing our nation's sons and
- > daughters home from the travesty that is Iraq IMMEDIATELY, since this
- > war is based on horrendous lies and deceptions.
- > "Just because our children are dead, why would we want any more families
- > to suffer the same pain and devastation?"
- > The message also urges Bush to send his twin daughters, Jenna and
- > Barbara, to Iraq "if the cause is so noble."
- > The site says the group is made up of families of soldiers who have died
- > as a result of war, primarily in Iraq.
- > Joe Hagin, White House deputy chief of staff, and Stephen Hadley,
- > national security adviser, met with Sheehan for about 45 minutes
- > Saturday, according to White House spokesman Trent Duffy.
- > Sheehan said that the two men "were very respectful."
- > "They told me the party line of why we are in Iraq," she said. "I told
- > them that I don't believe that they believed that."
- > Duffy said Saturday that "many of the hundreds of families the president
- > has met with know their loved one died for a noble cause and that the
- > best way to honor their sacrifice is to complete the mission."
- > Bush has refused to provide a time frame for U.S. troop withdrawal from
- > Iraq, saying American forces will return home when Iraqis can take care
- > of their own security.
- > "President Bush wants the troops home as soon as possible, but the U.S.
- > will not cut and run from terrorists," Duffy said.
- > Sheehan elicited sympathy from both sides of the political spectrum on
- > Sunday.
- > "What you're seeing with that mom trying to meet with President Bush is
- > echoes of Vietnam," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, a California Democrat.
- > "Because no one is seeing the light at the end of the tunnel."
- > "I think the president ought to meet with this mother," said Sen. George
- > Allen, a Virginia Republican. "What I would say to her is her son will
- > always be remembered as a great hero and a patriot, advanced freedom in
- > Iraq and the Middle East, has made this country more secure."
- > Boxer said her own message would be different: "I would tell her to do
- > everything she could to spare other families this grief, to get us off
- > this cycle of violence."
- > Recent surveys have shown decreasing public support for the war.
- > In a Newsweek poll released Sunday, 64 percent of those asked said they
- > do not believe the war in Iraq has made Americans safer, and 61 percent
- > said they disapprove of the way the president is handling the war.
- > The telephone poll of 1,004 adults was taken from Tuesday to Thursday
- > last week and has a margin of error of 4 percentage points.
- > CNN's Elaine Quijano contributed to this story.
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